

**Whatcom County  
Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

**1 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN  
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360.778.5010) - MEETING ADDED 10.7.2024**

**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**

Council Vice Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 1:02 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

### **Announcements**

### **Committee Discussion**

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

Galloway 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 1:35 p.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council vice chair will make a public announcement.

***Donovan moved*** to go into executive session until no later than 1:35 p.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council vice chair. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 1:05 p.m.

At 1:35, the Council vice chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 1:45 p.m.

AB2024-670

Discussion with Pacifica Law Group, LLP regarding legal services for the Whatcom County Council related to 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)]

**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 1:46 p.m.


The County Council approved these minutes on October 22, 2024.


ATTEST:



  
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

  
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

  
Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription