

Whatcom County Council Special Committee of the Whole

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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Councilmember Rud Browne called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Special Order of Business

1. [AB2020-004](#) Reorganization of the Whatcom County Council for 2020
Council Chairperson (Acts as Chair of the FCZD Board of Supervisors, as Council Rep. to Whatcom County Economic Development Investment Board, and Legislative Rep to the Law Library Board of Trustees)

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Buchanan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Buchanan continued the meeting as Chair.

Council Vice-Chairperson

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Byrd.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Executive Pro-Tempore (Can not be on COG)

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Elenbaas.

The motion was seconded.

Browne moved to nominate and appoint himself.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Browne: 6 - Browne, Frazey, Byrd, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Browne

Elenbaas: 1- Kershner

Councilmembers discussed who would like to serve on the various committees and Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Buchanan, Byrd, and Frazey.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Finance & Administrative Services - Chair of Finance Committee will automatically act as Council Rep. to What-Comm Administrative Board

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Browne, Byrd, and Kershner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Planning & Development

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Browne, Byrd, and Elenbaas.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Public Works and Health

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Natural Resources

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Select 2 Natural Res. Committee members as Representatives to Lake Whatcom
Policy Group

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Donovan and Elenbaas.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Other Committee Assignments

Councilmembers discussed who would like to serve on the various committees.

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Kershner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Bellingham International Airport Advisory

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Elenbaas.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce

Frazey moved to nominate and appoint Byrd.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Business and Commerce Advisory Committee (non-voting)

Byrd and Browne gave reasons that they would like to serve on the committee.

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Byrd.

The motion was seconded.

Frazey moved to nominate and appoint Browne.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Browne: 4 - Frazey, Buchanan, Donovan, Browne

Byrd: 3 - Byrd, Kershner, Elenbaas

Council of Governments (COG) Appoint TWO members to serve on the Full Council
(can not be Exec Pro-Tem)

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Frazey and Kershner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Council of Governments (COG) Appoint ONE of the above two members to also
serve on the Exec Board and Transportation Policy Board (cannot be Exec Pro-Tem)

Frazey moved to nominate and appoint Kershner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Developmental Disabilities Board

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Kershner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Drayton Harbor & Portage Bay Shellfish Protection Districts

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Elenbaas.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

EMS Oversight Board Representative

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Buchanan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

EMS Oversight Board Alternate Representative

Buchanan moved to nominate and appoint Byrd.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Flood Control Zone Committee (Ex Officio)

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Elenbaas.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (And Appoint one alternate)

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Buchanan as the primary and Kershner as the alternate.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Committee (Appt. TWO)

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, answered questions.

Buchanan moved to hold the appointment.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

LEOFF Board

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Buchanan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Reserve Officers Board of Trustees - (Appoint TWO)

Buchanan moved to nominate and appoint Byrd and Frazey.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Byrd.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee - Appoint ONE non-voting attendee

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Donovan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

OPTIONAL: Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee Alt. - Appoint TWO
alternates if Council wishes

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Elenbaas.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Marine Resources Committee

Elenbaas moved to nominate and appoint Donovan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

North Sound Behavioral Health Exec. Committee

Frazey moved to nominate and appoint Browne.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Northwest Clean Air Agency

Buchanan moved to nominate Donovan and Elenbaas and appoint one.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Donovan: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Browne, Frazey

Elenbaas: 3 - Byrd, Kershner, Elenbaas

Northwest Regional Council (NWRC)

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Frazey.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Opportunity Council

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Buchanan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Public Defense Advisory

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Browne.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Public Health Advisory Board

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Buchanan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Solid Waste Advisory

Donovan moved to nominate and appoint Frazey.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

WSAC Alternate Board Member (The Executive is the active representative,
Councilmember is alternate)

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Browne.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

WSAC Optional Alternate Board Member (Res2019-008)

Browne moved to nominate and appoint Kershner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee

Buchanan moved to nominate and appoint Browne.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

WHAT-COMM/Prospect Communications (911) Administrative Board (Chair of Finance Committee)

No vote was taken (will be Chair of Finance Committee).

Whatcom Transportation Authority

Kershner moved to nominate and appoint Donovan.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Councilmembers, Brown-Davis, and Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, discussed a question about whether the meetings today would be canceled because of inclement weather.

Byrd moved to have the rest of the committee meetings today and hold the Council meeting items to a later meeting date.

Byrd withdrew his motion and ***moved*** to have tonight's meeting as scheduled and that both of the ordinances and public hearings will be opened and left open and extended to the next meeting so that the community has an opportunity to speak tonight or in two weeks.

The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner

Nay: 0

Final action on this agenda item:

Committee members were NOMINATED AND APPOINTED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on January 28, 2020.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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