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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
Public Works and Health Committee

August 7, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Barbara Brenner called the meeting to order at 1:00 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:** Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Satpal Sidhu

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**1. AB2019-348 PRESENTATION BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Eileen Kadish, Whatcom County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, submitted and read from a presentation (*on file*).

Shelly Moore, Blaine/Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District, submitted and read from a presentation (*on file*).

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**1. AB2019-414 DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) FOR THE YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2025**

Joe Rutan, Public Works Department, referenced and read from the staff report in the Council packet, submitted handouts (*on file*), and answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff discussed the schedule for updating the STIP and annual plan.

**2. AB2019-418 UPDATE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HOUSING, SHELTER AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION TREATMENT**

Anne Deacon, Health Department, submitted information (*on file*), referenced and read from the staff report in the Council packet, and answered questions on severe weather shelters, Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1406, and domestic violence intervention treatment.

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2 Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions.  
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4 Councilmembers and staff discussed how to let individuals know that there is space  
5 available at a particular shelter; a potential start date for implementing the sales and use  
6 tax rebate for housing; which cities in the county are eligible for the sales tax rebate;  
7 whether the funds are bondable; and how likely treatment providers will respond to funding  
8 reimbursement for domestic violence intervention treatment services.  
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11 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**  
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13 **1. AB2019-430 RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A CITIZEN**  
14 **PETITION TO FORM A NO SHOOTING ZONE IN THE DRAYTON HARBOR AREA**  
15 **OF WHATCOM COUNTY**  
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17 This item was withdrawn from the agenda.  
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19 **2. AB2019-431 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL'S INTENT TO**  
20 **CONDUCT A HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NO SHOOTING ZONE IN**  
21 **DRAYTON HARBOR, AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF BLAINE**  
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23 Donnell Tanksley, Blaine Police Chief, Submitted handouts (on file), gave a staff  
24 report, and answered questions.  
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26 Bob Harriman, Borderline Bassman's Club, spoke about concerns with reducing  
27 access to hunting areas.  
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29 Karen Frakes, Prosecutor's Office, reported on the legal exceptions that allow no  
30 shooting zones.  
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32 Lyle Calloway spoke about concerns with reducing access to waterfowl hunting.  
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34 Councilmembers and presenters spoke about complaints from citizens and visitor,  
35 the reasons for the applying for the no shooting zone, hunting practices, potential dangers  
36 from hunting activity; existing hunting restrictions in shoreline areas; and the possibility of  
37 creating a buffer around hunting areas.  
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39 ***Buchanan moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.  
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41 The motion carried by the following vote:  
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43 **Ayes:** Brenner, Buchanan, and Frazey (3)  
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45 **Nays:** None (0)  
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47 **3. AB2019-427 AMENDMENTS TO THE (CWSP) COORDINATED WATER SUPPLY**  
48 **PLAN ADDRESSING TIMELY, REASONABLE AND TRANSPARENCY**  
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The following Health Department staff gave a staff report and answered questions:

- John Wolpers

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3           The following Prosecutor's Office staff answered questions:

- 4           • Karen Frakes  
5           • Royce Buckingham  
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7           Councilmembers and staff discussed the reasons for cost differences based on  
8 distance; whether or not they can define what is reasonable in a consistent way across all  
9 districts; defining what is considered a response for service; whether the Council can  
10 change the language approved by the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC);  
11 requiring water associations to be transparent about their contact information; the process  
12 for setting up a water association for a subdivision if they are denied service from an  
13 existing water association; the entire process being voluntary until something goes to  
14 Superior Court; recordings and findings; and the need to find a way to better regulate water  
15 associations.  
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17           ***Buchanan moved*** to recommend to the full Council that this is consistent with the  
18 Comprehensive Plan.  
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20           The motion carried by the following vote:

21           **Ayes:**        Brenner, Buchanan, and Frazey (3)  
22           **Nays:**        None (0)  
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25           **OTHER BUSINESS**  
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27           There was no other business.  
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30           **ADJOURN**  
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32           The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.  
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35           ATTEST:

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47           Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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Barbara Brenner, Committee Chair