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The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its November 21, 2023, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2023-064) AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2024 WITH AN INCREASE OF 5.5% FROM PREVIOUS YEAR (AB2023-760):** This ordinance authorizes the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes in 2024, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. ORDINANCE (2023-065) AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY ROAD PURPOSES FOR 2024 (AB2023-715): This ordinance authorizes the levy taxes for County Road purposes in 2024, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-066) AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR 2024 (AB2023-716):** This ordinance authorizes the 2024 levy of taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-067) AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR OF 2024 (AB2023-717):** This ordinance adopts the Whatcom County 2024 property tax levy. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **RESOLUTION (2023-046) AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT FOR 2024 (AB2023-718):** This resolution authorizes the levy of taxes within the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2024 in accordance with RCW 86.15.160(3). This resolution was introduced on November 8, 2023. **RESOLUTION (2023-047) ADOPTING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND SUBZONES (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2023-721):** This resolution, in accordance with RCW 86.15.140, adopts a 2024 budget for the countywide district and the following subzones: Acme/Van Zandt Subzone; Lynden/Everson Subzone; Sumas/Nooksack/Everson Subzone; Samish Watershed Subzone; Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management District. This resolution was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-068) AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF $59,443,202 (AB2023-729):** This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County Budget to add appropriations to the following budgets: Assessor ($577,320); Auditor ($78,233); County Clerk ($529,251); Council ($411,250); District Court ($168,772); District Court Probation ($181,469); Executive ($133,728); Health ($2,172,778); Juvenile ($219,158); Parks ($1,759,365); Planning & Development Services ($713,746); Prosecuting Attorney ($1,522,485); Public Defender ($1,357,123); Sheriff ($1,923,894); Superior Court ($663,611); Treasurer ($218,088); WSU Extension ($35,312); Road Fund ($733,761); Veteran's Relief Fund ($222,253); Whatcom County Jail Fund ($1,562,564); Homeless Housing Fund ($5,188,516); Stormwater Fund ($35,000); Behavioral Health Programs Fund ($3,439,571); Parks Special Revenue Fund ($214,300); Health and Developmental Disabilities Fund ($287,352); Affordable and Supportive Housing Fund ($1,450,000); Countywide Emergency Medical Services Fund ($1,003,078); Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Fund ($110,000); Affordable Hsg, Behavioral Health Fac and Related Services ($4,247,236); Whatcom County Trial Court Improvement Fund ($60,000); American Rescue Plan Act Fund ($9,339,434); Solid Waste Fund ($231,485); Convention Center Fund ($790,275); Victim Witness Fund ($3,119); Healthy Children Fund ($7,204,257); RID #1 Birch Bay Light District ($1,000); RID #2 Marineland Light District ($400); RID #7 Emerald Lake Light District ($1,000); Emergency Management Fund ($2,119,017); Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund ($807,103); Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund ($925,000); Public Utilities Improvement Fund ($4,275,687); Ferry System Fund ($107,640); Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund ($4,567,000); Administrative Services Fund ($2,086,798); for a total supplement amount of $54,123,315. This ordinance also authorizes 40 additional FTE positions. To view the entire ordinance, contact the Council Office at (360)778-5010 or visit our Legislative Information Center at **whatcom.legistar.com**. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-069) AMENDING THE PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE SWIFT CREEK CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, REQUEST NO. 2 (AB2023-693):** This ordinance amends the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund to add an additional $4,000,000 of state funds. This project-based budget amendment will be utilized for continued design, permitting, and construction of various elements of the Sumas Mountain/Swift Creek Sediment Management Project. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-070) AMENDING THE PROJECT-BASED BUDGET FOR THE JACKSON ROAD/TERRELL CREEK BRIDGE NO. 81 REPLACEMENT FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2023-697):** This ordinance amends the project-based budget for the Jackson Road/Terrell Creek Bridge No. 81 Replacement Fund in the amount of $500,000 for a new budget total of $1,200,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-071) AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY (AB2023-708):** This ordinance authorizes a loan in the amount of $1,400,000 from the General Fund to the Conservation Futures Fund, to be repaid, without interest, when there is sufficient Fund balance in 2024. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-072) ESTABLISHING A WHATCOM COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION FUND AND ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL BUDGET FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION FUND (AB2023-723):** This ordinance establishes a Climate Action Fund with an initial budget of $297,119 to operate beginning January 1, 2024. The Fund shall be used to account for revenue and expenditures associated with climate action programs. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-073) AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 3, IN THE AMOUNT OF $16,303,061 (AB2023-724):** This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County budget to appropriate $16,303,061 from the Road Fund to fund the Annual Construction Program. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-074) CLOSING THE TRIAGE CENTER EXPANSION FUND 374 (AB2023-725):** This ordinance closes the Triage Center Expansion Fund 374 and returns remaining funds of $1,000,000 to the Public Utilities Improvement Fund and $197,862.32 to the Behavioral Health Fund. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-075) AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE INTEGRATED LAND RECORDS AND PERMIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FUND, REQUEST NO. 2 (AB2023-726):** This ordinance appropriates $340,000 to enter Phase II for continuation of the EnerGov permit system for a total project budget amount of $2,956,661. **ORDINANCE (2023-076) AMENDING THE 2023 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 15, IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,295,786 (AB2023-728):** This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund – appropriate $120,296 in Non Department to fund Utilities Increase (companion to Supplemental #4434); appropriate $5,000 in Sheriff to fund Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces; appropriate $5,000 in Sheriff to fund Recreational Boating Safety Grant increase from Grant proceeds; appropriate $199,697 in Superior Court to fund Conflict Counsel position. From the Road Fund – appropriate $2,296 to fund companion to Supplemental #4431; appropriate $350,000 to fund companion to Supplemental #4443. From the Election Reserve Fund – appropriate $26,855 to fund 2024 Information Security OSOS from grant proceeds; appropriate $2,933 to fund Utilities Increase (companion to Supplemental #4434). From the Jail Fund – appropriate $45,911 to fund Utilities Increase (companion to Supplemental #4434). From the American Rescue Plan Act Fund – appropriate $39,697 to fund Conflict Counsel position (companion to Supplemental #4386 from grant proceeds). From the Auditor's O&M Fund – appropriate $14,000 to fund additional fees for the replacement of recording servers. From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund – appropriate $38,000 to fund Silver Lake Park lodge roof replacement. From the Ferry System Fund – appropriate $5,101 to fund 2023 Temporary Help for Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee. From the Administrative Services Fund – appropriate $16,000 in Facilities Maintenance to fund additional Budget for Elevator repairs; appropriate $425,000 in Facilities Maintenance to fund additional Budget for Utilities & Repairs/Maintenance. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on December 5, 2023, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 3.72, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – APPRENTICE REQUIREMENTS, TO ALIGN WITH RCW 39.04.320 (AB2023-736):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 3.72 (Construction Projects – Apprentice Requirements) to align with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 39.04.320 (Apprenticeship training programs) which was amended to include municipalities. This ordinance was introduced November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE ADOPTING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLES 20 (ZONING) AND 21 (LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS) (AB2023-748):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Titles 20 (Zoning) and 21 (Land Division Regulations) to maintain consistency with state regulations, correct grammar, improve procedures, and modify policies. The two proposed policy changes involve a requirement for overflow parking for certain residential developments using private roads and a requirement that garbage collection service providers review and approve proposed garbage enclosures. This ordinance was introduced on November 8, 2023.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on December 5, 2023, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE CLOSING SUDDEN VALLEY STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT FUND 371 (AB2023-746):** This ordinance dissolves the Sudden Valley Stormwater Improvements Fund and returns its remaining cash balance to the Real Estate Excise Tax Fund II. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE CLOSING THE MARINE DRIVE, LOCUST AVENUE TO ALDERWOOD AVENUE FUND 380 (AB2023-752):** This ordinance dissolves the Marine Drive, Locust Avenue to Alderwood Avenue Fund and returns its remaining cash balance to the Road Fund. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 16, IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,531,078 (AB2023-754):** This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund – appropriate $4,300,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Community Priorities Fund; appropriate $323,910 in Planning and Development Services to fund 2025 Comprehensive Plan update (Climate Planning Funding from grant proceeds); appropriate $338,236 in Prosecutor's Office to fund HCA LEAD expenses from grant proceeds; appropriate $167,250 in Prosecutor's Office to fund Department of Justice LEAD expenses from grant proceeds; appropriate $25,000 in Prosecutor's Office to fund additional overtime; appropriate $5,000 in Prosecutor's Office to fund Goldfogel Professional Services; appropriate $20,000 in Prosecutor's Office to fund temporary part-time Legal Assistant; record $4,300,000 in Prosecutor's Office to fund ARPA Revenue Loss-General Government Services; appropriate $12,000 in Sheriff to fund reimbursable overtime increase 2023; appropriate $39,682 in Sheriff to fund DEA SLOT overtime reimbursement. From the American Rescue Plan Act Fund – appropriate $4,300,000 to fund ARPA Transfer Out Revenue Loss from grant proceeds. From the Community Priorities Fund – record $4,300,00 to fund Community Priorities Fund. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.03, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (AB2023-775):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.03, Boards and Commissions, to better ensure equal access to opportunities for individuals living in the county to participate in County government and its decision-making process. This ordinance was introduced November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY A PROPOSAL TO AMEND WHATCOM COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 4.30 TO EXPAND THE STANDARDS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST (AB2023-776):** This ordinance submits a proposal to the Whatcom County Auditor for inclusion on the 2024 General Election ballot that, if approved, would amend Whatcom County Charter Section 4.30 to expand the standard for conflict(s) of interest to include language prohibiting County elected officials from holding any other public office at any level of government during their term of office. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at **whatcomcounty.us/council**. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at **whatcom.legistar.com**. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at **www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil** or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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Stefani Beard
(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 27th day of November in the year of 2023 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Stefani Beard known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Stephanie Hatcher
Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in Dallas County

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