



City of Bellingham
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2021, 6:30 PM

Mayor Seth Fleetwood
Council Members Hannah Stone, Gene Knutson, Daniel Hammill,
Pinky Vargas, Lisa Anderson, Michael Lilliquist and
Hollie Huthman

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All meetings are held in the City Hall Council Chambers at
210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA, unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Bellingham City Council, Present:

Council President Hannah Stone, First Ward
Council Member Gene Knutson, Second Ward
Council Member Daniel Hammill, Third Ward
Council Member Pinky Vargas, Fourth Ward
Council Member Lisa Anderson, Fifth Ward
Council Member Michael Lilliquist, Sixth Ward
Council Member Hollie Huthman, At-Large

Whatcom County Council, Present:

County Council Member Rud Browne
County Council Member Barry Buchanan
County Council Member Carol Frazey
County Council Member Todd Donovan

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District, Present:

Board Commissioner Laura Abele
Board Commissioner John Carter
Board Commissioner Todd Citron
Board Commissioner Bruce Ford
Board Commissioner Leslie McRoberts

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Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive Director, expressed how proud he is that the City and Whatcom County have committed to partnering with the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District in strategic efforts to maintain the health of the water utility.

Mayor Fleetwood discussed highlights of the 2020 Lake Whatcom Management Program that includes land preservation, stormwater utility management, an aquatic invasive species program, and education and engagement for targeted customers in the watershed area.

Justin Clary, Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District General Manager, provided an overview of focus for the District. Areas of focus include water conservation, pursuit of preventative maintenance of water supply and distribution system, and supporting the County's Water Alliance program.

Dr. Angela Strecker, with the Institute for Watershed Studies, at Western Washington University, presented findings from the 2019 - 2020 report.

Council Members asked questions.

Renee LaCroix, Assistant Public Works Director, outlined the ten program areas of the Lake Whatcom Management Program. **Gary Stoyka**, also joined her in the presentation.

Council Members asked questions.

Council President Stone opened the meeting to Public Comment at 8:15 PM.

Public Comment was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.