

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 11:45 A.M. (TO
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Tuesday, May 4, 2021
10:40 AM

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Rud Browne called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

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

Special Presentation

1. [AB2021-259](#) Report from Facilities Management Division

Rob Ney, Administrative Services Department, gave a report and answered questions about the HVAC system in Civic Center building and the costs for the jail doors and Crisis Stabilization Center.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2021-263](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Agreement Amendment No. 1 for Funding Support and Implementation of the Duffner Ditch Culvert and Flood Gate Replacement Project (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Paula Harris, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers.

Frazey moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2021-256](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department for FFY20 Operation Stonegarden, in the amount of \$405,600.00

Browne moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Doug Chadwick, Undersheriff, briefed the Councilmembers and answered a question about whether the involvement of border patrol is part of this

coordination in high risk urban areas and the acronyms he used in his answers.

Browne's motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2021-253](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and G6 Hospitality to extend the lease through September, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per month

Browne moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT.

Councilmembers discussed the motion, the increase in rent, whether self-contained travel trailers could be used as an alternative, whether there is a "plan B" for September if quarantine space is still needed, and an example of a quarantine facility in Australia.

The following people spoke and answered questions:

- Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director
- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
- Christopher Quinn, Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Browne's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Browne

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Frazey

2. [AB2021-254](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Mount Baker School District to lease tower access at the Kendall Elementary School Tower Site, in the amount of \$0.00

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR

AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

**Frazeys motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR
AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2021-262](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide rental assistance for people with co-occurring disorders in the amount of \$15,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$84,843

**Frazeys moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR
AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following
vote:**

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2021-272](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to renew a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and the Deputy Sheriff's Guild for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

**Browne moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR
AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion failed by the following vote:**

Aye: 1 - Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 2 - Browne and Byrd

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Rud Browne-via email 5/17/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Rud Browne, Committee Chair

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