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ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its March 19, 2024, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2024-016) ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRUCK ROAD (AB2024-160)**; This ordinance temporarily closes Truck Road, from Deal Road to Mosquito Lake Road, until a repair project, which is anticipated to last from June 2024 through the end of November 2024, is completed. This ordinance was introduced on March 5, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-017) ESTABLISHING A PROJECT-BASED BUDGET FOR THE UNITY STREET ACQUISITION PROJECT FUND (AB2024-179)**; This ordinance establishes a Unity Street Acquisition Project Fund with an initial budget of \$5,250,000 to facilitate the purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition of the Unity Street parcels and tenant improvements. This ordinance was introduced on March 5, 2024. **ORDINANCE (2024-018) AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 5, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,827,008 (AB2024-180)**; This ordinance amends the 2024 Whatcom County budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate \$33,971 in Executive to fund purchase of X-Ray machine for ME office from grant proceeds; appropriate \$79,382 in Executive to fund Department of Commerce, CDBG Microenterprise Assistance from grant proceeds; appropriate \$77,409 in Executive to fund Department of Commerce, CDBG Housing Rehab grant; appropriate \$191,190 in Executive to fund Deputy Executive; appropriate \$152,532 in Planning and Development Services to fund replacement senior planner position; record \$105,000 in Health to fund LHJ Covid-19 grant; reappropriate closed Health position funding (net zero effect as part of a labor pool); record \$62,503 in Sheriff to fund Department of Commerce FY20 JAG grant; appropriate \$90,280 in Sheriff to fund 2024 Stonegarden FY21 grant; appropriate \$192,075 in Sheriff to fund 2024 Stonegarden FY22 grant; appropriate \$1,159 in Sheriff to fund 2024 Traffic Safety Commission "Drug Recognition Expert" DRE reimbursement; appropriate \$6,073 in Sheriff to fund 2024 Traffic Safety "High Visibility Enforcement" HVE from grant proceeds; appropriate \$263,358 in Sheriff to fund 2024 Stonegarden FY20 grant. From the Election Reserve Fund: appropriate \$132,739 to fund Security Glass for Lobby from grant proceeds. From the American Rescue Plan Act Fund: appropriate \$584,821 in Executive to fund Laurel and Forest Housing from grant proceeds; appropriate \$44,662 in Executive to fund Laurel and Forest Childcare from grant proceeds; appropriate \$315,000 in Executive to fund Birch Bay Library from grant proceeds; appropriate \$500,970 in Executive to reappropriate food bank funding from grant proceeds; appropriate \$90,139 in Health to fund Food Security Contract; decrease appropriation of \$90,139 in Health to fund companion to #4596 closed Health position; appropriate \$378,432 in Health to fund Lighthouse Mission Capital from grant proceeds; record \$1,823,885 in Non-Departmental to fund AFPA revenue companion. From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund: appropriate \$1,866,444 in Executive to fund Port of Bellingham - Broadband; decrease appropriation of \$343,489 in Executive to reappropriate Lynden Trail Connector. From the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund: appropriate \$5,250,000 to fund transfer out to fund Unity Street Acquisition. This ordinance was introduced on March 5, 2024. **RESOLUTION (2024-012) AMENDING THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT & SUBZONES 2024 BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 2, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$564,477 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2024-175)**; This resolution appropriates from the Flood Control Zone District Fund \$564,477 in Natural Resources to expedite the WRIA fish passage barrier remediation. This ordinance was introduced on March 5, 2024.

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 April 9, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 15, BUILDINGS & CONSTRUCTION, TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2021 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, EXISTING BUILDING, FIRE CODES, AND THE NATIONAL FUEL GAS, WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY, UNIFORM PLUMBING, AND LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODES, AND THE 1997 UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, AS AMENDED AS SET FORTH HEREIN, AS REQUIRED BY RCW CHAPTER 19.27 (AB2024-173)**; This ordinance adopts amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 15 (Buildings & Construction) to adopt by reference, with certain amendments, the Washington State Building Code Council approved versions of the 2021 International Building Code, 2021 International Residential Code, 2021 International mechanical Code, 2021 International Fire Code, 2021 International Wildland Urban Interface Code, 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2021 International Existing Building Code, 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2021 International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Washington State Energy Code, 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and certain Americans with Disabilities Act provisions, as required by RCW 19.27. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 1.14, ELECTORAL PRECINCTS, WITH NEWLY ESTABLISHED VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2024-201)**; This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Section 1.14, creating precincts 403 and 702, and amending precincts 108, 113, 114, 115, 122, 128, 129, 150, 151, 303, 306, 402, 501, and 701, due to annexations in the cities of Baine, Everson, Ferndale, and Nooksack. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 2024. **ORDINANCE ADOPTING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLE 20, ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ALLOWING PROPANE RELOAD, STORAGE, AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN THE AGRICULTURE ZONE AS A CONDITIONAL USE (AB2024-208)**; This ordinance allows as a conditional use the distribution, reload, storage, and sales of propane in the Agriculture District, and as a permitted use in the Light Impact Industrial District, Heavy Impact Industrial District, and Rural Industrial and Manufacturing District, and adds two new definitions to Chapter 20.97, the Definitions section, of Whatcom County Code. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 2024.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on April 9, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSIONERS AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION (AB2024-210)**; This ordinance, per Whatcom County Charter Section 8.11, calls for the election of a Charter Review Commission, consisting of fifteen persons, an equal number from each Council district. There shall be no filing fee nor shall there be a primary. The qualified voters of the respective districts shall vote only for candidates from their district at the general election. Candidates' names shall appear on all ballots as drawn by lot. The member of the Commission who receives the greatest number of votes shall convene the Commission. The term of office shall be one year. The Commission shall meet at such times and in such places as it deems appropriate upon having given public notice. Registered voters who wish to represent their district on the 2025 Charter Review Commission must file a declaration of candidacy with the Whatcom County Auditor's Office during filing week, May 6 - 10, 2024. This ordinance was introduced on March 19, 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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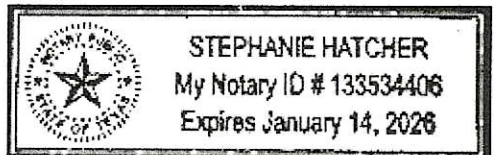
Mary Castro

(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 25th day of March in the year of 2024 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Mary Castro 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

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