

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025  
6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

### ROLL CALL

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

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

There was no report.

### MINUTES CONSENT

***Byrd moved*** to accept the minutes consent item. The motion was seconded by Buchanan (see votes on individual item below).

1. [MIN2025-041](#) Special Committee of the Whole for June 3, 2025

**Byrd moved and Buchanan seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2025-482](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code section 10.04.095 to establish 20 mph school speed zones on Bennett Drive and Alderwood Avenue for Alderwood Elementary School

Galloway opened the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

***Buchanan moved*** and Donovan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED.

Councilmembers discussed if there is a plan to add a flashing light crosswalk and whether it is needed since they are lowering the speed limit.

Doug Ranney, Public Works Department, stated they do still have a plan to

install a flashing crosswalk and will be pursuing Safe Routes to Schools grant funding opportunities. They have also coordinated their timing on that with the transportation director of the Bellingham School District.

Councilmembers discussed that they received supportive emails for this ordinance and no emails against it.

Ranney answered a question about the timing of the crosswalk project, and stated they will be adding it to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and then pursuing grant funding, with construction anticipated in 2028/2029. He confirmed that the shorter-term measures (in this ordinance) would be implemented prior to the start of the school year.

**Buchanan's motion that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2025-035

## **OPEN SESSION**

Kimberly Thulin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, confirmed that anyone is free to speak about their interest in serving on the Charter amendment pro/con committees but not on the political issue of the amendments themselves.

The following people spoke:

- Adam Bellinger
- Dave Chase
- Joel Pitts-Jordan
- Jessica Rienstra
- Doug Revelle "Yoshe"
- Cleveland Harris
- Patrick Alesse
- Scott Farrell
- Colton Kaltenfeldt
- David Foreman
- Lane Davis Coury
- Danielle Gaughen
- Perry Eskridge
- Matt Berry

Hearing no one else, Galloway closed the Open Session.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

*Donovan* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* to approve Consent Agenda items one through eleven.

Elenbaas stated he would like to consider Consent Agenda item #4 (AB2025-521) separately.

*Donovan amended* his motion and *moved* to approve Consent Agenda items one through three and five through eleven.

Councilmembers voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2025-511](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Tacoma Pierce County Health Department to support the Provider Resources Website as a shared service between local health jurisdictions, in the amount of \$0

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

2. [AB2025-519](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Lookout Mountain Holdings LLC to extend the performance period of the radio tower lease for an additional five years at a cost of \$57,084.73, for a total amended contract amount of \$111,084.73

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

3. [AB2025-520](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Akin for services related to the Parents for Parents (P4P) program, in the amount of \$112,757

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

4. [AB2025-521](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and RE Sources to improve and expand the commercial recycling infrastructure in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$92,059

THIS ITEM WAS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY BELOW

5. [AB2025-522](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and San Juan Cruises to provide temporary passenger ferry service to and from Lummi Island during the 2026 dry dock period, in the amount of \$118,809.60

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

6. [AB2025-523](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Mount Baker School District to extend the performance period of a radio tower lease for an additional five years at a cost of \$0, for a total amended contract amount of \$0

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

7. [AB2025-525](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation, for the Whatcom County Ferry with a Youth Zero Fare Policy, in the amount of \$68,500

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



Nay: 0

8. [AB2025-526](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation, renewing the operating deficit agreement for the Whatcom County Ferry

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 0

9. [AB2025-527](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce to provide resources to fund homelessness crisis response systems, in the amount of \$18,819,091

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 0

10. [AB2025-528](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to provide behavioral health services within the North Sound Integrated Care Network in the amount of \$469,534, for a total amended contract amount of \$3,494,669

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 0

11. [AB2025-530](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Blaine Birch Bay Park and Recreation District No. 2 for usage of the gymnasium at Bay Horizon Park for recreational programming

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 0

#### **CONSENT AGENDA CONSIDERED SEPARATELY**

4. [AB2025-521](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and RE Sources to improve and expand the commercial recycling infrastructure in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$92,059

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2025-488](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Birch Bay-Lynden Road and Blaine Road Intersection Improvements Fund; CRP #906001, request no. 1

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2025-036

2. [AB2025-492](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the E. Smith/Hannegan Road Intersection Improvements Fund, request no. 4

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2025-037

3. [AB2025-494](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Lummi Island Ferry Replacement and System Modernization Fund, request no. 1

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the**

**following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2025-038

4. [AB2025-498](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the New Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility, request no. 8

**Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2025-039

5. [AB2025-502](#) Ordinance amending the 2025 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$3,548,146

**Donovan** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and ***moved*** that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

Stremler stated he will vote no to stay consistent with his concerns about taking money from one fund and putting it another.

**Donovan's motion that the Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

**Nay:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremler

Enactment No: ORD 2025-040

**(From Council Planning and Development Committee)**

6. [AB2025-539](#) Resolution amending Resolution 2024-021 to update Business Rules of the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner to approve clarifying changes promulgated by the Hearing Examiner

**Elenbaas** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and ***moved*** that the Resolution be HELD IN COUNCIL for a public hearing on September 9th.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and interest in hearing from people about whether there would be any unintended consequences.



**Elenbaas's motion that the Resolution be HELD IN COUNCIL carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

Motion approved 7-0 to hold the substitute resolution (in Council) until September 9 for a public hearing.

**(No Committee Assignment)**

7. [AB2025-507](#) Receipt of the Whatcom County Charter Review Commission's proposed amendments to Whatcom County voters and submittal to the Auditor  
Galloway introduced the item.

**Donovan moved** to receive the proposed memo of amendments from the Charter Review Commission and submit it to the County Auditor.

The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

**Donovan** spoke about the language of the motion and **withdrew** his motion.

Kimberly Thulin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, stated they are to receive it and forward it to the Auditor's Office for placement on the ballot.

**Donovan moved** to approve receiving and submitting to the Auditor the Charter Review Amendments as described in AB2025-507.

The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Elenbaas and Scanlon thanked the Charter Review Commissioners.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

*Clerk's Note:* At 6:55 p.m. Byrd requested that they take a 10-minute break, so they took a recess and reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.**

Motion carried 7-0 to approve receiving and submitting to the Auditor the Charter Review Amendments as described in AB2025-507.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. AB2025-515 Appointment of pro and con committees to write statements for the local voters' pamphlet on charter amendments proposed by the Whatcom County Charter Review Commission

Galloway stated there was a legal question that was posed with regards to this item, but, attorney/client privilege would need to be waived in order to discuss it.

Kimberly Thulin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, stated the advice was just to Councilmember Byrd, so if he is waving, she has no objection.

Byrd waved his privilege and stated there was no intention of privilege. He stated that Council established a code that states that if you have declared for candidacy in an election for any seat inside Whatcom County (regardless of jurisdiction) for a paid position (see Whatcom County Code 2.03.090), then you cannot be appointed to any committees. He stated there are three applicants for this item that are all currently on the ballot at some point this year with declared candidacies. His question is whether they can apply and he requested that they hold the appointments for two weeks to give more time for more applicants and to review the law.

Thulin discussed with councilmembers that there is nothing in the statute (Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 29A.32.280) that talks about appointment to the Charter Review amendments pro/con committees, that Whatcom County Code 2.03.050 seems to be speaking about advisory committees so it would not preclude the appointment, the deadline for the appointments and what happens if the Council does not make them by the deadline, and that the code citations are talking specifically about advisory groups.

Donovan stated he moved to continue with AB2025-515, but a motion was not needed, so councilmembers proceeded with the item.

***Scanlon moved*** and Donovan seconded to accept late applications.

Elenbaas spoke about why he would abstain from all the votes.

Kirsten Smith, Council Office Staff, spoke about the application deadline.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Galloway, Scanlon, Buchanan, Byrd, and Donovan

**Nay:** 1 - Stremmler

**Abstain:** 1 - Elenbaas

Scanlon stated he would vote for Charter Review Commissioners.

*Clerk's Note:* See attached voting sheets (attached to minutes document) for motions and votes on these appointments. A summary of the appointments is as follows:

**PROPOSITION 1:** The Council appointed Andrew Reding, Lindsey Elenbaas, and Hannah Ordos to the pro statement committee and Jon Mutchler to the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 2:** The Council appointed Brian Estes, Colton Kaltenfeldt, and JG Sandy Phillips to the pro statement committee and Lindsey Elenbaas, Ashley Butenschoen, and Hannah Ordos to the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 3:** The Council appointed Colton Kaltenfeldt, Joel Pitts-Jordan, and Jessica Rienstra to the pro statement committee and there were no applicants for the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 4:** The Council appointed Lane Davis Coury to the pro statement committee and there were no applicants for the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 5:** The Council appointed Lane Davis Coury, Joel Pitts-Jordan, and Eamonn Collins to the pro statement committee and there were no applicants for the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 6:** The Council appointed Greg Thames to the pro statement committee and Andrew Reding to the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 7:** The Council appointed JG Sandy Phillips, Lindsey Elenbaas, Ashley Butenschoen to the pro statement committee and Ray Deck III, Anne Marie Faiola, and Emily O'Connor to the con statement committee.

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**PROPOSITION 9:** The Council appointed Joel Pitts-Jordan, Lindsey Elenbaas, and Hannah Ordos to the pro statement committee and there were

no applicants for the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 10:** The Council appointed Jon Mutchler, Greg Thames, and Lane Davis Coury to the pro statement committee and there were no applicants for the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 11:** The Council appointed JG Sandy Phillips to the pro statement committee and Ashley Butenschoen and Hannah Ordos to the con statement committee.

**PROPOSITION 12:** The Council appointed Brian Estes, Lindsey Elenbaas, and R. Perry Eskridge to the pro statement committee and there were no applicants for the con statement committee.

**This agenda item was APPOINTED.**

SEE VOTING SHEET ATTACHED TO THE ACTION SUMMARY

Motion approved 5-1, with Stremmler opposed and Elenbaas abstaining, to accept late applications.

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### **ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

Galloway stated they will introduce each of the introduction items individually (see each item below).

1. [AB2025-537](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Title 22 to clarify the roles and duties of participants in the Hearing Examiner process

**Scanlon moved and Elenbaas seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING and scheduled for a public hearing at their September 9th meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

MOTION SUMMARY: Motion approved 7-0 to introduce the substitute ordinance and schedule the item for a public hearing on September 9th.

2. [AB2025-538](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 2.11 to clarify the authority of the Hearing Examiner

**Scanlon moved and Elenbaas seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING and scheduled for a public hearing at their September 9th meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

MOTION SUMMARY: Motion approved 7-0 to introduce the substitute ordinance and schedule the item for a public hearing on September 9th.

3. [AB2025-518](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Forest Advisory Committee, position for a forest product manufacturer representing a sawmill that receives wood from Whatcom County, Applicant(s): Adam Ellsworth



Galloway stated now that they are receiving this application, it sets a deadline of Monday, July 28th, 2025 at 10 a.m., so if there are any other interested applicants for this vacancy they should apply before then.

**Galloway moved and Scanlon seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

Councilmembers gave committee reports.

#### Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

**Scanlon moved** to request that the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force provide Council with recommendations to inform the both short- and long-term decisions about jail capacity, diversion, and system investments.

The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Scanlon spoke about his motion and stated he is interested in hearing from the task force on the various factors that can influence how big the jail needs to be to see if there are any changes that the County should be making that could potentially reduce the numbers (and also reduce the cost of the jail).

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

Councilmembers continued committee reports and gave updates on recent activities and upcoming events.

**MOTION SUMMARY:** Motion approved 7-0 to request that the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force provide Council with recommendations to inform both short- and long-term decisions about jail capacity, diversion, and system investments.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on September 9, 2025.

## Proposition 2

### ESTABLISHING A WHATCOM COUNTY OFFICE OF THE OMBUDS

**Galloway moved** to nominate all and appoint three of these applicants to the pro committee for Proposition 2.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

#### PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3

|                    | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Brian Estes        | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              |                  | 5     |
| Colton Kaltenfeldt | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| Greg Thames        |                   |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                |                  | 0     |
| JG Sandy Phillips  | X                 | X          |                 | Abstain         | X                  |                | X                | 4     |
| Lane Davis Coury   |                   |            | X               | Abstain         |                    | X              | X                | 3     |

**Byrd moved** to noninate all three applicants and vote for up to three.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

#### CON COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3

|                    | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Lindsey Elenbaas   | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| Ashley Butenschoen | X                 |            |                 | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 4     |
| Hannah Ordos       | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |

### Proposition 3 ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE AUDITS

**Galloway moved** to nominate all and appoint up to three of the applicants for the pro committee.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

#### PRO COMMITTEE - **CHOOSE 3**

|                        | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Brian Estes            |                   |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                |                  | 0     |
| Colton Kaltenfeldt     | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| <del>Greg Thames</del> |                   |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                |                  | 0     |
| JG Sandy Phillips      |                   |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                |                  | 0     |
| Lane Davis Coury       |                   |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                |                  | 0     |
| Joel Pitts-Jordan      | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| Jessica Rienstra       | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |

#### CON COMMITTEE - no applicants

**Proposition 4**  
**CLARIFYING THE POWER AND DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Galloway moved** to appoint Lane Davis Coury to the pro committee for Proposition 4.

The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Council members voted as follows:

**PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 2**

|                        | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| <del>Greg Thames</del> |                   |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                |                  | 0     |
| Lane Davis Coury       | Yes               | Yes        | Yes             | Abstain         | Yes                | Yes            | Yes              | 6     |

**CON COMMITTEE - no applicants**

**Proposition 5**  
**MODIFYING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

**Galloway moved** to appoint Lane Davis Coury, Joel Pitts-Jordan, and Eamonn Collins to the pro committee for Proposition 5.

The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Council members voted as follows:

**PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3**

|                   | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Lane Davis Coury  | Yes               | Yes        | Yes             | Abstain         | Yes                | Yes            | Yes              | 6     |
| Joel Pitts-Jordan | Yes               | Yes        | Yes             | Abstain         | Yes                | Yes            | Yes              | 6     |
| Eamonn Collins    | Yes               | Yes        | Yes             | Abstain         | Yes                | Yes            | Yes              | 6     |

**CON COMMITTEE - no applicants**



## Proposition 6

### ADJUSTING THE CALCULATION OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A REFERENDUM

**Galloway moved** to appoint Greg Thames to the pro committee for Proposition 6.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

#### PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 1

|             | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremier | Total |
|-------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Greg Thames | Yes            | Yes        | Yes          | Abstain      | Yes             | Yes         | Yes           | 6     |

**Galloway moved** to appoint Andrew Reding to the con committee for Proposition 6.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

#### CON COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 1

|               | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremier | Total |
|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Andrew Reding | Yes            | Yes        | Yes          | Abstain      | Yes             | Yes         | Yes           | 6     |

**Proposition 7**  
**PROHIBITING COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM INTERFERING WITH INITIATIVES AND  
 CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

**Galloway moved** to nominate all three and vote for up to three.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

**PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3**

|                        | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| <del>Greg Thames</del> |                   |            |                 |                 |                    |                |                  | 0     |
| JG Sandy Phillips      | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| Lindsey Elenbaas       | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| Ashley Butenschoen     | X                 |            |                 | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 4     |

**Galloway moved** to nominate all and vote for up to three of these applicants to the con committee for Proposition 7.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

**CON COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3**

| (late applicants)   | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Chao ying Wu        | X                 |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                |                  | 1     |
| Ray Deck III        | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              |                  | 5     |
| Cleveland Harris II |                   |            |                 | Abstain         |                    |                | X                | 1     |
| AnneMarie Faiola    | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| Emily O'Connor      |                   | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 5     |

## Proposition 8 MODIFYING THE BUDGET PROCESS

**Galloway moved** to nonminate all and appoint up to three of these applicants for the pro committee for Proposition 8.

The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Council members voted as follows:

### PRO COMMITTEE - **CHOOSE 3**

|                   | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremmer | Total |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| JG Sandy Phillips |                | X          |              | Abstain      |                 |             |               | 1     |
| Joel Pitts-Jordan | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 6     |
| Lindsey Elenbaas  | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 6     |
| Eamonn Collins    | X              |            | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 5     |

**CON COMMITTEE - no applicants**

## Proposition 9

### ADDING ACCOUNTABILITY TO FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**Galloway moved** to nominate all and appoint up to three of these applicants for the pro committee for Proposition 9.  
 The motion was seconded by Buchanan.  
 Council members voted as follows:

#### PRO COMMITTEE - **CHOOSE 3**

|                   | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Brian Estes       | X                 |            | X               | Abstain         | X                  |                |                  | 3     |
| Joel Pitts-Jordan | X                 | X          | X               | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 6     |
| Lindsey Elenbaas  | X                 | X          |                 | Abstain         | X                  | X              | X                | 5     |
| Hannah Ordos      |                   | X          | X               | Abstain         |                    | X              | X                | 4     |

**CON COMMITTEE - no applicants**

**Proposition 10**  
**DETERMINING INITIAL RULES FOR THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETINGS**

**Galloway moved** to appoint all three candidates to the pro committee for Proposition 10.

The motion was seconded by Scanlon.

Council members voted as follows:

**PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3**

|                  | Barry<br>Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd<br>Donovan | Ben<br>Elenbaas | Kaylee<br>Galloway | Jon<br>Scanlon | Mark<br>Stremler | Total |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Jon Mutchler     | Yes               | Yes        | Yes             | Abstain         | Yes                | Yes            | Yes              | 6     |
| Greg Thames      | Yes               | Yes        | Yes             | Abstain         | Yes                | Yes            | Yes              | 6     |
| Lane Davis Coury | Yes               | Yes        | Yes             | Abstain         | Yes                | Yes            | Yes              | 6     |

**CON COMMITTEE - no applicants**



**Proposition 11**  
**ADJUSTING THE CALCULATION OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A CHARTER**  
**AMENDMENT**

**Galloway moved** to appoint JG Sandy Phillips to the pro committee for Proposition 11.

The motion was seconded by Scanlon.

Council members voted as follows:

**PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 2**

|                        | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremier | Total |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| <del>Greg Thames</del> |                |            |              |              |                 |             |               |       |
| JG Sandy Phillips      | Yes            | Yes        | Yes          | Abstain      | Yes             | Yes         | Yes           | 6     |

**Byrd moved** to nominate both candidates appoint them individually.

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

**CON COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 2**

|                    | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremier | Total |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Ashley Butenschoen | X              |            | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 6     |
| Hannah Ordes       | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 6     |

**Proposition 12**  
**REQUIRING LAND SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION COST ANALYSIS**

*Donovan moved* to nominate all and appoint up to three.

The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Council members voted as follows:

**PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3**

|                   | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremler | Total |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Brian Estes       | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               |             |               | 4     |
| Jon Mutchler      |                |            |              | Abstain      |                 | X           | X             | 2     |
| Lindsey Elenbaas  | X              | X          |              | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 5     |
| R. Perry Eskridge | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               |             | X             | 5     |
| Hannah Ordso      |                |            | X            | Abstain      |                 | X           |               | 2     |

**CON COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 1**

|             | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremler | Total |
|-------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Greg Thames |                |            |              |              |                 |             |               | 0     |

**Proposition 1**  
**AUTHORIZING COUNCILMEMBERS TO HIRE DEDICATED AIDES**

**Galloway moved** to nominate all of these applicants and appoint three to the pro committee for Proposition 1 .

The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Council members voted as follows:

**PRO COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 3**

|                    | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremler | Total |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Andrew Reding      | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 6     |
| JG Sandy Phillips  |                |            |              | Abstain      |                 |             |               | 0     |
| Lindsey Elenbaas   | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           | X             | 6     |
| Ashley Butenschoen |                |            |              | Abstain      |                 |             | X             | 1     |
| Hannah Ordos       | X              | X          | X            | Abstain      | X               | X           |               | 5     |

**Galloway moved** to appoint Jon Mutchler to the con committee of Proposition 1.

The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Council members voted as follows:

**CON COMMITTEE - CHOOSE 1**

|              | Barry Buchanan | Tyler Byrd | Todd Donovan | Ben Elenbaas | Kaylee Galloway | Jon Scanlon | Mark Stremler | Total |
|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Jon Mutchler | Yes            | Yes        | Yes          | Abstain      | Yes             | Yes         | Yes           | 6     |

ATTEST:

  
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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