

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022
3:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M.; MAY BEGIN EARLY
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Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 3:54 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2022-356](#) Discussion of the Executive's 2023-2024 budget priorities and guidelines

The following people reported and read from the memorandum on file:

- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office

They answered whether the compensation study presented earlier today to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee will be coming to the Council later for approval; whether "Infrastructure," as part of economic development and listed under the budget priorities in the memo, will include broadband; what the state of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars are and how they have had an impact on our general operations; having a conversation around banked capacity and what impact that might have on the budget and our ability to expand services, human resources, or infrastructure projects; what gains in invested General Funds might look like and how they can be strategic in using those dollars; the timeline for Council to submit Additional Service Requests (ASRs); and how Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds can be used for construction of the Northwest Annex building.

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 4:12 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on July 12, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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