

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 10:10 A.M.; AGENDA
REVISED 1.12.2021

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: George Roche and Karen Frakes.

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 10:15 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 10:15 a.m. to discuss the agenda items pursuant to the RCW citations as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Elenbaas (joined the meeting after the vote)

1. [AB2021-019](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor George Roche: El-Tahel v. Whatcom County, Whatcom County Sheriff's Department, Bill Elfo, Adam Miller, USDC no. 2:20-cv-01830JCC [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

2. [AB2021-057](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutors George Roche and Brandon Waldron: Petrogas v. Whatcom County Assessor, Washington Board of Tax Appeals Docket Nos. 17-002, 18-003, 18-004, 18 141, and 18-142. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

This agenda item was WITHDRAWN.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription