

Whatcom County

Council Special Committee of the Whole

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

1 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING -- ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
Barry Buchanan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2026-037](#) Update on 2026 State Legislative Session

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to indicate Council's support for this request of funding from the State of Washington.

2. [AB2026-078](#) Discussion of urban growth area proposals for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to request the executive work with planning staff to explore adding the shores of the Nooksack River to the Mineral Resource Lands Special District at the earliest feasible time.

Motion approved to support the original proposal (the Planning and Development Services' Rural and Resource Lands proposal to allow duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in LAMIRDs).

3. [AB2026-126](#) Discussion of councilmember project updates

DISCUSSED**Items Added by Revision****Other Business****Adjournment**