

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

8:45 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:45 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
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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

Announcements

If you require special assistance to participate, please contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance. Assistive listening devices are available in Council Chambers, and live captions are available through Zoom for those participating remotely. This committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Whatcom County Council, with the agenda limited to committee business.

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2026-347](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group PLLC to increase the maximum consideration in the amount of \$50,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$200,000
2. [AB2026-348](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ceterra Northwest, LLC to provide on-call construction materials testing and materials inspection for Whatcom County Public Works projects in the amount not to exceed \$200,000
3. [AB2026-349](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sustainable Connections to conduct an innovative waste reduction program for large scale events, in the amount of \$83,588

Special Presentation

1. [AB2026-332](#) Presentation by the Executive's Office and Finance Director on approach to 2027-2028 biennial budget

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-346](#) Discussion regarding Council Office budget items for the 2027-2028 Biennial Budget
2. [AB2026-339](#) Ordinance establishing a Ferry District to fund and manage the Lummi Island ferry system

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARING

3. [AB2026-352](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Austin Court Stormwater Improvement Project Fund, request no. 1

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-351)

4. [AB2026-354](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the North Commercial Street Acquisition, request no. 1

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-353)

5. [AB2026-356](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 11
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-355)
6. [AB2026-370](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$8,914,924
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-369)
7. [AB2026-371](#) Discussion of a resolution amending the 2026 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$34,964 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-373)
8. [AB2026-372](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project based budget for the Lummi Nation Ferry Lease Fund-3901, request no. 1
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-374)
9. [AB2026-377](#) Discussion of an ordinance increasing the Petty Cash Revolving Fund for the Parks & Recreation Department, in the amount of \$500
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-333)
10. [AB2026-378](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the project budget for the Central Shop NPDES Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 2
ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-379)

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment