

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

1:40 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2:20 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kathy Kershner called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barry Buchanan, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also Present: Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Carol Frazey

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2022-429](#) Discussion regarding the Public Works Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2023-2028

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered whether added projects listed on the Major Project Removals & Additions (on file) document are added to the 2022-2027 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or the 2023-2028 STIP, whether Councilmembers will be getting a complete list of all changes, how they can tell which items on the 2023-2028 STIP list (on file) have priority over others, and whether the County seeks funding first for projects they know are a higher priority.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2022-430](#) Discussion of a resolution vacating an unnamed alley within the Plat of Lummi Park on Lummi Island

Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions related to the aerial map.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-427](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-079 to change the due date of the Phase III Report of the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force

Allison Williams, Health Department, answered questions about the new due date.

Galloway moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Buchanan, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

Kershner spoke about correspondence that Councilmembers received from former Whatcom County Councilmember Rud Browne (on file attached to AB2022-105).

Browne spoke about his letter and answered whether his suggestion of paying people for crisis leadership training would be for volunteers or whether it would include new Full Time Equivalent (FTE) who would be coordinating some of this.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated he just had a meeting with the Department of Emergency Management and the commitment they are trying to make is having three or four people deep who are assigned by each city in advance to this function and that the County should share in the training expenses.

Kershner stated our emergency operations needs to have a critical look at function and efficiency and the capabilities to get the job done. As we go through the budget process, let's hope that we see some additional funding allocated to our emergency management program in such a way that if we experience emergencies we can be proactive rather than always reactive.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kathy Kershner, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription