

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

9 AM

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 Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

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

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorney Present: Jesse Corkern.

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one, two, and three may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f), RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) respectively. Executive session will conclude no later than 10:10 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

Byrd moved to go into executive session until no later than 10:10 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Out of the Meeting: 1 - Scanlon

Councilmembers entered executive session at 9:04 a.m.

1. AB2025-193 Discussion of employment complaint procedures and recent employment investigations, as per Whatcom County Charter Section 2.21 Council Subpoena Powers [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. AB2025-202 Discussion of pending litigation and mediation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, re; Joyce R. Cheney, Plaintiff vs. Whatcom County, Defendant, Skagit County Superior Court Case No. 21-2-00113-29. [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.

3. AB2025-203 Discussion of pending litigation and mediation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, re; Dawson and Hailey Church, and the Estate of Murray Church, and the Estate of Gail Amundsen, Plaintiffs vs. Andgar Mechanical, LLC, et al., Defendants, Whatcom County Superior Court Case No. 23-2-00003-37. [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 10:11 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on March 25, 2025.

ATTEST:



Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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