

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024
6 PM**

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL
360.778.5010)**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
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Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council is currently holding meetings in hybrid format with options for in-person or remote viewing and participation. For instructions on remote participation, visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link. Individuals who require special assistance to participate in the Council's meetings are asked to contact the Council Office at 360.778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance.

Per RCW 42.17A.555 the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues is prohibited. Members of the public and the legislative body are not allowed to speak in support of, or in opposition to, a ballot measure or individual candidacy during an open public meeting. Please refrain from raising campaign issues when addressing the Council.

The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2024-063](#) Water Work Session for September 17, 2024
2. [MIN2024-064](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for September 24, 2024
3. [MIN2024-065](#) Committee of the Whole for September 24, 2024
4. [MIN2024-066](#) Regular County Council for September 24, 2024

OPEN SESSION

Participants requesting to speak during open session may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link.

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those who have registered to speak remotely.

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Per RCW 42.36.060 Councilmembers are prohibited from engaging in ex parte communications in matters where the Council determines the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties in a hearing or other contested case proceeding. Council serves in a quasi-judicial role as a decision-maker on major project permits, which cannot be discussed by members of the public at Council meetings. Examples of major project permits that cannot be discussed at Council meetings include MPP2024-00001 City of Bellingham Mitigation Bank, LSS2024-00001 R and R Acres Long Subdivision and Development Agreement, LSS2022-00001 Red Mountain Long Subdivision and Development Agreement, PUD2022-00001 Royal Emerald Motors Planned Unit Development, MPP2024-00002 ALA Energy, Ferndale Terminal Existing and Planned Improvements, and CUP2023-00003/DEV2024-00001 Ponderosa Estates Mobile Home Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-608](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to support the Wetland Mitigation Bank in the amount of \$1,000,000
2. [AB2024-628](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to increase housing stability for families with children ages 0 to 5, in the amount of \$1,155,524
3. [AB2024-641](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,100,039

4. [AB2024-645](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Sanitary Service Company, Inc. to collect waste along Birch Bay Drive in the amount of \$14,000, for a total contract amount of \$42,000
5. [AB2024-648](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and AssetWorks Inc., to provide professional services for the implementation of the new ER&R asset management system, in the amount of \$197,345.78
6. [AB2024-655](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc. to operate the Disposal of Toxics facility in the amount of \$405,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$5,191,260
7. [AB2024-659](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale Community Services to increase housing stability for families with children ages 0 to 5, in the amount of \$376,416
8. [AB2024-664](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to expand mental health and parent support services to low-income families with children ages 0-5, in the amount of \$474,786

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-654](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to purchase and install an ADA-compliant playground, in the amount of \$700,000

(No Committee Assignment)

2. [AB2024-572](#) Resolution establishing regular Council meeting dates for 2025

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2024-616](#) Application to a vacancy on the Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) Committee, supportive housing subject matter expert, Applicant(s): Pamela Kahn

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2024-638](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Forest Resilience Task Force, trust land beneficiary representative, Applicant(s): Tom Smith (Deadline for additional applications to this position is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024)
2. [AB2024-639](#) Resolution approving the Whatcom County 2025 Annual Construction Program
3. [AB2024-642](#) Resolution amending the 2024 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$11,350 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
4. [AB2024-644](#) Resolution approving the Whatcom County 2025 - 2030 Six-year Transportation Improvement Program
5. [AB2024-657](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Plantation Rifle Range Lead Reclamation & Capital Improvement Fund, request no. 2
6. [AB2024-658](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Hovander Park Building Improvements Fund, request no. 2
7. [AB2024-660](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 13, in the amount of 2,122,735

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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