

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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); AGENDA REVISED 10.6.2025 (REVISED START TIME)

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call**

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

Announcements**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2025-534](#) Presentation by Health and Community Services Department and VillageReach on Permanent Supportive Housing Assessment

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-509](#) 2025-2026 Mid-Biennium Budget Review
DISCUSSED
2. [AB2025-554](#) Discussion regarding Council meeting procedures requiring committee discussion during the day for all evening introduction items
DISCUSSED
3. [AB2025-656](#) Discussion with County Executive's Office and Columbia Policy Advisors on 2026 State Legislative Session
DISCUSSED
4. [AB2025-700](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending Countywide Planning Policies, which reside in Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Appendix C
DISCUSSED
5. [AB2025-701](#) Discussion of proposed amendments to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update
DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved that all of the changes that Councilmember Galloway noted as scrivener in nature be accepted as amendments. On the attached table of amendments, they are (by chapter-item number): 6-#1, 6-#4, 7-#1, 7-#2, 7-#4, 7-#5, 9-#3, 12-#1, 12-#3, 12-#16, and 12-#25.

Motion approved to adopt Galloway's proposed change #18 for chapter 6 (policy 6L-3) which is turning the impact fee language to what was originally there (staff-recommended language) so that it reads:
Adopt a transportation impact fee ordinance requiring new development to fund a proportionate share of the costs of multimodal transportation system improvements that benefit and are reasonably related to new development.

Motion approved to approve amendment #4 for chapter 4 which amends Goal 4G to add tribes and fire districts so that the first sentence reads:

Coordinate with non-county facility providers such as cities, tribes, school districts, fire districts, and other special purpose districts...

6. [AB2025-702](#) Discussion regarding efforts to address blighted properties and related health impacts in Columbia Valley

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment