

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

2:30 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barbara Brenner
Barry Buchanan
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barbara Brenner called the meeting to order at 2:30 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. [AB2019-609](#) Quarterly Report from Whatcom County Public Works

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director, gave a report about recent capital projects, upcoming projects for 2020, snow and ice management updates, and policies which are posted online to let the public know what to expect after a snow event. He answered questions about the North Lake Samish Road Bridge project, whether the County had projects that needed to be put aside because of Washington Initiative 976, and the costs related to the Civic Building from the time of its purchase.

Gina Miller, Public Works Department Central Shop, spoke about the current processes for winter weather and how snow events look for Public Works employees in the shop and in the field. She answered questions about whether they are anticipating large storms like last year, what the Council can do to help with communication and getting information out to the community on issues like not parking cars in the right of way.

Hutchings invited the Councilmembers to do a ride-a-long in a snow plow and answered a question about leaving an alternate route during improvement work projects so that people don't have to go through work areas.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2019-631](#) Discussion regarding mandatory garbage collection at Point Roberts

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions about whether there was a review of the garbage service at Point Roberts this year, and whether that was part of the contract.

The following people spoke:

Samantha Scholefield
Allison Calder submitted a handout (on file)
Louise Cassidy
Ken Calder
David Ellis submitted a handout (on file)
Craig Grossman
Annette Madden
Heidi Baxter

Councilmembers discussed an email to the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC).

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barbara Brenner, Committee Chair

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