



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the project budget for the Hovander Park Building Improvements Project, request no. 4

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Requests appropriation of \$1,200,000 to fund to seed the newly established project fund, the 32nd Street Property Acquisition Fund, for a total project budget of \$1,696,378.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
01/27/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	
02/10/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	
02/10/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 6 Boyle, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	
		Temp Absent: 1 Buchanan	

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Supplemental Request, Notice of Action Proposed on 1.27.2026

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCED: January 27, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-005

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE HOVANDER PARK BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, REQUEST NO. 4

WHEREAS, this fund was established by Ordinance No. 2016-055 to demolish two deteriorated buildings that posed safety hazards and to construct a new Parks shop building; and

WHEREAS, the project has progressed through the design phase and permitting is pending; however, the project has not advanced to the construction phase; and

WHEREAS, the administration has identified a significant need to provide working office space to replace the Northwest Annex building complex; and

WHEREAS, a suitable property at 333 32nd Street, Bellingham, Washington has been found that is available for purchase that will satisfy the needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to accommodate the purchase of this property; and

WHEREAS, the administration has made the decision that the Hovander Park Building project be put on hold to make funding available for the building acquisition; and

WHEREAS, \$1.2 million is available in the Hovander Park Building project fund to seed the newly established project fund, the 32nd Street Property Acquisition Fund, used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to purchasing the 333 32nd Street property; and

WHEREAS, the remaining cash in the project fund will be used to progress the project through the permitting phase until such a time that funding is available for the construction phase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2016-055 is hereby amended by reassigning \$1,200,000 of expenditure authority, as described in Exhibit A, for a total project budget of \$1,696,378.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2026

ATTEST:


Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by Email/B Waldron/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Satpal Sidhu
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 2.11.26

EXHIBIT A

Hovander Park Building Improvmenets Project Fund 3805

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Project Budget</u>	<u>Amendment #4 to Ord. 2016-055</u>	<u>Total Amended Project Budget</u>
Expenditures				
6190	Direct Billing Rate	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000
6630	Professional Services	\$ 151,378	\$ -	\$ 151,378
7350	Buildings and Structures	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000
7380	Other Improvements	\$ 1,400,000	\$ (1,200,000)	\$ 200,000
8597	Transfer Out	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
		\$ 1,696,378	\$ -	\$ 1,696,378
Revenues				
8397	Op Transfer In - REET II	\$ 1,458,069	\$ -	\$ 1,458,069
		\$ 1,458,069	\$ -	\$ 1,458,069