

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Action Summary**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

**1:45 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 PM  
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT  
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### **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 Stremler

**Announcements****Special Presentation**

1. [AB2024-574](#) Presentation by Gwynne Gruizenga-Top regarding Whatcom County Search and Rescue

**PRESENTED**

2. [AB2024-671](#) Presentation by the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee regarding the replacement of the Whatcom Chief ferry

**PRESENTED**

3. [AB2024-710](#) Presentation of the County Executive's proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

**PRESENTED**

**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2024-647](#) Discussion relating to population and employment projections for the Birch Bay Urban Growth Area (UGA), Cherry Point UGA, Columbia Valley UGA and areas outside UGAs (Rural areas and Resource Lands) associated with the 2025 Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Update

**DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED**

Motion approved that they have Planning and Development Services plan to shift some of those 10,000 that are currently assigned for LAMIRDS and the rural area to other locations.

Motion approved that they hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 9-9:55 a.m. to further discuss this agenda bill.

2. [AB2024-699](#) Justice Project update presented by the Executive Office

**DISCUSSED**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. [AB2024-571](#) Resolution affirming food security as a public health priority

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Elenbaas

2. [AB2024-662](#) Resolution revising the membership of the Northwest Clean Air Agency by adding San Juan County to the Agency

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremmer

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Items Added by Revision**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**