

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

ESTIMATED TIME - MEETING MAY BEGIN EARLIER/LATER THAN 11 A.M.

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

11 AM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Special Order of Business

1. [AB2020-030](#) Confirm Committee Chair Selection

This item was discussed before the meeting was called to order and will need to be confirmed at the next meeting.

Tyler Byrd and Rud Browne were NOMINATED and Byrd was APPOINTED.

Aye: 2 - Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Browne

Absent: 0

Call To Order

Committee member Tyler Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey

County Executive's Report

There was no Executive report.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2020-010](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas to govern the administration of surcharge funds generated as a result of substitute house bill 1406 and RCW 82.14.540

Ann Beck, Health Department, submitted two handouts (on file) and updated the committee on Substitute House Bill 1406, which allows cities and counties to retain a portion of sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing, and the plan for administering those funds.

Browne moved that the Interlocal be recommended for approval.

Councilmembers, Beck, and Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, discussed the Interlocal and determining how the funds will be used.

Browne's motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Browne moved to recommend to the full Council to write a letter in support of a focus on building additional housing stock as opposed to rental assistance and then *withdrew* his motion and proposed that Councilmembers continue having discussion on the issue.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, offered his perspective.

2. [AB2020-019](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services for community based solutions for improving the ease of access to services and resources, in the amount of \$70,000

Browne moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2020-005](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Office of the Secretary of State for the county's share of the costs of the VoteWA system in the amount of \$56,709 through June 30, 2025

Browne moved that the Contract be recommended for authorization.

Diana Bradrick, County Auditor, answered questions about whether this is funded by the State and the cost to the County per year.

Browne's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Tyler Byrd, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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