

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023
1:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kathy Kershner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Ben Elenbaas

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2023-438](#) Update from the Opportunity Council

Kershner introduced the presentation and stated it was requested as a result of some funding for the 22 North program.

The following people read from a presentation (on file):

- Greg Winter, Opportunity Council Executive Director
- Wendy Lawrence, Opportunity Council
- Michaela Mandala, Opportunity Council

Winter thanked the County, the City of Bellingham, Opportunity Council staff, and partnering organizations for their support as they have been trying to significantly improve the program. The presenters spoke about the key components of improvements that have been made to 22 North and answered how crime and the handling of crime has changed, how drug dealing or use is handled and what the enforcement escalation path looks like, what other tools the Opportunity Council is using to get those people back on track, and how many steps (of rule-breaking) or chances lead to eviction.

This agenda item was PRESENTED.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-447](#) Discussion on the ordinance and project based budget for the Maintenance and Operations Central Shop's NPDES Stormwater Improvements

Loni Patterson, Public Works Department, stated they do not have a formal report but are just here to introduce the Councilmembers to the project conceptually. She answered whether there have been any changes to the

situation and stated there have not been changes. They are just trying to move forward, based on the timeline set by the Department of Ecology (DOE), to make sure that the appropriate actions towards compliance are in line with the DOE, and they want to work with them as soon as possible and for construction to be set for the fall of 2024.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Kershner-via email 7/18/2023

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kathy Kershner, Committee Chair

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