

Whatcom County Council Special Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026
1 PM**

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW - HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30
P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
Barry Buchanan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Announcements

If you require special assistance to participate, please contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance. Assistive listening devices are available in Council Chambers, and live captions are available through Zoom for those participating remotely. This committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Whatcom County Council, with the agenda limited to committee business.

Public Comment (Comprehensive Plan)

Public comment is scheduled for 30 minutes with in-person and remote participation available. Each speaker will have two minutes to address the Council, and participants are asked to limit comments to items on the agenda. To participate remotely, please visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register for a Zoom link by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. On-site participants will speak first followed by those registered to speak remotely. Please state your name for the record before addressing the Council. (Members of the public may send written comments to council@co.whatcom.wa.us)

1. [AB2026-422](#) Public comments on all items related to the draft Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan

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Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-186](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2, Land Use
2. [AB2026-217](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5, Utilities
3. [AB2026-250](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8, Resource Lands
4. [AB2026-261](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10, Environment
5. [AB2026-419](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Urban Growth Area (UGA) and Rural Lands Zoning Map amendments

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2026-188](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 3, Housing

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2. [AB2026-263](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Appendices (Appendix A: Glossary, Appendix B: Acronyms, Appendix D: Bibliography, Appendix E: 20-Year Capital Facilities Plan, Appendix G: Airport Overlay Zones, Appendix H: Airport Imaginary Surfaces, Appendix I: Housing Needs Analysis, Appendix J: Subsidized Housing Needs and Funding) and Foothills Subarea Plan Amendments

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3. [AB2026-231](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7, Economic Development

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4. [AB2026-249](#) Discussion regarding schedule for Council review of the comprehensive plan update

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Other Business

Adjournment