

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

REVISED 3.9.2020 (SEE REVISION NOTICE IN MEETING DETAILS)

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Ben Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kathy Kershner

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2020-035](#) Water Work Session for February 18, 2020

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [MIN2020-036](#) Regular County Council for February 25, 2020

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2020-105](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Snohomish County to utilize State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding to sustain and enhance Division of Emergency Management programs, in the amount of \$87,923

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [AB2020-095](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas to remove Yakima County Jail and add Kittitas County Jail as a Correctional Facility utilized by Whatcom County

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

3. [AB2020-101](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale to remove Yakima County Jail and add Kittitas County Jail as a Correctional Facility utilized by Whatcom County

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

4. [AB2020-102](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Everson to remove Yakima County Jail and add Kittitas County Jail as a Correctional Facility utilized by Whatcom County

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2020-109](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal contract amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District to provide Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program assistance, in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amended interlocal contract amendment amount of \$316,000

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [AB2020-112](#) Request for authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale for the Stormwater Education and Outreach Project

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

3. [AB2020-092](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code (WCC) 2.150, Whatcom County Veterans' Advisory Board, and WCC 2.152, Veterans' Assistance Program

ADOPTED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: ORD 2020-007

(No Committee Assignment)

4. [AB2020-131](#) Emergency ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 7, in the amount of \$150,000

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Enactment No: ORD 2020-008

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2020-104](#) Request confirmation of Executive's appointment of Robin Thomas to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

CONFIRMED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [AB2020-122](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's appointment of Pam Sheppard to the Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee

CONFIRMED

Aye: 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 1 - Kershner

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2020-091](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.20, Whatcom County Shellfish Protection Districts

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

2. [AB2020-093](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 1.32, Public Records, to delete provisions related to exhaustion of administrative remedies

INTRODUCED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

3. [AB2020-118](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$339,615

INTRODUCED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

4. [AB2020-119](#) Ordinance establishing the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund and establishing a project based budget for Swift Creek Capital Projects

INTRODUCED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

5. [AB2020-120](#) Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan to finance cash flow for the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund

INTRODUCED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

6. [AB2020-121](#) Resolution and Public Hearing regarding support for a Community Development Block Grant funding application and review of current CDBG funding opportunities

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

(From Committee of the Whole - Executive Session)

- [AB2020-123](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor George Roche: Maier v. Elfo, et al. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

The following motion was read and approved:

The County Council met in executive session concerning the lawsuit: Maier v. Whatcom County, et al. Pursuant to Whatcom County Code 2.56, the Council hereby finds the following:

- A. The employees were acting in a matter in which the county had an interest;
- B. The employees were acting in the discharge of a duty imposed or authorized by law;
- C. The employees acted in good faith.

The officers, officials, agents or employees will be defended and indemnified pursuant to and consistent with the provisions in WCC Chapter 2.56.

- [AB2020-125](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor George Roche: Bredberg v. Middaugh, et al. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

The following motion was read and approved:

The County Council met in executive session concerning the lawsuit: Bredberg V. Middaugh, et al. Pursuant to Whatcom County Code 2.56, the Council hereby finds the following:

- A. The employees were acting in a matter in which the county had an interest;
- B. The employees were acting in the discharge of a duty imposed or authorized by law;
- C. The employees acted in good faith.

The officers, officials, agents or employees will be defended and indemnified pursuant to and consistent with the provisions in WCC Chapter 2.56.

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