

**Whatcom County
Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022
9:30 AM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, and Carol Frazey

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2022-330](#) Discussion of a draft resolution supporting a transition to zero-emissions transportation

Galloway briefed the Councilmembers and Councilmembers discussed the reason for the Resolution, and having the Resolution as a vision for now and then bringing forward Ordinances as action items as they go.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered whether electrifying the ferry would affect the grants the County is applying for for the diesel hybrid that is designed and planned for and as approved in a previous Resolution.

Galloway stated she has questions about whether or not a diesel hybrid is the best way to go for a ferry that will have to last another fifty or sixty years and she wants to make sure they are advocating and working towards the most up-to-date technology.

Councilmembers continued to discuss getting actionable items, finding out how much some of the things in the Resolution would cost, whether they should approve this Resolution now to set forth priorities and a vision and then come forward with specific policy changes or not approve the Resolution at all, whether the Resolution should be less specific and just stating that they want to pursue policies that support electrification of public transportation, whether they should map out the topics they would like to address as action items over the next several meetings, working on amendments to the Resolution to remove some action items and keeping it high-level then creating a second substitute version for a future meeting, and finding out how they would do the charging infrastructure and what it would cost.

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director, stated he could work through some of the Councilmember's questions with Galloway.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Kaylee Galloway-via email 7/11/2022

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Committee Chair

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