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**ACTION TAKEN**

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its December 3, 2024, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2024-071) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20 (ZONING) TO DEFINE APPROPRIATE INDUSTRIAL USES AND CONDITIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL USES IN HEAVY IMPACT INDUSTRIAL (HII) DISTRICTS WITHIN A CITY'S DESIGNATED URBAN GROWTH AREA (AB2024-796)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning, to define appropriate industrial uses and conditions for industrial uses in Heavy Impact Industrial Districts within a city's designated Urban Growth Area. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **RESOLUTION (2024-055) ADOPTING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE POINT ROBERTS TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE POINT ROBERTS TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT) (AB2024-802)**: This resolution adopts the 2025-2026 biennial budget for the Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District with a budget of $20,000 per year. This resolution was introduced on November 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-072) ESTABLISHING THE PROJECT BASED BUDGET AND AN INITIAL BUDGET FOR THE COURTROOM AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS UPGRADE (AB2024-753)**: This ordinance establishes the Courtroom Audio Visual Systems Upgrade project based budget with an initial budget of $462,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-078) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.06, MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT (AB2024-747)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.06, Medical Examiner, to establish a Medical Examiner Department. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-073) ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL SHOP UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL PROJECT (AB2024-766)**: This ordinance establishes, effective immediately, a Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Removal Project Fund with an initial budget of $2,241,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-074) AMENDING THE PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE NORTH FORK ROAD/KENNEY CREEK FISH PASSAGE PROJECT FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2024-768)**: This ordinance further amends Ordinance No. 2021-080, which established a project based budget for the North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage Fund, adding $5,075,000 of expenditure authority to the project budget for a new total of $5,500,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **RESOLUTION (2024-056) AMENDING THE 2024 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND SUBZONES BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 7, IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,695 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2024-770)**: This ordinance appropriates $10,067 from River & Flood and $6,361 from Natural Resources to Overhead & Administration to contribute its share in remediation costs for the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Project Fund. This ordinance also appropriates $4,267 from River & Flood to Overhead and Administration to cover its portion of the increased utility costs through the remainder of 2024, for a net balance of $20,695. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-075) AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 15, IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,651,067 (AB2024-775)**: This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate $44,000 in District Court to fund inflated costs in jury expenses; appropriate $25,000 in Superior Court to fund installation of JAVS system for Water Adjudication; appropriate $99,500 in Superior Court to fund pretrial services expenditures funded by Administrative Office of the Courts grant; appropriate $25,000 in Superior Court Clerk to fund inflation in registration, training, membership dues, and overtime; appropriate $100,000 in Superior Court Clerk to fund conflict counsel professional services costs; record a revenue appropriation of $7,500,000 in Sheriff to accept American Rescue Plan Act revenue loss transfer to facilitate spending on general government services companion to supplemental #4825; appropriate $7,500,000 in Non-Departmental to fund transfer of General Fund savings to the Community Priorities Fund companion to supplemental #4825; appropriate $712,718 in Non-Departmental to fund transfer for the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Removal project budget companion to supplemental #4814; appropriate $78,000 in Non-Departmental to fund transfer for security screening services companion to supplemental #4822; appropriate $108,546 in Non-Departmental to fund increased utilities costs companion to supplemental #4821. From the Road Fund: appropriate $2,373,819 in Public Works to fund transfers for the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Removal project budget and the North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage project budget companion to supplementals #4814 and #4815; appropriate $15,669 in Public Works to fund increased utilities costs companion to supplemental #4821. From the Elections Fund: appropriate $2,617 to fund increased utilities costs companion to supplemental #4821. From the Jail Fund: appropriate $41,809 to fund increased utilities costs companion to supplemental #4821. From the Stormwater Fund: appropriate $652 to fund transfers for the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Removal project budget and the North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage project budget companion to supplementals #4814 and #4815. From the Behavioral Health Fund: appropriate $8,565 to fund increased utilities costs companion to supplemental #4821. From the Community Priorities Fund: record a revenue appropriation of $7,500,000 to accept transfer of General Fund savings as a result of American Rescue Plan spending on general government services. From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund: appropriate $1,228,000 in Non-Departmental to fund transfer for the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Removal project budget companion to supplemental #4814. From the Equipment, Rental, and Revolving Fund: appropriate $10,035 in Public Works to fund transfer of the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank Removal project budget companion to supplemental #4814; appropriate $4,137 in Public Works to fund increased utilities costs companion to supplemental #4821. From the Administrative Services Fund: appropriate $195,000 in Facilities to fund increased utility costs due to inflation; appropriate $78,000 in Facilities to fund increased security screening services in the courthouse. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-076) AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-022 TO ALLOW THE ROAD FUND TO ISSUE CASH-FLOW LOANS TO CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGETS FROM $1 MILLION TO $2 MILLION FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS (AB2024-776)**: This ordinance authorizes the Whatcom County Treasurer to make interest-free, inter-fund loans, not to exceed $2,000,000 per project and not for a term exceeding two years, from the County Road Fund to Capital Projects Funds for cash flow purposes. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-077) AMENDING THE 2025 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,292,701 (AB2024-780)**: This ordinance amends the 2025 Whatcom County Budget to appropriate $16,292,701 to fund the Annual Construction Program. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-079) ESTABLISHING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.190 BIRCH BAY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AB2024-794)**: This ordinance establishes Whatcom County Code 2.190, Birch Bay Community Advisory Committee. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-080) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.03, ADVISORY GROUPS (AB2024-795)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.03, Advisory Groups, to improve operating efficiencies for advisory groups and management by County staff and Council. This ordinance was introduced on November 19, 2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES**

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on January 14, 2025, or at a later date: **RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WHATCOM COUNTY REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND APPROVE SALE (AB2024-801)**: Per RCW and Whatcom County Code, and following recommendation of the Whatcom County Property Management Committee, this resolution declares Whatcom County real property, tax parcels 380529 452184 0000 and 380529 520168 0000 located at 3045 Clipper Road, as surplus and authorizes their sale, subject to a covenant to bind and subject to the reservation of a conservation easement, trail easement, and right of way deed. The property will be sold by public auction by the Whatcom County Treasurer with a minimum bid of $775,000. This resolution was introduced on December 3, 2024. **ORDINANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON SOUTH PASS ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION WITH GOODWIN ROAD AS WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 10.16.1720 (AB2024-810)**: This ordinance establishes stop signs for 1) westbound traffic on South Pass Road at the intersection with Goodwin Road in sections 27 and 34, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, W.M. and 2) eastbound traffic on South Pass Road at the intersection with Goodwin Road in sections 28 and 33, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, W.M. This ordinance was introduced on December 3, 2024.

**ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)**

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on January 14, 2025, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.21, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, TO CLARIFY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEMBERSHIP (AB2024-843)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.21, Board of Equalization, to clarify that Board of Equalization consists of three regular members and four alternates. This ordinance was introduced on December 3, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.130 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT BOARD (AB2024-870)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.130, Economic Development Investment Board, to restructure board size and composition, revise purpose consistent with changes to RCW 82.14.370, and update economic development priorities consistent with Resolution 2024-018. This ordinance was introduced on December 3, 2024.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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(Principal Clerk)

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Margaret K. Wilson

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