

# **Whatcom County Council**

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

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

**6 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**VIRTUAL MEETING (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT  
[www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA  
REVISED 9.13.2021**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
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Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

### MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2021-065](#) Special Council for August 5, 2021
2. [MIN2021-067](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for August 10, 2021
3. [MIN2021-068](#) Committee of the Whole for August 10, 2021
4. [MIN2021-069](#) Regular County Council for August 10, 2021
5. [MIN2021-070](#) Special Council for August 16, 2021

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1. [AB2021-408](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 17 Flood Damage Prevention
2. [AB2021-434](#) Resolution authorizing the sale of Whatcom County surplus property

**OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)**

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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. [AB2021-487](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Michael Bobbink for hearing examiner services
2. [AB2021-502](#) Resolution in the matter of the sale of surplus personal property and setting a date for public hearing, pursuant to WCC 1.10
3. [AB2021-518](#) Resolution to amend Resolution 2020-046 for unrepresented Whatcom County employees

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

1. [AB2021-359](#) Presentation/discussion of Wildlife Advisory Committee recommendation regarding Nomination of Species of Local Importance and request for Council motion to designate four wildlife species as "Species of Local Importance"

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

2. [AB2021-501](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and Compass Health to lease a portion of the Whatcom Response Center, in the amount of \$20,000 annually
3. [AB2021-493](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement between Whatcom County and Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) for reimbursement of Uniform Guardianship Act (UGA) services, in the amount of \$153,110
4. [AB2021-497](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Workforce Council to provide reimbursement of wages and benefits for eligible temporary employees working in various COVID-related positions, in the estimated amount of \$110,000 for a total estimated contract amount of \$330,000

5. [AB2021-492](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to furnish goods and services necessary to accomplish activities under the SFY 2022 Victim/Witness Assistance Grant during the grant period, in the amount of \$60,368.00
6. [AB2021-523](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 5 between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility Project in the amount of \$300,000
7. [AB2021-450](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District 2021 budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$1,142,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
8. [AB2021-451](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 13, in the amount of \$1,615,450
9. [AB2021-498](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology to provide Pollution Prevention Assistance Specialists, in the amount of \$293,568
10. [AB2021-509](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for the development of a housing communications strategy, in the amount of \$19,050
11. [AB2021-489](#) Resolution approving the 2022 recommended Convention Center (Lodging Tax) allocations for tourism-related facilities and activities as defined through RCW 67.28.1816 in the amount of \$1,469,575
12. [AB2021-506](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract agreement between Whatcom County and West Publishing for online access to proprietary law publications in the amount of \$143,007

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

1. [AB2021-510](#) Request Council appointment of one councilmember to attend the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) Board Composition Review, as required by law

### **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. [AB2021-507](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's reappointment of Wendy Miller and Mark Challender to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Committee

**ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

1. [AB2021-535](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a revised contract between Whatcom County and the Housing Authority of the City of Bellingham to secure an EDI loan for the Samish Way Redevelopment project in the amount of \$725,000

**ITEM ADDED 9.13.2021**

**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. [AB2021-500](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Zoning Code Relating to Temporary Homeless Facility Regulations
2. [AB2021-512](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 14, in the amount of \$315,947
3. [AB2021-414](#) Ordinance granting Cascade Natural Gas Corporation a franchise for the transportation of natural gas in Whatcom County
4. [AB2021-508](#) Ordinance for Installation of a Stop Sign on Northshore Road
5. [AB2021-503](#) Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property pursuant to WCC 1.10
6. [AB2021-515](#) Resolution in the matter of the Whatcom County Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the years 2022 through 2027
7. [AB2021-522](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District 2021 budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$175,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
8. [AB2021-516](#) Resolution adopting the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program for the years 2022 through 2027 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

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