

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

**1 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
Jon Scanlon  
Mark Stremmler

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

**Call To Order****Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmer

**Announcements****Special Presentation**

1. [AB2025-505](#) Presentation on the final report of the independent study of Whatcom County's fire district and Emergency Management Services (EMS) system by Rick Harrison and Jason Malloy, Mission Critical Partners

**PRESENTED**

2. [AB2025-665](#) Presentation from Matrix Consulting Group on the Harassment and Complaint Policies and Procedures Evaluation Final Report

**PRESENTED**

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2025-509](#) 2025-2026 Mid-Biennium Budget Review

**DISCUSSED**

2. [AB2025-616](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.05, Tort and Damage Claims, to create a risk management committee and clarify the processing of tort claims

**DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED**

Motion approved to amend 3.05.030 A to change the last sentence so that it reads:

Council shall be notified of payments made by third parties in settlement of county claims.

Motion approved to amend 3.05.030 A to add "within 30 days" to the end of the previous amendment so that it reads: Council shall be notified of payments made by third parties in settlement of county claims within 30 days.

3. [AB2025-632](#) Discussion relating to preliminary Planning Commission recommendations on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7, Economic Development, associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

**DISCUSSED**

4. [AB2025-654](#) Discussion regarding Petrogas West, LLC reaching an agreement on a compliance path for Cherry Point facility

**DISCUSSED**

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**