

**Whatcom County
Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

9:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:45 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR
CALL 360.778.5010)**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremier

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorney Present: Royce Buckingham.

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW42.30.110. (1) (i). Executive session will conclude no later than 9:45 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, Council Staff will make a public announcement.

Donovan moved to go into executive session until no later than 9:45 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Councilmembers discussed whether they could also discuss another item in Executive Session.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier

Nay: 0

Councilmembers and Buckingham discussed how to proceed with discussing another topic that is not currently on this agenda and Buckingham stated they would have had to announce in a public meeting that they were going to go into executive session to discuss it. Councilmembers concurred that they could adjourn out of the Committee of the Whole meeting later today and move to go into executive session at that time.

1. [AB2024-132](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Royce Buckingham on the Opioid settlements and Whatcom County's vote on Debtor, Endo International, PLC's, bankruptcy reorganization plan. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110. (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

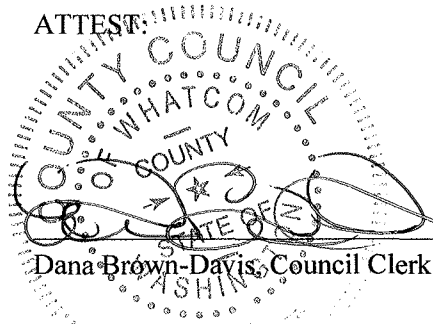
Other Business

There was no other business.

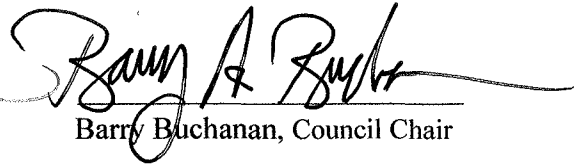
Adjournment

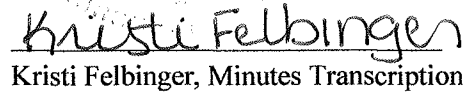
The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on March 5, 2024.

ATTEST:
The seal of Whatcom County, Washington, is circular with a double border. The outer ring contains the text "COUNTY COUNCIL" at the top and "WHATCOM COUNTY" at the bottom. The inner ring contains "STATE OF WASHINGTON". In the center, there is a five-pointed star and the text "COUNTY OF WHATCOM". A signature is written across the seal.
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Buchanan".
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Felbinger".
Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription