

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**AGENDA REVISED 2.6.2020 & 2.10.2020**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

**7 PM**

**Council Chambers**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### **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. [MIN2020-021](#) Water Work Session for January 21, 2020
2. [MIN2020-025](#) Joint Meeting with Skagit and San Juan Counties on January 6, 2020
3. [MIN2020-027](#) Regular County Council for January 28, 2020
4. [MIN2020-028](#) Special Committee of the Whole for January 28, 2020
5. [MIN2020-029](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for January 28, 2020

### 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. [AB2020-002](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center in the amount of \$96,000
2. [AB2020-024](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a residential lease agreement between Whatcom County and Sierra Beatson and Robert Hutton III to reside at the house located at 677 North Lake Samish Road, Bellingham, in the amount of \$1,550.00 per month

3. [AB2020-069](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and RE Sources to increase the number of educational outreach opportunities in the amount of \$15,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$65,000
4. [AB2020-073](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Brown & Caldwell to conduct Phase I of the Lake Whatcom Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Reassessment in the amount of \$193,013
5. [AB2020-075](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment agreement between Whatcom County, City of Bellingham and Fire Protection District 7 for analytical and billing costs for the Ground Emergency Medical Transport program funding
6. [AB2020-067](#) Resolution to set public hearing to sell tax-title property by public auction
7. [AB2020-049](#) Resolution cancelling uncollectible personal property taxes

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2020-046](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$193,202
2. [AB2020-052](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the New Jail Project Fund 2013-2014, request no. 5
3. [AB2020-077](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and City of Blaine for the purposes of adjusting the EDI loan terms on the Gateway Regional Stormwater project
4. [AB2020-047](#) Resolution to approve annual petition for refunds paid list consistent with RCW 84.69.020

### **(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)**

5. [AB2020-056](#) Resolution to establish income eligibility designation for use of the Veterans Assistance Fund

### **(From Council Special Committee of the Whole)**

6. [AB2020-055](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Hellmuth, Obata, and Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) to develop a Whatcom County Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment, in the amount of \$629,694

7. [AB2020-083](#) Resolution amending the membership of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment

**ITEM ADDED 2.10.2020**

**(No Committee Assignment)**

8. [AB2020-084](#) Approval of request from opioid litigation attorneys to send letter to sponsors of HB 2786

**ITEM ADDED 2.10.2020**

### **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2020-059](#) Appointment to fill vacancy on the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC) - applicant(s): Gregory Rice
2. [AB2020-061](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Countywide Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee - Applicant(s): Steve Seymour, Jeff DeJong, and John Perry (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
3. [AB2020-078](#) Appointments to fill vacancy on the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources management Advisory (BBWARM) Committee - Applicant: Jackie Bourgault (Council Acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
4. [AB2020-025](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment - applicants: Arlene Feld, Heather Flaherty, Harriet Markell, Jessica Waaga, Lynn Allen, Chad Butenschoen, Atul Deshmane, Joy Gilfilen, Cliff Langley, John Mutchler, Patrick Allen, Kendra Cook, Kristin Hanna, Kara Mitchell, Jeff Monks, David Goldman

**ITEM ADDED 2.5.2020**

### **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. [AB2020-079](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's appointment of Douglas Cornelsen to the Northwest Senior Services Board
2. [AB2020-080](#) Request confirmation of Executive's appointment of Daniel Sulak to the Marine Resources Committee

### **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. [AB2020-076](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$792,558
2. [AB2020-064](#) Ordinance finalizing a revised system of assessment for Drainage Improvement District No. 5
3. [AB2020-065](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Higher Education - applicant: Eva Schulte (applications from other applicants due in the Council Office at 10:00 a.m. on February 18)
4. [AB2020-068](#) Resolution to sell tax-title property by public auction

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

### **ADJOURN**