

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010), AGENDA REVISED 6.5.2023

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
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Ben Elenbaas
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Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-036](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for May 9, 2023
2. [MIN2023-037](#) Committee of the Whole for May 9, 2023
3. [MIN2023-038](#) Regular County Council for May 9, 2023
4. [MIN2023-039](#) Committee of the Whole for May 23, 2023
5. [MIN2023-040](#) Regular County Council for May 23, 2023

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. [AB2023-359](#) Whatcom County Executive Sidhu's "State of the County" address

RESCHEDULED TO 6.20.2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-309](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning, to regulate short-term vacation rentals

OPEN SESSION

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. To participate, please see instructions at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those participating remotely.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-345](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center to provide eviction prevention resolution services, in the amount of \$69,000
2. [AB2023-363](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Lighthouse Mission Ministries for the provision of kitchen equipment and room furnishings in the amount of \$750,000
3. [AB2023-366](#) Request authorization for a Letter of Understanding between Whatcom County and the Fraternal Order of Police, Matt Herzog Memorial Lodge #24, to amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024
4. [AB2023-367](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and General Teamsters' Local Union 231 Master Collective Bargaining Unit for the period January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025
5. [AB2023-352](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Traffic Safety Commission for Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) overtime funding, in the amount of \$3,000.00
6. [AB2023-371](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal loan and grant agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Drainage Improvement District 7 in support of the Atwood Road Culvert Replacement project in the amount of \$500,000

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-378](#) Request approval of letter of support for Mental Health Court

(No Committee Assignment)

2. [AB2023-155](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.128, Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, to revise membership

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-377](#) Appointment of one Councilmember to serve on the North Cascades Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2023-360](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of Alana Pattermann and Terry Bornemann to the Housing Authority of Whatcom County
2. [AB2023-373](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Loraine Boland to the Public Facilities District

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2023-372](#) Resolution adopting an amendment to the Unified Fee Schedule increasing the fees at the Birch Bay Lynden and Cedarville drop box facilities

ADDED 6.5.2023

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2023-374](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 9, in the amount of \$842,550
2. [AB2023-375](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Hovander Park Building Improvements Project, request no. 1
3. [AB2023-354](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028

4. [AB2023-356](#) Ordinance adopting Zoning Code amendments relating to density, lot size, setbacks, public water and sewer, and reasonable measures for the Birch Bay UGA
5. [AB2023-361](#) Receipt of applications to a vacancy on the Public Health Advisory Board, Applicant(s): Matthew Durkee, Madison Emry, Robyn Phillips-Madson (Deadline for additional applications is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023)
6. [AB2023-349](#) Resolution granting a Quitclaim Right of Way Deed to the City of Lynden
7. [AB2023-387](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning) to regulate short-term/vacation rentals

ADDED 6.5.2023

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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