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HEARING NOTICES

AB2024-545
AB2024-559
AB2024-564
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ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its September 10, 2024, meeting: **RESOLUTION (2024-037) DEFINING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEWLY AMENDED STATE LAW (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE POINT ROBERTS TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT) (AB2024-494)**: This resolution of the Whatcom County Council acting as the Governing Body of the Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District, in accordance with recent changes to state law, considers transportation improvements, as defined in RCW 36.73.015(6), to be appropriate expenditures of tax revenue collected pursuant to the Point Roberts Benefit District boundaries. This resolution was introduced on August 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-044) ESTABLISHING THE NORTH COMMERCIAL STREET ACQUISITION PROJECT FUND (AB2024-517)**: This ordinance establishes the North Commercial Street Acquisition Project Fund with an initial budget of \$1,628,000 to facilitate the purchase of the North Commercial Street building to meet the need of additional office space due to the expansion of the courts to accommodate water rights adjudications and general expansion. This ordinance was introduced on August 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-045) AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 10, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,059,974 (AB2024-521)**: This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate \$5,000 in Sheriff to fund 2024-OCDEF DEARL-24-003 grant program; appropriate \$5,000 in Sheriff to fund 2024-OCDEF DEARL-24-008 grant program; appropriate \$5,000 in Sheriff to fund 2024-OCDEF DEARL-24-009 grant program; appropriate \$100,000 in Planning and Development to fund Cascadia Law Group contract for PetroGas engagement; appropriate \$100,000 in Council to fund professional services for investigative committee; record a net zero request for labor pool OSS LMP implementation grant program; record \$14,900 in Health to fund direct billing rate, Immunizations companion; record a net zero request for labor pool in Health to fund disease invest-labor pool distribution companion; appropriate \$100,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force. From the Behavioral Health Fund: appropriate \$110,000 to fund LEAD program expansion; record a net zero request for labor pool to fund Behavioral Health Fund labor pool companion. From the American Rescue Plan Act Fund: decrease appropriation of \$150,000 in Health to fund East Whatcom Kitchen companion; decrease appropriation of \$35,325 in Health to fund direct billing rate - ARPA companion. From the Community Priorities Fund: appropriate \$150,000 to fund East Whatcom Kitchen Upgrades. From the Real Estate Tax I Fund: appropriate \$50,000 to fund security equipment replacement program. From the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund: appropriate \$1,628,000 to fund transfer out companion for 400 N Commercial Street project fund. This ordinance was introduced on August 6, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on September 24, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ADOPTING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20, ZONING (AB2024-545)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning, to clarify code, fix inconsistencies and grammar, and modify or add minor policies, including one proposed policy change to allow cannabis retail in the Light Impact District within Urban Growth Areas. This ordinance was introduced on September 10, 2024. **ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2020 SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PERIODIC UPDATE (AB2024-559)**: This ordinance adopts the 2020 Shoreline Management Program, including amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 8 Resource Lands, Chapter 10 Environment, and Chapter 11 Shorelines) and Whatcom County Code Titles 22 (Land Use & Development) and 23 (Shoreline Management Regulations), and Whatcom County Code Chapter 16.16 (Critical Areas). This ordinance was introduced on September 10, 2024. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025-2030 SIX-YEAR WATER RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (WRIP) BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2024-564)**: This resolution by the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors adopts the Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program (WRIP) for 2025-2030 pursuant to RCW 86.15.110. This resolution was introduced on September 10, 2024. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025-2030 SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) (AB2024-579)**: This resolution approves the 2025-2030 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) including capital elements of the first six-years of the Fourteen-Year Ferry Capital Program. This resolution was introduced on September 10, 2024.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on September 24, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.180 NAMING COUNTY-OWNED PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, PARKS, AND FACILITIES (AB2024-314)**: This ordinance establishes Whatcom County Code 2.180 Naming County-owned public building, properties, and facilities, which provides a process and criteria for the naming and renaming of Whatcom County-owned public buildings, properties, and facilities. This ordinance was introduced on September 10, 2024. **ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL SUBMISSION OF TAXING DISTRICT LEVY AMOUNTS TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL (AB2024-565)**: This ordinance requires all taxing districts in Whatcom County to submit levy amounts in a standard format using the Washington State Department of Revenue's most current levy certification form. This ordinance was introduced on September 10, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 12, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,339,015 (AB2024-594)**: This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate \$84,000 in Sheriff to fund WA St CJTC Officer Wellness; appropriate \$50,000 in Sheriff to fund Department of Commerce FY25 Drug Task Force Agreement; appropriate \$17,140 in Prosecuting Attorney to fund Prosecuting Attorney Division of Child Support's move to new office; appropriate \$48,050 in Public Defender to fund Part Time Public Defender with State Office of Public Defense Grant; appropriate \$500,000 in Superior Court Clerk to fund Conflict Counsel Attorneys; appropriate \$68,739 in Parks to fund Transfer of FEMA revenue for Lookout Mt. Road Repair Project Budget; appropriate \$93,000 in Health to fund FY Covid-19 Grant; appropriate \$1,572,165 in Health to fund Developmental Disabilities Grant Increase. From the Parks Special Revenue Fund: appropriate \$33,060 to fund Lake Whatcom Watershed Forest Management Plan Scope Adjustment. From the Birch Bay Lighting District (RID #1) Fund: appropriate \$2,000 to fund 2024 Electric Rate Increase Birch Bay Lighting District. From the Conservation Futures Fund: appropriate \$25,000 in Parks to fund Property Acquisition - Birch Bay Tideland Parcel; appropriate \$300,000 in Parks to fund Property Acquisition - Acme Valley. From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund: appropriate \$195,861 to fund Lookout Mt. Road Repair Engineering. From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund: appropriate \$100,000 to fund Governor's Point Trail Head Design. From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund: appropriate \$250,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Housing Affordable Throughout the Workforce; appropriate \$3,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund City of Ferndale Water Treatment Plant Upgrades; appropriate \$2,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Lynden Wastewater Treatment Plan; appropriate \$1,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Bellingham Mitigation Bank - Bear Creek. This ordinance was introduced on September 10, 2024. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROJECT-BASED BUDGET FOR THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN ROAD REPAIR PROJECT FUND (AB2024-596)**: This ordinance provides an initial budget of \$264,600 and spending authority for engineering and permitting services, as well as direct billing costs, for the repair of the LM-2000 road system. This ordinance was introduced on September 10, 2024. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROJECT-BASED BUDGET FOR THE GOVERNOR'S POINT PROJECT FUND (AB2024-597)**: This ordinance establishes a new Governor Point Project Fund with an initial project budget of \$100,000 for the acquisition and improvement of 98 acres of wooded shoreline adjacent to Pleasant Bay. This ordinance was introduced on September 10, 2024. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2024 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND SUBZONES BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 5, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,550 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2024-602)**: This resolution amends the 2024 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, appropriating \$7,550 from Samish Watershed Subzone to Maintenance & Operation due to an increase in labor costs and appropriating \$250,000 from Natural Resources to Maintenance and Operation via DOE grants for Adjudication technical assistance and Ecology collaboration for a net balance of \$7,550. This resolution was introduced on September 10, 2024.

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 whatcom-county.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 are 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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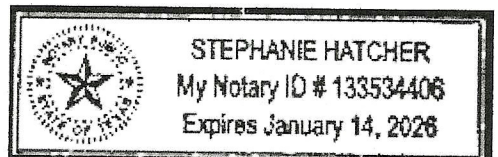
Mary Castro

(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 16th day of September in the year of 2024 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Mary Castro 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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