

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barbara Brenner
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Carol Frazey
Satpal Sidhu

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 2.02.040 AND 2.02.060, THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL APPLY DURING ALL COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Section 2.02.040 Meetings – General rules.

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E. All council and council committee meetings shall be conducted pursuant to The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, latest edition, except when in conflict with the standing rules of the council.

L. During an open session or public hearing, audience members will be given three minutes to address the council.

M. Cell phones shall be silenced and cell phone conversations shall be prohibited within the confines of the council chambers during meetings.

N. Placards, signs, applause, or other distractions shall not be allowed in the council chambers without the consent of the council chair.

O. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous, while attending a council or council committee meeting may be requested to leave the meeting and may be forthwith, by the presiding officer, barred from further audience before the council during that meeting.

2.02.060 Meetings – Decorum of debate.

A. Any councilmember desiring to speak shall first be recognized by the chair, and shall confine his or her remarks to the specific subject under consideration or to be considered. The councilmember who has proposed a motion or the committee member who has presented a report shall be allowed the first opportunity to explain the motion or report, and usually is allowed to speak last on it. No member or small group of members shall be permitted to monopolize the discussion on a question. If a member has already spoken and other members wish to speak, they should be recognized in preference to the member who has already spoken on a question.

B. Councilmembers shall address each other as “councilmember” and the council chair shall be addressed as “chair.”

C. Staff members, presenters, and the general public shall be addressed as Mr., Mrs., Ms., or by their official or honorary title.

D. When two or more councilmembers desire to speak at the same time, the chair shall name the member who shall have the floor.

E. When a councilmember is speaking, no other member shall hold discourse which may interrupt the speaker except to raise a point of order. The chair should insist that every member be attentive to the business before the assembly.

F. Councilmembers shall have time to explain any motion they intend to make. All motions will begin with the words, "I move" and must receive a second prior to being put to a vote.

G. When it appears that all councilmembers who wish to speak have done so, the chair shall inquire, "Is there any further discussion?" If there is not, the question is put to a vote.

H. To bring a question to immediate vote, a councilmember may move to close debate. If more than one motion is pending, the motion to close debate should specify the pending motions to which it applies (main motion, motion to amend, etc.). The motion to close debate cannot interrupt a speaker, is not debatable, and requires an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the councilmembers in attendance. The motion to close debate should be used in moderation, as members cannot be expected to maintain interest in an organization if they are frequently denied the right to participate in its deliberations.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you will be handing out paperwork to councilmembers, please give one copy to the clerk for our office files. Thank you.

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2019-034](#) Committee of the Whole for April 9, 2019
2. [MIN2019-035](#) Regular County Council for April 9, 2019
3. [MIN2019-036](#) Surface Water Work Session for April 16, 2019
4. [MIN2019-037](#) Committee of the Whole for April 23, 2019
5. [MIN2019-038](#) Regular County Council for April 23, 2019
6. [MIN2019-039](#) Regular County Council for May 7, 2019

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the council during a public hearing are asked to sign up at the back of the room before the meeting begins. The council chair will ask those who have signed up to form a line at the podium. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and optionally include city of residence. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments. 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.

1. [AB2019-249](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code to restructure the Public Health Advisory Board

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

During open session, audience members can speak to the council on any issue not scheduled for public hearing. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and optionally include city of residence. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments.

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. [AB2019-172](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Meridian School District for a five year lease of the Sheriff's Office sub-station at 194 W. Laurel with a total cost of \$59,977
2. [AB2019-286](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Herrera Environmental Consultants to do a Comprehensive Bioinfiltration Swale Evaluation of the Geneva Retrofits in the amount of \$99,821
3. [AB2019-290](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the County Road Administrative Board in order to receive Rural Arterial Preservation grant funding for the Birch Bay/Lynden Road Pavement Rehabilitation project, Enterprise Road to Rathbone Road, in the amount of \$165,000
4. [AB2019-291](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the County Road Administrative Board in order to receive Rural Arterial Preservation grant funding for the East Smith Road Pavement Rehabilitation project, Hannegan Road to Everson-Goshen Road, in the amount of \$1,035,000
5. [AB2019-298](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into the 2019-2020 collective bargaining agreement between Whatcom County and Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17

OTHER ITEMS**(From Council Natural Resources Committee)**

1. [AB2019-296](#) Resolution affirming the PDR Oversight Committee ranking and authorizing Whatcom County Purchase of Development Rights Administrator and Whatcom County Executive to proceed with the acquisition of a forestry conservation easement on the Seed Orchard application
2. [AB2019-297](#) Resolution authorizing Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws to act as the authorized representative on behalf of Whatcom County for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Washington Wildlife and Recreation Farmland and Forestland Preservation project grants

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

3. [AB2019-263](#) Ordinance amending the 2019 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 7, in the amount of \$907,787

4. [AB2019-265](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Public Safety Radio System Fund, request no. 1
5. [AB2019-280](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District #11 to provide a supplementary notification system, in the amount of \$285 a year for six years
6. [AB2019-281](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District #8 to provide fire protection services, in the amount of \$2500 for 2019 and 2020 and in the amount of \$2625 for 2021 and 2022
7. [AB2019-276](#) Resolution in the matter of the sale of surplus personal property and setting a date for public hearing, pursuant to WCC 1.10

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

8. [AB2019-295](#) Request Council review and approval of the proposed Public Participation Plan for the 2020 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update

(No Committee Assignment)

9. [AB2019-304](#) Discussion regarding future scheduling of AB2019-285, a proposed ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Title 3 to require that public funds used for construction projects do double duty by also providing apprentices with job training hours to meet the requirements necessary to become the next generation of skilled trades persons
10. [AB2019-303](#) Resolution identifying 2020-2021 salary and benefits for Whatcom County elected officials

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2019-261](#) Appointment to the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, representing Health Care Industry, applicant: Debbie Ahl (committee advises the Whatcom County Council on issues that could impact local businesses, industry, or economic development)
2. [AB2019-268](#) Appointment to the Surface Mining Advisory Committee, applicants: Leslie Dempsey (representing citizen who lives in close proximity to active mining or mineral overlay area), Harvill Freeland and Scott Hulse (civil or geo-technical engineer with no direct or indirect financial business ties to the industry), Brad Davis (surface mining material user). Christopher Secrist (Geologist) - (this committee advises the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department and the Whatcom County Council on implementing a surface mining regulatory program consistent with the comprehensive plan)

3. [AB2019-272](#) Appointment to the Forestry Advisory Committee, forest product manufacturer representative, term ending 1/31/2023, applicant: Eric Jacoby (committee provides review and recommendations to the Whatcom County Council on issues that affect the forestry industry)

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. [AB2019-294](#) Request confirmation of County Executive's appointment of Raquel Vernola to the Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence

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. [AB2019-278](#) Ordinance establishing a speed limit for several roads in the Bennett Drive area
2. [AB2019-288](#) Ordinance establishing a speed limit for Delta Line Road
3. [AB2019-289](#) Ordinance establishing a speed limit for several roads in the Northwest Drive area
4. [AB2019-306](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapters 11.16, 11.20, and 11.32 to protect Lake Samish water quality and shoreline properties
5. [AB2019-277](#) Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property pursuant to WCC 1.10

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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