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ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its January 9, 2024, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2024-001) ADOPTING TWO-TENTHS OF ONE-PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND JUSTICE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, INCLUDING A NEW COUNTY JAIL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS (AB2023-822)**: This ordinance adopts a two-tenths of one-percent sales and use tax, the proceeds of which will be deposited to the New Public Health, Safety & Justice Facility Project Fund to be used for costs associated with public health, safety, and justice facilities and services, including a new County jail, behavioral health, supportive housing, public safety, and other criminal justice facilities and services in accordance with the Justice Project Implementation Plan. This ordinance was introduced on December 5, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2024-002) AMENDING THE 2023 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 17, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000 (AB2023-840)**: This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County budget to appropriate \$1,400,000 from the General Fund in Conservation Futures to fund the acquisition of the Nessel Farm property. This ordinance was introduced on December 5, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on January 23, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 1.08 (INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL) TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF THE CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF A BALLOT TITLE FROM 30 TO 75 WORDS (AB2024-006)**: This ordinance proposes amending Whatcom County Code Section 1.08.070 to allow up to 75 words instead of 30 words for ballot titles on Whatcom County Initiative and Referendum measures in order to clearly explain measures appearing on the ballot and ensure word counts appear on the ballot in a consistent manner with the word counts for other ballot measure titles per RCW 29A.36.071. This ordinance was introduced on January 9, 2024. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (CPROS) PLAN (AB2024-032)**: This resolution adopts the 2024 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space plan (CPROS), which guides the County and Whatcom County Parks and Recreation (WCPR) in addressing future park, trail, and recreation needs of the community and progress toward achieving the mission of the Department. It is also prepared in part as a requirement to retain eligibility for certain funding programs by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). This resolution was introduced on January 9, 2024.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on January 23, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE CEDAR HILLS CULTVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND; SWP #SWLW23-05 (AB2024-027)**: This ordinance establishes a new fund titled Cedar Hills Culvert Replacement Project Fund with an initial project budget of \$176,492 to be used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the Cedar Hills culvert improvement project. This ordinance was introduced on January 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM FUND, REQUEST NO. 4 (AB2024-028)**: This ordinance appropriates \$500,000 to fund Phase 4-a microwave connection from Squalicum Mountain to Post Point via Lookout Mountain-for a total project budget of \$1,488,553. This ordinance was introduced on January 9, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 3, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,693,840 (AB2024-034)**: This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate \$275,000 in County Council to fund review of countywide Fire and EMS systems; appropriate \$29,326 in County Clerk to fund Court Clerk FTE support for court services; appropriate \$80,128 in District Court to fund Jury Coordinator position; appropriate \$4,885 in District Court to fund new Jury Coordinator position software license; appropriate \$4,750 in District Court to fund new Jury Coordinator position furniture and supplies; appropriate \$2,500 in Health to fund WDFW Wiser Lake Waterfowl Survey from grant proceeds; appropriate \$300,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Commerce Refugee Grant; appropriate \$130,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Fleet Electrification transfer companion to #4515. From the Jail Fund: appropriate \$25,000 to fund data cabling for main Jail. From the Climate Action Fund: appropriate \$130,000 in Public Works Natural Resources to fund 2024 Fleet Electrification Study; appropriate \$250,000 in Public Works Natural Resources to fund Phase 2 Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment from grant proceeds. From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund: appropriate \$103,825 to fund REET companion to supplemental #4510 Cedar Hills Culvert Replacement. From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund: appropriate \$289,676 to fund Affordable Housing for the Workforce. This ordinance was introduced on January 9, 2024.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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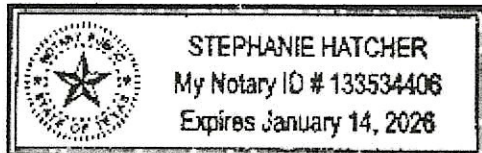
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(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 17th day of January in the year of 2024 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Stefani Beard known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Stephanie Hatcher

Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in Dallas County



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