

# **Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

**2:20 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## **Call To Order**

Committee Chair Ben Elenbaas called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Rud Browne, Ben Elenbaas, and Todd Donovan

**Absent:** None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

## **Announcements**

### **Special Presentation**

1. [AB2021-717](#) Briefing on the draft Whatcom County Review and Evaluation Program Methodology to implement provisions of the Growth Management Act

Mark Personius, Planning and Development Services Department Director, introduced new Planning and Development staff Steve Roberge, presented, and answered how much we can compare what we have planned and what we achieved or whether it is just a snapshot in time of where we are, how this affects the Urban Growth Area (UGA) allocation process, what is it that put Whatcom County into this process, and how this would be enforceable on jurisdictions.

**This agenda item was PRESENTED.**

### **Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2021-605](#) Discussion on proposed amendments to the Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning) to provide additional affordable housing options

***Elenbaas moved*** to hold this item in committee until next year to give opportunity to meet with staff to discuss ideas.

Councilmembers and the following staff discussed proposed changes emailed today to Councilmembers via Jesse Rasmussen, how the proposal compares to current code, and whether they can come up with a workable solution:

- Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department
- Curtis Metz, Planning and Development Services Department

***Elenbaas amended*** his motion to hold this item in committee until January

25, 2022.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated that the related ordinance is scheduled for introduction and will need a motion tonight to remove it.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Browne, Donovan and Elenbaas

**Nay:** 0

**This agenda item was HELD IN COMMITTEE.**

### **Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### **Other Business**

Mark Personius, Planning and Development Services Department Director, said goodbyes to Councilmember Browne from the Planning and Development Services Department.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Ben Elenbaas-via email 12/20/2021**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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