

# **Whatcom County Council (Special)**

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

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024  
1 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN  
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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 1 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

**Roll Call**

*Clerk's note:* Councilmember Byrd was out of the meeting for the roll call and the vote but was present for the discussion.

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

**Announcements****Discussion and Action**

1. [AB2024-546](#) Discussion with Pacifica Law Group, LLP regarding legal services for the Whatcom County Council for pre-election review of Initiative 2024-01[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

**Attorney Present: Paul Lawrence, Pacifica Law Group, LLP.**

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 2:05 p.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the chair will make a public announcement.

***Donovan moved*** to go into executive session until no later than 2:05 p.m. to discuss the agenda item pursuant to the RCW citation as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 2 - Elenbaas and Stremmler

**Out of the meeting:** 1 - Byrd

Buchanan stated the Council may take action following the executive session.

The executive session adjourned at 2:01 p.m. and Councilmembers reconvened in the special meeting.

Buchanan called the Special Council meeting back to order at 2:04 p.m.

**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 2:04 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on September 24, 2024.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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