

1 **EXCERPT OF MINUTES**

2
3 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
4 **Regular County Council**

5
6 March 6, 2001
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9 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Chair Marlene
10 Dawson in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.
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12 Also Present:

13 Dan McShane
14 L. Ward Nelson
15 Connie Hoag
16 Barbara Brenner
17 Sam Crawford
18 Robert Imhof
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Absent:

None

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23 **6. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CURRENT FREEZE ON TRUCK LENGTH**
24 **RESTRICTIONS (AB2001-070A)**
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26 Brenner stated this was in her committee. She came up with a resolution
27 that neither side liked. The Washington Alliance for Safer Highways did not like
28 that the Council was dropping the length restriction. The Trucking Association
29 stated they were not thrilled that they weren't including the longer lengths and
30 triple trailers. She was happy with the resolution. It supports what they already
31 have. The weight issue did not catch her eye. Washington allows certain lengths
32 already. It is not fair to tell other states that they should not have weights that
33 Washington already has. The resolution says that they do not support the longer
34 lengths. They are not taking a position on the weight issue. This is what the
35 Council said it wants to do.
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37 Dawson stated they should drop the entire resolution. There is a new
38 manufacturer in town that has products to modify truck to correct sway and tip-
39 overs. The business can regulate the hours and address the weather conditions.
40 The Council doesn't have all the information. She moved to rescind the approved
41 resolution.
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43 Nelson asked if the resolution was sent.

44 Brenner stated it was. The Council would have to send something else.

45 Dawson stated they would have to write a retraction.
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1 Hoag stated she supported the original resolution. She was concerned with
2 triple trailers and extensive weight. She didn't want to restrict Milky Way and
3 gravel trucks from operating, but she didn't want people to add more weight on top
4 of that. It is difficult to stop a heavy load.
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6 Imhof stated the state has length and weight restrictions now. There is no
7 legislative movement to change those at the state level. Triple trailers do become
8 a hazard on the freeways and the single lane roads.
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10 Brenner stated that, by rescinding the resolution, they are not opening the
11 door to triple trailers. They are not allowed anyway. They were her concern. The
12 state does not allow triple trailers.
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14 Motion to rescind and send notification of the rescindment carried 5-2 with
15 Hoag and McShane opposed.
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