

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

3:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M.; MAY BEGIN EARLY
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Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: Karen Frakes, Chris Quinn, and Royce Buckingham. Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda items one through three may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 4:30 p.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, Council Staff will make a public announcement.

Donovan moved to go into executive session until no later than 4:30 p.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

The motion carried 7-0.

1. [AB2023-060](#) Discussion with Whatcom County Planning and Development Services, County legal, and outside counsel, Dennis McLerran, regarding Petrogas permit compliance [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2023-053](#) Discussion with Whatcom County Public Works and County legal regarding potential litigation related to the acquisition of property located at Smith and Hannegan Roads for road project [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

3. [AB2023-058](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor George Roche, re: Olga Grishchuk, an individual, Victor Grishchuk, an individual, and Michael Grishchuk, an individual v. Andrew Mellema, an individual, and Whatcom County, Whatcom County Superior Court Cause No. 22-2-01274-37 [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription