

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING - PLEASE NOTE: COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING ITS PUBLIC COMMENT RULES AND HAS SUSPENDED REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE SEE AGENDA NOTES UNDER "OPEN SESSION" FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2024-007](#) Committee of the Whole for February 6, 2024
2. [MIN2024-008](#) Regular County Council for February 6, 2024

OPEN SESSION

Please note: Remote public comment will not be offered at this meeting. Due to recent hate speech incidents at meetings across the state we are reviewing our public comment rules and procedures and are not offering a remote comment option at this time. We continue to offer public comment in-person, via email at council@co.whatcom.wa.us, phone (360-778-5010), or mail. Any individual who will have difficulty attending a meeting of the County Council by reason of disability, limited mobility, or for any other reason that makes physical attendance at a meeting difficult, the Council shall, when feasible, provide an opportunity for that individual to provide oral comment remotely if oral comment from other members of the public will be accepted at the meeting. Please contact our office by noon on meeting day at 360-778-5010 to register.

All in-person speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up.

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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. [AB2024-123](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service for enhancement of state and local law enforcement on National Forest Service lands, in the amount of \$22,704.00
2. [AB2024-129](#) Resolution ordering the cancellation of an accounts receivable invoice from the Sheriff's Office
3. [AB2024-130](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to acknowledge and fund Whatcom County's participation in the North Sound Integrated Care Network, in the amount of \$523,788.10 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,496,767.30
4. [AB2024-135](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2023-2025 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant, in the amount of \$130,000

5. [AB2024-136](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to assist in preparing for all hazards through sustainment and enhancement of current programs, in the amount of \$74,670.00
6. [AB2024-137](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce to change the scope of work and reduce the funding by \$29,391.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,850,608.00
7. [AB2024-141](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract agreement between Whatcom County and ImageTrend, Inc. to increase the contract in the amount of \$14,460.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$201,876.32
8. [AB2024-143](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department for Operation Stonegarden FY20, in the amount of \$234,343.94 for a total amended amount of \$639,943.94
9. [AB2024-148](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an easement agreement with Western Washington University and Sierra Pacific Land & Timber Company to allow public access to Canyon Lake Community Forest, in the amount of \$100,000

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee)

1. [AB2024-140](#) Resolution authorizing Whatcom County Conservation Easement Program Administrator and Whatcom County Executive to proceed with the acquisition of a conservation easement on the Jacoby application

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2024-110](#) Ordinance establishing a project based budget for Eagleridge Stormwater Improvements Project Fund SWP #SWLW24-01
3. [AB2024-111](#) Resolution amending the 2024 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$14,400 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
4. [AB2024-114](#) Ordinance establishing a 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center Fund and establishing an initial project based budget for the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center Project
5. [AB2024-116](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$3,247,623

6. [AB2024-118](#) Resolution to declare Whatcom County owned structure located in Hovander Park as worthless
7. [AB2024-122](#) Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.39 Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facilities and Services Sales and Use Tax
8. [AB2024-142](#) County Executive requests approval of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board's recommendation for funding to support the City of Blaine's Wellfield Reservoir Replacement Project and the City of Bellingham's Old Town Urban Village Infrastructure Improvement Project

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

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. [AB2024-126](#) Ordinance granting the Port of Bellingham a non-exclusive franchise to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate, use and similar activities related to telecommunication facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow the provision of telecommunication services
2. [AB2024-127](#) Ordinance granting the Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County, a non-exclusive franchise to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate, use and similar activities related to telecommunication facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow the provision of telecommunications services
3. [AB2024-145](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.145 to clarify member requirements on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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