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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2018

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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MARCH 6, 2018

10:30 A.M. – HEALTH BOARD
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE

MARCH 13, 2018

REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE:

10:30 A.M. – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

12:30 P.M. – CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
(MEETING TO BEGIN NO LATER THAN 2 P.M.) – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6 P.M. – COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd, Satpal Sidhu

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 27 , 2018

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

County Executive's Report

Special Presentation

1. Presentation from Western Washington University's Small Business Development Center (AB2018-086)
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2. Quarterly report from Finance Manager Brad Bennett (AB2018-066)
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Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council

1. Ordinance amending the 2018 Whatcom County Budget, fourth request, in the amount of \$1,443,449 (AB2018-069)
Pages 3 - 38
2. Ordinance approving the second amendment to Project Budget No. 2 (Jail Improvement Fund) of the 2011 Budget (as established through Ordinance 2011-031) to add \$311,000 of expenditure authority, for a total amended project budget amount of \$3,778,700 (AB2018-070)
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Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Design2Last, Inc. for building assessment studies and cost estimates for capital improvements at the Jail (Public Safety Building) and Work Center, in the amount of \$310,332, for a total amended contract amount of \$1,223,619.20 (AB2018-080)
Pages 44 - 60
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Allied Universal Security Services for Courthouse security services, security screenings, x-ray, and parking services, in the amount of \$160,000 (AB2018-081)
Pages 61 - 80
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a three-year contract between Whatcom County and Bayside Pathology for medical examiners services, in the amount of \$572,056 for 2018, with an annual CPI-U inflation adjustment increase each subsequent year (AB2018-082)
Pages 81 - 93

Other Business

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Satpal Sidhu

12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Special Presentation

1. Annual report from Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo (AB2018-066)
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Committee Discussion

1. Discussion of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee's work plan for 2018 (AB2018-087)
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Other Business

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Immediately Following Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
(start time no later than 2 p.m.)
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. Resolution initiating Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments (AB2018-084)
Pages 96 - 106

Committee Discussion

1. Ordinance adopting amendments to the Urban Fringe Subarea Plan, Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, and Whatcom County Zoning Code (ordinance scheduled for public hearing this evening) (AB2018-055)
Pages 107 - 220
2. Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 2, Administration and Personnel; Title 9, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare; Title 15, Building and Construction; Title 16, Environment; Title 20, Zoning; Title 21, Land Division Regulations; Title 23, Shoreline Management Program; Title 24, Health; and creating a new Title 22, Land Use and Development Procedures, to relocate and revise procedures for land use and development related project permits and legislative actions code (AB2018-056) (continued from 2/13/18)
Pages 221 - 407

Other Business

COUNCIL AGENDA

6 P.M. - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 27 , 2018
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you will be handing out paperwork to councilmembers, please give one copy to the clerk for our office files. Thank you.

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole for November 14, 2017
Pages 408 - 414
2. Special Committee of the Whole for November 21, 2017
Pages 415 - 419
3. County Council for November 21, 2017
Pages 420 - 432
4. Special Committee of the Whole for December 5, 2017
Pages 433 - 437
5. County Council for December 5, 2017
Pages 438 - 453
6. Special County Council for January 4, 2018
Pages 454 - 456
7. Special County Council for January 9, 2018
Pages 457 - 459
8. Special Committee of the Whole for January 16, 2018
Pages 460 - 467
9. County Council for January 16, 2018
Pages 468 - 475
10. Surface Water Work Session for January 23, 2018
Pages 476 - 478

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Attorney Rodney Brown, Cascadia Law Group, to present findings from report entitled *Reducing Impacts from Fossil Fuel Projects* (full report, with appendices, can be found at <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/32762>) (AB2018-076)
Pages 479 - 512

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the council during a public hearing are asked to sign up at the back of the room before the meeting begins. The council chair will ask those who have signed up to form a line at the podium. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group.

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Pages 513 - 517

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

During open session, audience members can speak to the council on any issue not scheduled for public hearing. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

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OTHER ITEMS

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

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(From Special Committee of the Whole)

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COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.060 and 100.02.080, applications for council-appointed and FCZD board of supervisor-appointed citizen boards, commissions, and committees may be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday of the week prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting at which nominations and possible vote to appoint are scheduled to occur.

