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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**Public Works and Health Committee**

May 7, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Barbara Brenner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Barbara Brenner, Barry Buchanan, and Carol Frazey  
**Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Satpal Sidhu

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**2. AB2019-283 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BELLINGHAM SCOTTISH GATHERING**

The following people answered questions:

- Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director
- Heather Richendrfer, Bellingham Scottish Gathering
- Jack Louws, County Executive

Councilmembers, staff, and the applicant discussed whether insurance requirements regarding animal activity versus animal display were waived for a proposed event at Hovander Homestead Park, insurance requirements, plans for fencing the animals, and potential for grant funding to pay the insurance costs.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**1. AB2019-262 RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING VACATION OF SAFSTEN ROAD**

Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, submitted information (*on file*), gave a staff report, and answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff discussed the site, historic uses, and potential cost savings to the county from not maintaining the road.

***Buchanan moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.

1 The motion carried by the following vote:  
2 **Ayes:** Brenner, Buchanan, and Frazey (3)  
3 **Nays:** None (0)  
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5 **2. AB2019-266 CONSIDERATION OF CITIZEN APPEAL OF ADDRESS**  
6 **CHANGE DUE TO ROAD NAMING REQUIREMENT**  
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8 Doug Ranney, Public Works Department, answered questions on code requirements  
9 for not leaving a road unnamed.  
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11 **Buchanan moved** to forward to the Council with no recommendation to hear from  
12 the appellant.  
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14 Joe Rutan, Public Works Department, answered questions about how the  
15 administration handles road name and address questions.  
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17 The motion carried by the following vote:  
18 **Ayes:** Brenner, Buchanan, and Frazey (3)  
19 **Nays:** None (0)  
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22 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**  
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24 **3. AB2019-134 DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE GRANTING**  
25 **DEER CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION A FRANCHISE AND THE RIGHT,**  
26 **PRIVILEGE, AND AUTHORITY THEREUNDER TO LOCATE, SET, ERECT, LAY,**  
27 **CONSTRUCT, EXTEND, SUPPORT, ATTACH, CONNECT, MAINTAIN, REPAIR,**  
28 **REPLACE, ENLARGE, OPERATE AND USE FACILITIES IN, UPON, OVER,**  
29 **UNDER, ALONG, ACROSS AND THROUGH THE FRANCHISE AREA TO ALLOW**  
30 **FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES**  
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32 Douglas Whittaker, Deer Creek Water Association, answered questions about the site  
33 locations and applications, wording in the franchise agreement, who received letters of  
34 denial, defining "timely and reasonable," whether a franchise agreement would change  
35 permissible development inside rural areas, lawsuits against the association, getting the  
36 language and bylaws for all the water associations with franchise agreements, whether the  
37 County has liability issues, and the association's policies and procedures.  
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39 The following staff answered questions:  
40 • Andrew Hester, Public Works Department  
41 • Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director  
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43 **Buchanan moved** to hold in committee until they get a legal opinion.  
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45 The motion carried by the following vote:  
46 **Ayes:** Brenner, Buchanan, and Frazey (3)  
47 **Nays:** None (0)  
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50 **OTHER BUSINESS**  
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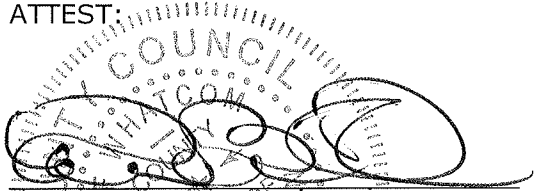
52 There was no other business.  
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**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana Brown-Davis', written over a circular official seal of the Whatcom County Council. The seal contains the text 'WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL' and 'STATE OF WASHINGTON'.

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill Nixon', written over a circular official seal of the Whatcom County Council. The seal contains the text 'WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL' and 'STATE OF WASHINGTON'.

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Brenner', written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Brenner, Committee Chair