

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

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## **Committee Minutes - Final**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 3:30 P.M.**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**2:25 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

### **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

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

## Roll Call

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

**Absent:** None

## Committee Discussion

1. [AB2020-345](#) Discussion of proposed Cherry Point amendments

Eddy Ury, RE Sources, updated the Councilmembers on the process for revisions to the draft Cherry Point amendments.

He and Councilmembers discussed progress on language regarding greenhouse gas, and the question about insurance.

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

2. [AB2020-219](#) Discussion and update on strategies and other items related to COVID-19 (Council and Health Board)

Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director, presented information about increases in COVID-19 cases by region and age group, state and county trends, and the current chances of contracting the virus in various sizes of gatherings, then she answered questions.

The following additional person also spoke:

- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Councilmembers discussed how to solve the problem of people not following recommendations, looking at current messaging, supporting small businesses, and being examples as leaders.

***Donovan moved*** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

Lautenbach stated they have a presentation still to give on vaccination planning.

***Donovan withdrew*** his motion to adjourn.

Amy Hockenberry, Health Department, gave a presentation about vaccination planning for Whatcom County.

Lautenbach answered questions about the data she presented, whether her data on cases included secondary transmissions, and COVID-19 testing at Camp 210.

*Donovan moved* to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion to adjourn carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Donovan, Frazey, Browne, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 2 - Kershner and Byrd

**Abstain:** 1 - Elenbaas

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

**Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on January 26, 2021.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Barry Buchanan-via email 1/29/2021**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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