

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Committee Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

**8:20 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:05 AM (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://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**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

### Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

### Roll Call

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

### Announcements

### Committee Discussion

**Attorney Present: George Roche.**

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) and RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) respectively. Executive session will conclude no later than 9 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

***Byrd moved*** to go into executive session until no later than 9 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 Galloway.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 8:24 a.m.

1. AB2024-724 Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy George Roche: Jacob Dean Ringenbach v. Ryan Swinburnson, Whatcom County Superior Court no. 24-2-01804-37 [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.**

2. AB2024-746 Update on negotiations and planning strategy discussion regarding collective bargaining [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a)]

**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 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on December 3, 2024.

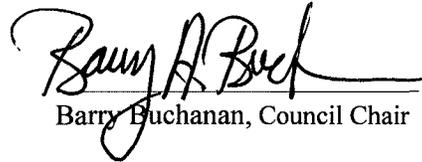
ATTEST:



*Cathy Halka*  
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

The seal is circular with the text "COUNTY COUNCIL OF WHATCOM COUNTY" around the perimeter and "WASHINGTON" at the bottom. It features a central star and decorative elements.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA



Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

The signature is a cursive script that reads "Barry Buchanan".

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription