

# **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  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

### **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 Stremmler

### **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 Stremmler

**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.

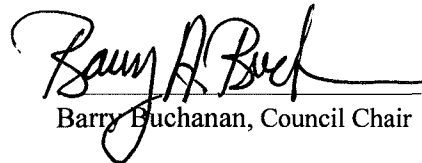
The County Council approved these minutes on December 3, 2024.

ATTEST:

The seal of Whatcom County Council is a circular emblem. It features a central five-pointed star surrounded by a wreath. The words "COUNTY COUNCIL" are arched across the top, and "OF WHATCOM COUNTY" is arched across the bottom. The seal is partially obscured by the signature of Cathy Halka.

*Cathy Halka*  
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

The signature of Barry Buchanan is written in a cursive script over a horizontal line.

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription