

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

**Tuesday, July 26, 2022
2:45 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M.; MAY BEGIN EARLY OR LATE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Announcements**Executive Appointment**

1. [AB2022-385](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Bennett Knox as Director of Parks & Recreation effective 9/6/22 pursuant to Whatcom County Code Section 2.29.020

DISCUSSED

Special Presentation

1. [AB2022-409](#) Presentation and update from Chuckanut Health Foundation regarding the Whatcom Racial Equity Commission

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-382](#) Ordinance providing for submission to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposition renewing the levy of a regular property tax at a rate of \$.295 or less per \$1000 assessed valuation to continue to provide emergency medical services

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Kershner

A motion was approved to recommend amending the Ordinance by adding the following as the last two whereas statements:

WHEREAS, if the voters approve the proposed renewal of the EMS levy, for the tax year 2023, the property tax levy rate would be set at \$0.295 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the 2024 tax year and for the remaining tax years of the levy, the County Council would have the opportunity to review and potentially reduce the EMS property tax levy in its annual EMS property tax levy ordinance, if the Council determines that EMS needs can be fully met with a lower levy; and

2. [AB2022-422](#) Resolution establishing priorities for Whatcom County's 2025 Comprehensive Plan update

DISCUSSED

Councilmembers recommended to hold this item and to schedule another work session before August 9th or a longer work session on August 9th

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment