

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

2:05 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

AGENDA REVISED 11.18.2024 - HYBRID MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY -
ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL
360.778.5010)

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

Roll Call

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

Announcements

Motion approved to nominate Jon Scanlon to chair this meeting and the Council meeting.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2024-669](#) Discussion of the County Executive's recommended 2025-2026 Biennium Budget

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to request the Executive to come forward with a supplemental budget request for Sustainable Connections of \$20,000 (which is less than the \$100,000 that they have had before) as a contract.

2. [AB2024-774](#) Discussion of an ordinance adopting amendments to WCC Titles 20 and 22 to enact SSB 5290 regarding local project review

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to recommend the revised Galloway substitute under the existing Agenda Bill (AB2024-793) and create a new Agenda Bill for the revised Planning and Development Services (PDS) substitute for introduction tonight

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2024-747](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.06, Medical Examiner, to establish a Medical Examiner Department

RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Motion approved to hold until December 3 and request that financial analysis be done and brought back to Council to double check and see if there may be specifically any additional increases due to it being a department, and that they think about what would be a good representative (on the Medical examiner advisory council), whether it be the Chief's Association or the commissioners, from EMS or Fire, and a recommendation for a ninth member (to make it an odd number).

2. [AB2024-767](#) Resolution to establish Council goals for full, timely awarding of Healthy Children's Fund contracts

WITHDRAWN

3. [AB2024-789](#) Discussion and motion to approve Whatcom County's state legislative priorities for 2025 legislative session.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUEST

Aye: 6 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Buchanan

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment