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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

January 29, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Member Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Satpal Sidhu, Tyler Byrd, and Carol Frazey
Absent: None
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Barry Buchanan, Rud Browne, and Todd Donovan

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. AB2019-096 2019 SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Frazey moved to appoint Councilmember Sidhu as Committee Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)
Nays: None (0)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Tyler Schroeder, County Executive's Office, submitted information (*on file*) and reported on the courthouse exterior project. He answered questions on the current budget and future budget projections, adding to the scope of the project, and potential savings. More information and a supplemental budget request will come forward to the Council in two weeks.

Rob Ney, Administrative Services Department, answered questions.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. AB2019-082 REQUEST FOR COUNTY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TREATMENT ACCOUNT PLAN

Byrd moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Perry Mowery, Health Department, gave a staff report and answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff discussed sending this to the Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force, the plan approval process and funding requirements, and a deadline for approval.

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2 The motion carried by the following vote:

3 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

4 **Nays:** None (0)

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6 **2. AB2019-087 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
7 **ENTER INTO AN EDI INTERLOCAL LOAN AND GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN**
8 **WHATCOM COUNTY AND PORT OF BELLINGHAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000**

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10 Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions.

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12 Councilmembers and staff discussed getting more information from the Port of
13 Bellingham.

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15 **Byrd moved** to hold in committee and ask for a presentation from the Port of
16 Bellingham.

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18 The motion carried by the following vote:

19 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

20 **Nays:** None (0)

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22 **3. AB2019-033 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 WHATCOM COUNTY**
23 **BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$778,500**

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25 Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions.

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27 **Byrd moved** to amend to remove item two, to appropriate \$35,000 to fund
28 completion of the Lake Whatcom funding process from the Flood Fund.

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30 The motion failed by the following vote:

31 **Ayes:** Byrd (1)

32 **Nays:** Sidhu and Frazey (2)

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34 **Sidhu moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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36 The motion carried by the following vote:

37 **Ayes:** Sidhu and Frazey (2)

38 **Nays:** Byrd (1)

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40 **4. AB2019-036 ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.108,**
41 **BELLINGHAM-WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,**
42 **EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION AND REFERRING TO INTERLOCAL**
43 **AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM**

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45 **Byrd moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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47 The motion carried by the following vote:

48 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

49 **Nays:** None (0)

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51 **5. AB2019-040 ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER**
52 **2.128, BUSINESS AND COMMERCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO ADD ONE**
53 **ADDITIONAL MEMBER**

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2 **Frazey moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.
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4 Sidhu gave a staff report about adding a representative of the healthcare sector and
5 getting more input from women-owned businesses.
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7 Councilmembers discussed concerns about including non-profit organizations or very
8 large corporations on the committee.
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10 The motion carried by the following vote:

11 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

12 **Nays:** None (0)
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14 **6. AB2019-089 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
15 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
16 **WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE THE JOINTLY SHARED COSTS**
17 **FOR FACULTY POSITIONS AND PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR WSU EXTENSION IN THE**
18 **AMOUNT OF \$215,951 FOR A TOTAL AMENDED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF**
19 **\$1,999,276.90**
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21 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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23 Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions on the costs of staffing for
24 the various programs.
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26 The motion carried by the following vote:

27 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

28 **Nays:** None (0)
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30 **7. AB2019-037 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
31 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE**
32 **CITY OF BELLINGHAM REGARDING THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM-WHATCOM COUNTY**
33 **COMMISSION ON DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE**
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35 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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37 The motion carried by the following vote:

38 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

39 **Nays:** None (0)
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41 **8. AB2019-049 RESOLUTION CANCELLING UNCOLLECTIBLE PERSONAL**
42 **PROPERTY TAXES**
43

44 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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46 The motion carried by the following vote:

47 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

48 **Nays:** None (0)
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50 **9. AB2019-034 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE**
51 **DISTRICT AND SUBZONES BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000**
52 **(COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT**
53 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)**

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2 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the Flood Control Zone District Board of
3 Supervisors.
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5 The motion carried by the following vote:

6 **Ayes:** Sidhu and Frazey (2)

7 **Nays:** Byrd (1)
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10 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**

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12 **1. AB2019-024 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
13 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND MARVIN WAYNE,**
14 **M.D., P.S. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,000**
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16 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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18 The motion carried by the following vote:

19 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

20 **Nays:** None (0)
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22 **2. AB2019-025 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
23 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
24 **WHATCOM HUMANE SOCIETY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT TO APRIL**
25 **30, 2019**
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27 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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29 Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, gave a staff report on contract negotiations.
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31 The motion carried by the following vote:

32 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

33 **Nays:** None (0)
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35 **3. AB2019-081 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
36 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
37 **OFFICE OF CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCACY TO INCREASE ADVOCACY FOR CHILD**
38 **VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN DEPENDENCY COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL**
39 **ADVOCATES PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,173.00**
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41 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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43 Dave Reynolds, Juvenile Court Administrator, answered questions on how the funds
44 will be used on youth removed from homes due to abuse and neglect, not for juveniles who
45 have committed crimes.
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47 The motion carried by the following vote:

48 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

49 **Nays:** None (0)
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51 **4. AB2019-068 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL PETITION FOR REFUNDS**
52 **PAID LIST CONSISTENT WITH RCW 84.69.020**
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1 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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3 The motion carried by the following vote:

4 **Ayes:** Sidhu, Byrd, and Frazey (3)

5 **Nays:** None (0)
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8 **OTHER BUSINESS**
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10 There was no other business.
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13 **ADJOURN**
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15 The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.
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The seal of the Whatcom County Council is circular with a dotted border. The text "WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL" is written around the top inner edge, and "WHATCOM COUNTY" is written around the bottom inner edge. In the center, there is a smaller circular emblem with a star and the words "SEAL OF WHATCOM COUNTY". A signature is written across the seal.

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Nixon", written over a horizontal line.

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Satpal Sidhu", written over a horizontal line.
Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair