

**Whatcom County
Council Public Works & Health Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barbara Brenner

Barry Buchanan

Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barbara Brenner called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barbara Brenner, Barry Buchanan and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also present: Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Satpal Sidhu

Special Presentation

1. [AB2019-444](#) Report from Whatcom County Public Works

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director, submitted information (on file), reported, and answered questions on summer maintenance and recent capital improvement projects, upcoming work including the Birch Bay Berm project and upgrades to the Civic building, transparency efforts on the County website, the reason for cost differences between chip sealing in Point Roberts compared to greater Whatcom County, and impending road closures related to ongoing bridge and stormwater projects.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2019-457](#) Discussion of proposed amendment to WCC 8.13, Solid Waste Disposal District, regarding the Solid Waste Excise Privilege Tax

Jeff Hegedus, Health Department, gave an update and answered questions about what service is provided as a result of the privilege tax, giving incentives for reusing and recycling as opposed to adding a tax, working in cooperation with Canada's recycling efforts, solving the problem of giving recyclables to companies that are not actually recycling them, and the methodology for calculating the proposed rate of 3.3%.

Brenner moved to amend the ordinance to add an effective date to the first sentence of the second paragraph of subsection 8.13.030, "Effective January 1, 2020, An excise privilege tax shall be levied upon the charges paid for solid waste collection..." and to forward to Council a recommendation to introduce the ordinance as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Brenner, Buchanan and Frazey

Nay: 0

This agenda item was DISCUSSED and a motion was approved to recommend an amendment to the ordinance being introduced.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2019-467](#) Resolution of Intent for Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1406 Affordable Housing Dollars
Anne Deacon, Health Department, submitted a handout (on file), reported on the proposed resolution, and answered questions about the process of identifying specific funding programs and who will be involved in that, and how the money from the State is allowed to be used.

Buchanan moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Brenner, Buchanan and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m..

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barbara Brenner, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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