

# Whatcom County Council

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## Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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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

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

There was no report.

### MINUTES CONSENT

*Scanlon moved* to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Boyle (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2026-051](#) Special Council - Lake Whatcom for April 1, 2026

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

2. [MIN2026-053](#) Special Council - Justice Project Community Engagement Workshop for March 19, 2026

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

3. [MIN2026-054](#) Special Committee of the Whole for June 2, 2026

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

4. [MIN2026-055](#) Health Board and Public Health Advisory Board for June 2, 2026

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

5. [MIN2026-056](#) Special Committee of the Whole for June 2, 2026

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. [AB2026-403](#) Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance or processing of applications and permits for the establishment of new or expansion of existing civil detention facilities

Galloway stated this is a substitute version.

Galloway opened the Public Hearing and the following people spoke:

- Steve Powers
- Alan Lifson
- Mike Tobin
- David Edelman
- Steve Hood
- Patricia White
- Bill Rudd
- Ingrid Capes
- Anne Meegan
- Brooks Anderson
- Brian Gass
- Bird
- Brian Armstrong
- Phoebe Furuli
- Peter Reamy
- Diane Smith
- Tomas Scheel
- Cally Huttar

- Vincute Biciunas
- Natalie Chavez
- Will Marks
- Name not stated
- Adrian
- Ian Dempsey
- Susan Pevonak
- Robin Preble
- Celia Nimura-Parmenter
- Satpal Sidhu (speaking as a citizen)
- Jason Mark
- Maya Morales

Hearing no one else, Galloway closed the Public Hearing.

***Buchanan moved*** and Rienstra seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED.

Rienstra stated the ordinance establishes a temporary one-year moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for new or expanded civil detention administrative or processing facilities in unincorporated Whatcom County. It gives the County time to evaluate land use that is not currently defined or specifically regulated under our code, and to determine whether additional zoning standards, siting criteria, and mitigation measures are necessary. She thanked councilmembers and everyone who showed up.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

**Buchanan's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

Enactment No: ORD 2026-032

**(Public hearings for AB2026-431 and AB2026-475 will be combined into one public hearing)**

Galloway read both **AB2026-431** and **AB2026-475** and stated that both of them are substitutes.

Galloway opened the combined Public Hearing on AB2026-431 and AB2026-475 and the following people spoke:

- Laura Clark
- Lisa Lange
- Janet Hofmann
- Michael Berres
- Victoria Savage
- Steve Woodrich
- Debra Hiller
- Karen Morgan
- Kathy Sparks
- Brian Gass
- Brian Armstrong
- Alice DeFries
- Susan Hutton
- Laura Weiss
- Heather Witzel Lakin
- Jim Shaver
- Ken Calder
- Genevieve Hammatt
- Michael Truett
- Michael Fentress
- Brian Bell
- Hannah Ordos
- Danielle Gaughen
- Christina Brewer
- Brian Estes
- Kelvin Barton
- Lyle Sorenson
- Tammy Cooper-Woodrich

Hearing no one else, Galloway closed the Public Hearing.

See discussion of the ordinances separately below.

2. [AB2026-431](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 5.20, Fireworks, to strengthen fireworks regulations by limiting the days fireworks are allowed and prohibiting fireworks during burn bans  
  
This public hearing was combined with AB2026-475. See notes about the hearing on both items under the combined public hearing header, then see each file considered separately below.
3. [AB2026-475](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 5.20, Fireworks, to strengthen

fireworks regulations by limiting the days fireworks are allowed and prohibiting fireworks during burn bans

This public hearing was combined with AB2026-431. See notes about the hearing on both items under the combined public hearing header, then see each file considered separately below.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY**

2. [AB2026-431](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 5.20, Fireworks, to strengthen fireworks regulations by limiting the days fireworks are allowed and prohibiting fireworks during burn bans

See notes about the hearing on this and **AB2026-475** under the combined public hearing header.

*Scanlon moved* to refer this item to Committee of the Whole for further discussion and study.

The motion was seconded by Boyle.

Scanlon spoke to his motion and stated he is interested in learning more from other communities that have had success in reducing the risk from fireworks on what is working and not working. He would also like to hear from the Lummi Nation and the Birch Bay Community Advisory Committee to see how to potentially get to something that is mutually agreeable.

Councilmembers discussed the motion, doing something different, other than banning the use of fireworks, to help encourage the public to do it safely, and that referring the ordinance to committee would mean that the soonest they could potentially affect change would be in July of 2028.

**Scanlon's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Galloway

Motion approved to refer to Committee of the Whole for further discussion and study.

3. [AB2026-475](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 5.20, Fireworks, to strengthen fireworks regulations by limiting the days fireworks are allowed and prohibiting fireworks during burn bans

See notes about the hearing on this and **AB2026-431** under the combined

public hearing header.

**Scanlon moved** and Boyle seconded to refer this item to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Scanlon stated current county code does allow for a ban. There is action that the executive could take in partnership with the fire marshal and sheriff if there is a burn ban in the county.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, spoke about consulting with the fire marshal and sheriff and stated they will do that if conditions demand it. He answered if he would be willing to work with the Council and their office about using some of our communication platforms to educate community members on some of the mitigative measures that could be taken to reduce risk, and he stated he would.

The Council concurred that they would be OK with Galloway working with the executive on something like that.

**Scanlon's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremmer

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Galloway

Motion approved to refer to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

## **OPEN SESSION**

After voting and at 8:47 p.m. councilmembers took a short recess and then reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

The following people spoke:

- John Westerfield
- Brian Gass
- Bill Geyer
- Brian Armstrong
- David foreman
- Leah Clark
- Tamera Lienhart
- Dan Chaplik

- Dwayne Engelsman
- Natalie Chavez
- Lynda Lagerwey
- Lyle Sorenson

Hearing no one else, Galloway closed the Open Session.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

**Scanlon** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** to approve Consent Agenda items one through 13.

Councilmembers voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2026-345](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation for a radio tower lease, in the amount of \$0

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2026-449](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham to lower the loan principal amount to \$844,961.62, which reflects the actual amount dispersed and results in a total contract amount of \$2,899,813

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2026-462](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission for a wellness grant, in the amount of \$41,200

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2026-464](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation for the renewal of youth zero fare policy, in the amount of \$260,250 for a total of \$363,000

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

5. [AB2026-466](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation to move forward with the design phase of the Everson Goshen Road and East Smith Road Intersection Improvements project, in the amount of \$300,000

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2026-471](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a cooperative agreement between Whatcom County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to repair the Bylsma Levee on the Nooksack River, in the amount of \$133,160 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2026-474](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a cooperative agreement between Whatcom County and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to repair the Ritter Road levee along the left bank of the Nooksack River, in the amount of \$116,100 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and**

**moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

8. [AB2026-477](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide basic needs items to families with children ages 0-5 who qualify, in the amount of \$40,131 for a total amended contract amount of \$151,192

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

9. [AB2026-481](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pioneer Human Services to deliver substance use disorder assessments and provide post-assessment treatment coordination as a component of re-entry for individuals released from jail, in the amount of \$101,896

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

10. [AB2026-482](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to decrease funding, due to state budget reductions, for the Alternative Response Team (ART) program grant, in the amount of \$176,000, for a total amended agreement amount of \$4,385,000

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

11. [AB2026-483](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) to provide training and consultation to the County and local agencies related to improving employment outcomes and the inclusion of people with developmental

disabilities in their communities, in the amount of \$59,500

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

12. [AB2026-484](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and the union representing Lummi Island ferry operations workers in the Public Works Department covering 2026 to 2028

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

13. [AB2026-485](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for funding for employment and community inclusion services for adults with developmental disabilities, child development services for children ages birth to three years, and community information and training, in the amount of \$6,194,426

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2026-442](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the 2015 Girard Street Building Improvement Fund, request no. 1

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2026-033

2. [AB2026-450](#) Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 9, in the amount of \$7,941,775

**Scanlon reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2026-034

**(From Council Planning and Development Committee)**

3. [AB2026-463](#) Resolution approving a one-year extension for the Major Project Permit for the City of Bellingham

**Rienstra reported for the Planning and Development Committee and moved that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2026-025

4. [AB2026-472](#) Resolution amending Resolution 2025-025 to update rules of the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner by approving clarifying changes promulgated by the Hearing Examiner

**Rienstra reported for the Planning and Development Committee and moved that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2026-026

5. [AB2026-478](#) Resolution authorizing grant application submission and signing authority for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Farmland Preservation grants for the Steensma, Jensen, and Cloud Mountain Farm Center applications

**Rienstra reported for the Planning and Development Committee and moved that the Resolution be APPROVED.**

She stated this was for the application of these grants, which would be returned back to Council for further decision making after those applications were submitted.

**Rienstra's motion that the Resolution be APPROVED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2026-027

### **CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS**

1. [AB2026-470](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Cori Bryant to the Veteran's Advisory Board

**Rienstra moved and Scanlon seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2026-492](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's appointment of Kelly Klem to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

**Rienstra moved and Scanlon seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

### **ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

Galloway stated Introduction item numbers 3 (**AB2026-489**) and 4 (**AB2026-490**) are substitutes.

Kimberly Thulin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, confirmed that Introduction item number 2 (**AB2026-488**) is also a substitute.

Galloway stated the title for Introduction item number 5 (**AB2026-427**) was revised to change the deadline for applications to Tuesday, July 7th.

*Scanlon moved* to introduce items one through five.

The motion was seconded by Boyle.

Scanlon stated there will be public hearings for the Comprehensive Plan on July 14th.

The franchise item (**AB2026-461**) will have a hearing on July 28th.

Councilmembers discussed the motion to introduce the Comprehensive Plan then voted on the introduction items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2026-461](#) Ordinance granting Forged Fiber 37, LLC a non-exclusive franchise for the purposes of offering and providing telecommunications services

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

2. [AB2026-488](#) Ordinance adopting Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Foothills Subarea Plan amendments relating to Periodic Update and Urban Growth Area review requirements under the Growth Management Act (for concurrent review with other Comprehensive Plan amendment proposals)

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

3. [AB2026-489](#) Ordinance adopting Whatcom County Code Title 20 development regulation amendments relating to Periodic Update requirements under the Growth Management Act (for concurrent review with other Comprehensive Plan amendment proposals)

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

4. [AB2026-490](#) Ordinance adopting Whatcom County Zoning Map amendments relating to Periodic Update requirements under the Growth Management Act (for concurrent review with

other Comprehensive Plan amendment proposals)

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

5. [AB2026-427](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, childcare position, Applicant(s): Courtney Whitaker, Kristine Wilson (Deadline for applications to this position is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026)

**Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

- [AB2026-458](#) Discussion of a potential property acquisition with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Kimberly Thulin and Public Works staff [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)]

**Scanlon** reported for Committee of the Whole Executive Session and **moved** to authorize the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, to move forward with and complete the acquisition of the property as long as the purchase price of the property does not exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Boyle.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, Stremler, Boyle, Buchanan, and Elenbaas

**Nay:** 0

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.**

Motion approved 7-0 to authorize the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District, to move forward with and complete the acquisition of the property as long as the purchase price of the property does not exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES CONTINUED**

Councilmembers gave other committee reports and updates on recent activities and upcoming events.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristi Felbinger