

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

**VIRTUAL MEETING (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT
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Tuesday, June 1, 2021

6 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Carol Frazey

Absent: 1 - Kathy Kershner

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2021-044](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for May 18, 2021

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [MIN2021-045](#) Committee of the Whole for May 18, 2021

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

3. [MIN2021-046](#) Regular County Council for May 18, 2021

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2021-261](#) Ordinance granting Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a non-exclusive franchise for the provision of wireless telecommunications services

ADOPTED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: ORD 2021-031

2. [AB2021-278](#) Ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposal to amend Whatcom County Charter Sections 5.40 and 5.41 to align signature requirements for citizen initiatives with Washington State norms

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: ORD 2021-032

3. [AB2021-279](#) Ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposal to amend Whatcom County Charter Section 8.22 to align requirements for amending the Charter by citizen initiative with Washington State norms

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2021-289](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request No. 8, in the amount of \$1,250,000

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: ORD 2021-033

2. [AB2021-291](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for logistical and administrative

support services to Whatcom Unified Command, in the amount of \$60,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

3. [AB2021-292](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support a single point of entry, to connect families and professionals concerned about a child's development to resources and services in the amount of \$9,081 for a total amended contract amount of \$89,230

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

4. [AB2021-298](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Workforce Council to provide reimbursement of wages and benefits for eligible temporary employees working in various COVID-related positions, in the estimated amount of \$94,000 for a total estimated contract amount of \$220,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

5. [AB2021-299](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pacific Security to provide COVID-related security services, in the amount of \$71,736

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 4 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, and Frazey

Nay: 2 - Byrd, and Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kershner

6. [AB2021-301](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide funding for an outreach worker and consulting services to the Homeless Outreach Team, in the amount of \$120,776

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

7. [AB2021-302](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the County Road Administrative Board (CRAB) in order to receive Rural Arterial Preservation grant funding for the Birch Bay/Lynden Road Pavement Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$510,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

8. [AB2021-313](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and West Publishing for online database subscriptions in the amount of \$151,680.00

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

9. [AB2021-315](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to purchase a Conservation Easement from the City of Lynden for Glenning Park, in the amount of \$250,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

10. [AB2021-316](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to purchase a Conservation and Public Access Easement from the Whatcom Land Trust for the Upper Skookum Creek property, in the amount of \$1,250,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kershner

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

11. [AB2021-185](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 9.32, Unlawful Discharge of Firearms, to establish a no shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area of Whatcom County

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

12. [AB2021-186](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 9.32, Unlawful Discharge of Firearms, to establish a no shooting zone to be known as the Dearborn No Shooting Zone

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: ORD 2021-034

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2021-308](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Sandy Phillips and Jeannine Heidenreich to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

CONFIRMED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [AB2021-309](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's reappointment of Mark McDonald to the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO) Advisory Board

CONFIRMED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2021-185](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 9.32, Unlawful Discharge of Firearms, to establish a no shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area of Whatcom County

See note on AB2021-185 above. Revised version referred to Committee.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2021-307](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 9, in the amount of \$1,138,322

INTRODUCED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [AB2021-310](#) Ordinance establishing the American Rescue Plan Act Fund and establishing a budget for the American Rescue Plan Act Fund

SUBSTITUTE INTRODUCED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

3. [AB2021-296](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Purchase of Development Rights Program

INTRODUCED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

This Item was introduced for Public Hearing but then referred to committee in two weeks. See motion below in Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

A motion carried 5-1, with Elenbaas opposed, to refer AB2021-296 (introduced tonight) to Committee of the Whole in two weeks and then schedule it for a public hearing for two weeks after that.

ADJOURN