1. Appointment to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, one year term representing impacted cities, applicant: John Perry (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors (AB2018-059)
Pages 518 - 521

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Keith Willnauer, County Assessor to serve in one of the elected official positions on the Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance Committee (AB2018-085)
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INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 9.44.030, Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare (AB2017-078)
Pages 523 - 524

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 13, 2018, in the County Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – February 13, 2018

Updated

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmembers Present: Ballew, Brenner, Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, , Donovan Sidhu

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Public comment applies to both items listed below)

1. Ordinance (interim) repealing Ordinance 2017-057 and adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Whatcom County Code Title 15 (Buildings and Construction), Title 20 (Zoning), Title 21 (Land Division Regulations), and Title 24 (Health Code), relating to water resources (AB2018-057A)
Adopted 6-1, Donovan opposed, ordinance 2018-005
2. Emergency ordinance (interim) (2018-001) repealing Ordinance 2017-057 and adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Whatcom County Code Title 15 (Buildings and Construction), Title 20 (Zoning), Title 21 (Land Division Regulations), and Title 24 (Health Code), relating to water resources (AB2018-057) (procedural hearing – ordinance was adopted January 30, 2018)
Public Hearing held

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to provide for joint usage of the Vactor Waste Site Facility from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, due to the rate increase from \$54.36/ton to \$147.56/ton (AB2018-062)
Approved Consent 7-0
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Organization to support the County's behavioral health program and to support regional behavioral health activities, in the amount of \$957,459 (AB2018-063)
Approved Consent 7-0
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Cornwall Center for the purpose of extending the expiration date to December 31, 2018, for leasing raw land at the Civic Center Building Site, in the amount of \$8,778.96, for a total amended lease amount of \$41,411.25 (AB2018-065)
Approved Consent 7-0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Special Committee of the Whole)

1. Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 2, Administration and Personnel; Title 9, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare; Title 15, Building and Construction; Title 16, Environment; Title 20, Zoning; Title 21, Land Division Regulations; Title 23, Shoreline Management Program; Title 24, Health; and creating a new Title 22, Land Use and Development Procedures, to relocate and revise procedures for land use and development related project permits and legislative actions code (AB2018-056)
Held in Committee

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. Resolution cancelling uncollectible personal property taxes (AB2018-060)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-003

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – February 13, 2018

3. Executive Louws requests approval of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board recommendations for funding as presented in the attached EDI Fund applications and approval of the Housing Affordable for the Workforce guidelines (AB2018-061)
Approved 7-0

4. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and ImageTrend, Inc. for software licenses, professional services, and annual fees to implement a regional Electronic Patient Care Reporting software system for Emergency Medical Services, in the amount of \$143,134.20 (AB2018-064)
Approved 7-0

(From Public Works and Health Committee)

5. Resolution setting Whatcom County Veterans Assistance Program eligibility income standards (AB2018-067A)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-004

(No Committee Assignment)

6. Executive Louws requests appointment of one councilmembers to serve on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Committee (AB2018-071)
Councilmember Brenner appointed

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, partial term ending 1/31/2019, or two partial terms ending 1/31/2021, applicant: Eleanor Hines (AB2018-058)
Eleanor Hines appointed 7-0 to partial term ending 1/31/2021

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Request confirmation of Executive appointments to boards, committees, and commissions for the year 2018 (AB2018-068)
Confirmed 7-0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Receipt of application to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, one year term representing impacted cities, applicant: John Perry (application deadline for any other applicants to this vacancy is 10 a.m. on February 20, 2018) (committee assists and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in performing flood damage repairs, maintenance and improvements, and minimizing future flood damage through prevention and management on the Nooksack River, its watershed, and the other watersheds within Whatcom County) (AB2018-059)
Introduced 7-0
2. Ordinance amending the 2018 Whatcom County Budget, fourth request, in the amount of \$1,443,449 (AB2018-069)
Introduced 7-0
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Introduced 7-0
4. Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in the Cherry Point urban growth area, the primary purpose of which would be the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at cherry point (ab2018-077)
Introduced 5-2, Brenner and Byrd opposed

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES - Updated

(From Public Works and Health Committee)

Update from HomesNOW on volunteer efforts to provide homes and shelter for the homeless in Whatcom County (ab2018-072)
Motion carried 7-0 to request that the administration work with HomesNOW at the Homeless Solutions Work Group to move forward with their requests.

ADJOURN

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