

**Whatcom County
Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 2:15 P.M.
AGENDA REVISED 9.25.2020

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

1:25 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also present: Rud Browne, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2020-406](#) Resolution supporting Whatcom County Sheriff Deputies, Corrections Deputies, and Law Enforcement Officials across the County in response to the increased attacks on law enforcement across the Country

Clerk's note: Councilmembers discussed both AB2020-406 and AB2020-418 together and all the minutes of the discussion are written under AB2020-406.

Buchanan stated there are two resolutions to be considered.

Councilmembers discussed how to proceed with considering both Resolutions, the differences between the two versions, the fact that AB2020-406 has a substitute version, and striking language referring to the Law and Justice Plan.

Kershner suggested and ***Buchanan moved*** that the substitute Resolution (**AB2020-406**) be approved.

Buchanan moved that the substitute Resolution be amended to remove the two references to the Law and Justice Plan in the following paragraphs:

WHEREAS, in June 2000, the Whatcom County Council adopted the Law and Justice Plan (developed by the Whatcom County Law and Justice Council and updated in 2008) that included a commissioned deputy staffing goal of 1.2 commissioned officers per 1,000 population that has yet to be attained.

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Whatcom County Council is committed to the Law and Justice Plan for staffing and has made

public safety a top priority in the 2021-2022 budget.

The motion to amend the Ordinance carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Frazey, Byrd, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Councilmembers and Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, discussed the proposed substitute Resolution as amended and whether they should approve one Resolution or both.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, answered whether Council staff could work on a combined Resolution with Councilmembers Browne and Kershner.

Browne suggested that he and Kershner work together and Kershner agreed that they could do that.

Buchanan withdrew his motion to approve AB2020-406. This made the motion to amend null and void.

Councilmembers concurred that Councilmembers Browne and Kershner would work together to prepare a substitute Resolution for consideration by the Council combining AB2020-406 and AB2020-418.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2020-418](#) Resolution stating support and appreciation of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department, Whatcom County Sheriff Deputies, Whatcom County Corrections Deputies and support staff

Clerk's note: Councilmembers discussed both AB2020-406 and AB2020-418 together and all the minutes of the discussion are written under AB2020-406.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Barry Buchanan-via email 10/2/2020

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair

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