

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

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Committee Minutes - Final

**VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 2:45 P.M.; AGENDA
REVISED 2.8.2021 (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT
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Tuesday, February 9, 2021

1:45 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 1:45 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. [AB2020-219](#) Discussion and update on strategies and other items related to COVID-19 (Council and Health Board)

Erika Lautenbach, Health Department Director updated the Councilmembers on the following:

- There are 34 enrolled provider sites for vaccine in Whatcom County
- 3,275 doses of vaccine were received this week after a letter sent to the Governor as compared to last week's 700
- One hundred doses will go to the Health Department for vulnerable populations
- Plans for a large-scale vaccination clinic
- Movement toward opening businesses

She answered questions about future receipt of vaccine and whether there was a response about the imbalance of supply of the vaccine to different counties.

Donovan spoke about edits made to the letter the Council sent to the Governor about moving to Phase 2 and stated that what was approved was not what was actually sent to the Governor.

Councilmembers talked about whether they should discuss a process for sending letters.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, explained the rules for sending letters from the Council and what took place with this letter.

Kershner moved that the Council accept the letter as written and sent with the scrivener's error fixed. There was no second to the motion.

Councilmembers and Brown-Davis continued to discuss how to proceed and

adding a handwritten note to the letter which shows what the language should have been via the motion the Council meant to make and putting that in the file and in the Chair’s correspondence for the record.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

- 2. [AB2021-102](#) Discussion of Council appointment of Jeffrey Callender to the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee

This agenda item was WITHDRAWN.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

Councilmembers discussed when to begin the next committee meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on February 23, 2021.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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