

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS BY NOON (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE
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360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 4.19.2021

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

10:40 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Rud Browne called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

Special Presentation

1. [AB2021-224](#) Report from Whatcom County's Information Technology Department
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

This agenda item was WITHDRAWN.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2021-206](#) Ordinance closing Law Library/Elections Remodel Fund 376

**Frazey moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.
The motion carried by the following vote:**
Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
2. [AB2021-207](#) Ordinance closing the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Construction Fund 334

**Frazey moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.
The motion carried by the following vote:**
Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
3. [AB2021-215](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$583,944

Frazey moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.

The following people answered questions:

- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- Brad Bennett, Administrative Services Department

They answered questions about the funding for the 2021 Stryker equipment lease and what is included, and whether the paramedic training class carryover is in addition to what Council has already approved.

Frazey's motion that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

4. [AB2021-223](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health to fund various public health services, in the amount of \$2,928,061 for a total amended contract amount of \$15,145,319

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Kathleen Roy, Health Department, briefed the Councilmembers.

Frazey's motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2021-225](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into interlocal agreement amendment #1 to Interlocal Funding Agreement with the City of Bellingham for support of US Geological Survey's Development of the Coastal Storm Modeling System (COSMOS) across the Whatcom County Shoreline

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Frazey's motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR

AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2021-231](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Agreement & Project Prospectus between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation for Marine Drive (Locust Ave to Alderwood Ave) Reconstruction and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvement in the amount of \$2,509,695

Browne moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2021-239](#) Request approval for the County Executive to enter into an Interagency Agreement with Western Washington University to Support Coordination of Climate Change Planning Efforts funded through a Washington Dept of Commerce grant in the amount of \$20,000

Frazey moved that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

The following staff spoke and answered questions about the role of the intern coordinator, whether the Project Steering Committee already has a paid facilitator, and how the committee will help by posing policy questions which the Council can then address:

- Chris Elder, Public Works Department
- Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director

Frazey's motion that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2021-246](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Chuckanut Health Foundation to create recommendations on the establishment of a countywide Racial Equity Commission in the amount of

\$90,000

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Eric Richey, Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney, briefed the Councilmembers.

Councilmembers discussed the item and how to get input from a diverse group of people.

Frazey's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

9. [AB2021-247](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Bellingham to support, develop and fund a process to create recommendations on the establishment of a county-wide Racial Equity Commission in an amount not to exceed \$45,000

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2021-229](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Western Washington University to provide planning support for the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2021 update, in the amount of \$49,254

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2021-236](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #21-09 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Granite Construction, Inc. for hot mix asphalt prelevel at various locations in an amount not to exceed \$438,649.00

Frazey moved that the Bid Award be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT.

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director, briefed the Councilmembers.

Frazey's motion that the Bid Award be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2021-250](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Fire Protection District No. 11 to establish a gurney use agreement

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Rud Browne-via email 5/17/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Rud Browne, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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