

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:30 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 10.21.2022: ITEM ADDED AND START TIME CHANGED TO 8:30 A.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: Karen Frakes, George Roche, and Chris Quinn.

Donovan stated that discussion of agenda item one through three may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i), RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), and RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) respectively. Executive session will conclude no later than 10:30 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, Council Staff will make a public announcement.

Frazey moved to go into executive session until no later than 10:30 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Kershner.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Out of the Meeting: 2 - Byrd and Galloway (both Byrd and Galloway were not present for the roll call and the vote but joined the meeting shortly after.)

Clerk's note: Councilmember Donovan recused himself from the discussion on agenda item number one (AB2022-598).

1. [AB2022-598](#) Discussion of potential liabilities in the Whatcom County Jail and discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, re: Cooper as personal representative of the Estate of Paula Jefferson, et al. v. Whatcom County, et al. US District Court Western District of WA No. 2:20-cv-01196. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

Donovan recused himself from the discussion.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2022-569](#) Update on negotiations and planning strategy discussion regarding collective bargaining [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

3. [AB2022-432](#) Discussion regarding potential property acquisition [Discussion of this item may take place in Executive Session (closed to public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

REVISION SUMMARY:

AB2022-598 was added to the agenda by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on November 9, 2022.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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