

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 5.8.2023

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-033](#) Committee of the Whole for April 25, 2023
2. [MIN2023-034](#) Regular County Council for April 25, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2023-231](#) Ordinance authorizing a revised system of assessment for Drainage Improvement District No. 7
2. [AB2023-246](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary speed limit for Hannegan Road

HEARING CONTINUED FROM 4.25.2023

3. [AB2023-248](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary closure of Kelly Road and Van Wyck Road
HEARING CONTINUED FROM 4.25.2023

OPEN SESSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-301](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Communities In Schools of Whatcom-Skagit to support a range of student needs and increase access to critical school and community services, in the amount of \$136,000
2. [AB2023-308](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide housing case management services in the amount of \$474,072 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,079,307
3. [AB2023-320](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Road2Home to operate overnight severe weather shelters in the amount of \$16,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$95,729
4. [AB2023-327](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lydia Place to provide funding for motel rooms for families experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the amount of \$108,650 for a total amended contract amount of \$681,779
5. [AB2023-295](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Unity Care Northwest for the Way Station in the amount of \$2,000,000
6. [AB2023-311](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and United General District 304 to support youth cannabis and tobacco prevention strategies and activities in the amount of \$43,945 for a total amended contract amount of \$125,595

7. [AB2023-322](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham/Bellingham Fire Department for training and onboarding lateral hire paramedics in the amount of \$66,916
8. [AB2023-325](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health for the delivery and funding of various public health services in the amount of \$381,005, for a total amended agreement amount of \$8,981,095
9. [AB2023-314](#) Resolution amending the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic (CEDs) project list to include a Drainage Improvement District 7 project known as the Atwood Drainage Replacement Project
10. [AB2023-323](#) Resolution authorizing the County Executive to purchase Department of Commerce grant funded flood response equipment

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2023-273](#) Request approval to send a letter regarding the Brokedown Palace timber sale

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2023-298](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 7, in the amount of 2,880,144
3. [AB2023-299](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Way Station Project Fund, request no. 2

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

4. [AB2023-228](#) Request approval to send a letter regarding proposed legislation to increase truck size and weight

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

5. [AB2023-312](#) Resolution relating to a schedule for joint County and City review of Urban Growth Areas

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

6. [AB2023-313](#) Discussion and motion to approve the Public Participation Plan for Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments

(No Committee Assignment)

7. [AB2023-318](#) County Executive requests approval of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board's recommendation for funding to support the Atwood Road Culvert Replacement project from Whatcom County Drainage Improvement District 7

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-289](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Control Subzone Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Jerry Juergens (Council Acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
2. [AB2023-302](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, higher education representative, Applicant(s): Barry Robinson

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2023-319](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments to the Public Defense Advisory Committee

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2023-331](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #23-35 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lynden Tribune & Print Co. for the design, production, and distribution of primary and general election voters' pamphlets in the amount of not to exceed \$60,000

ADDED 5.8.2023

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2023-324](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$2,557,297
2. [AB2023-326](#) Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan for the purchase of floodplain land near Acme, Wa
3. [AB2023-309](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning, to regulate short-term vacation rentals

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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