

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

1:45 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 1:53 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: Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Satpal Sidhu

Special Presentation

1. AB2019-510 Presentation regarding procedural history of WRIA 1 watershed management planning (years 1999-2016)

Skip Richards, submitted and gave a presentation (on file). He answered questions about administrative and staffing issues of the Planning Unit, the legal status of the Planning Unit as expressed in a 2013 memo written by Dan Gibson (formerly of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office), and the interaction with the tribes in agreeing to an instream flow action plan.

Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, answered a question about whether the water management board referred to in RCW 90.92.030 "Establishing a water management board" was ever formed.

Richards and Councilmembers discussed the role of the Planning Unit in light of the WRIA 1 watershed management plan phase I, solving the problem of the water resource planning process and not just the role of the Planning Unit, the role of the County Council in the process, ideas for how to structure the various planning groups and the formation of the plan, and historical information about how the Planning Unit was formed.

Brenner opened the floor and the following people spoke:

Dave Onkels
Carol Perry

This agenda item was PRESENTED.

Committee Discussion

1. AB2019-496 Discussion of the Whatcom County Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

Anne Deacon, Health Department, introduced a presentation.

The following Health Department staff members submitted and gave a presentation (on file):

Barbara Johnson-Vinna
Chris D'nofrio

They answered questions about factors other than population and rent growth in determining how many people are economically insecure, how the roommate cafe and housing lab work to assist people in finding housing, finding a solution to the constant requirement of having to pay for moving expenses or application fees, and making use of the Access I.D. program to help people who can not be housed because of a lack of identification documentation.

Anne Deacon answered questions about the next steps, the rise in the homeless population, and the help of community partners who help people with housing issues.

This agenda item was PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. AB2019-499 Resolution in the matter of considering vacating a portion of Horton Road

Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, gave a staff report.

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

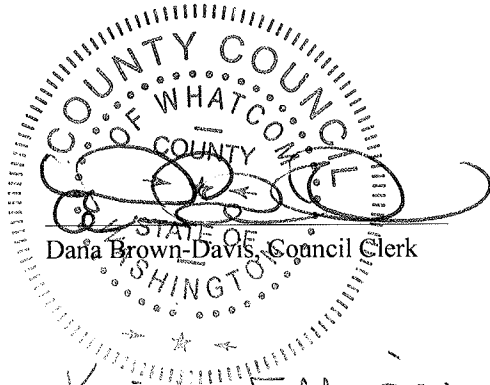
Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m..

ATTEST:



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barbara Brenner, Committee Chair

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