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1 McShane stated there is an issue on the agenda regarding the Jansen site-
2 specific rezone. He asked that no one speak to that issue because it is a quasi-
3 judicial matter for the Council, and the record is closed.
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5 Richard Emerson, Building Industry Association (BIA) Government Affairs,
6 stated he offered an olive branch to the Council by offering something constructive.
7 The building industry has been critical of the County. He apologized because the
8 Council has a difficult job. He does too. After seeing Councilmember Fleetwood's
9 exercise this afternoon on the Planning and Development Committee, he suggested
10 that they take a time out and offer stakeholders a time out. People who have
11 testified have raised very valid points. The County Planning Department staff is
12 hardworking and over worked. The County Council can't possibly understand all the
13 issues. The BIA offers its help to the County Planning staff and other stakeholders
14 in making sure that any issue, including trees and seasonal clearing, involves
15 people who have to live by those regulations. Do the right thing, not just what is
16 politically popular.
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18 Dennis Jones, Sudden Valley resident, stated he is ecstatic about the County
19 Council's knowledge about the Birch Bay plan, the people who live around the lake,
20 individual rights, and many other issues. The knowledge of the Council is not a
21 problem.
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23 In Sudden Valley, the amount of building is going nuts. One property could
24 turn into a pool. The site is being developed that is beyond the stormwater
25 requirements of 30 percent. There is no drainage at the swimming pool site.
26 Sudden Valley is not a community. The job of the members on the Board of
27 Directors is to protect the \$7 million in Sudden Valley assets. They do not
28 represent the citizens of Sudden Valley. Tighten up the land clearing restrictions.
29 He thanked the County staff.
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31 Bob Wiesen, 3314 Douglas Road, Ferndale, stated the Jobs Based Economy
32 Committee was created in order to create a plan for new and better jobs in the
33 community. Predictability and availability came out of that committee. They are
34 having a lot of trouble with predictability. They go through years and months of
35 planning. When a project gets to the decision makers, they cut it down. He
36 questioned why they would bother to go through the exercises.
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38 Frank Eventoff, 7086 Atwood Road, asked if the public would be allowed to
39 speak this evening.
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41 McShane stated he would not. The Council is supposed to make its decision
42 only on the record that came from the Hearing Examiner. That record was
43 expanded a little bit because the Council received emails and letters from
44 proponents and opponents. The Council has accepted that additional information.
45 They are not opening the record any more.
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1 Eventoff stated there is an issue with notification to neighbors. The
2 neighbors never know what is about to happen. They are notified in an abrupt way
3 in which they have no recourse. The neighbors are not funded. They can only do
4 so much to gather information for the Council. They have new information that
5 they are not able to present. Notification is an issue. A small sign on the corner of
6 a property is not adequate. They don't know the rules or laws. He asked the
7 Council to consider new ways for notification so that neighbors can respond to what
8 developers have in mind.
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10 Patrick Alesse, 4825 Alderson Road, Birch Bay, stated the bridge at Jackson
11 Road needs to be redone. For \$10,000 more and a lot of environmental fussing
12 around, it could be widened. It needs to be widened. Birch Bay is contributing \$1
13 million to the road fund this year. Half of that assessed valuation comes from
14 people who don't use the roads that much and are there for recreational purposes.
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16 In addition, it would be a good idea to call a timeout and have stakeholders
17 come in and talk about planning and development. Construction people want to be
18 able to sell a product, but ratepayers and taxpayers want to have ongoing services
19 at an affordable cost.
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21 Crawford asked about the status of the Jackson Road Bridge.
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23 Jeff Monsen, Public Works Director, stated he requested, and the Council
24 concurred, that the bridge needs to be replaced this year. He intends to replace it
25 with a wider bridge. However, if the extra widening causes them to move into a
26 regulatory program that prevents them from doing the bridge, they would replace it
27 at approximately the same width. Either way, the bridge will be constructed so that
28 it can easily be widened when they do roadwork.
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31 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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33 **Crawford** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee
34 and **moved** approval of Consent Agenda items one through twelve.
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36 **Motion to approve Consent Agenda items one through twelve carried**
37 **unanimously.**
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- 39 **1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE THE**
40 **PURCHASE OF FOUR REPLACEMENT ½ TON PICKUP TRUCKS FROM**
41 **VENDOR BUD CLARY CHEVROLET USING THE WASHINGTON STATE**
42 **CONTRACT, FOR A TOTAL OF \$79,123 (AB2003-109)**
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- 44 **2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE THE**
45 **PURCHASE OF THREE REPLACEMENT SMALL PICKUP TRUCKS FROM**
46 **VENDOR SOUND FORD USING THE WASHINGTON STATE CONTRACT,**
47 **FOR A TOTAL OF \$48,903.12 (AB2003-110)**

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2 **3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE THE**
3 **PURCHASE OF THREE REPLACEMENT LIGHT UTILITY VEHICLES FROM**
4 **VENDOR BUD CLARY CHEVROLET USING THE WASHINGTON STATE**
5 **CONTRACT, FOR A TOTAL OF \$67,807.83 (AB2003-111)**
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- 7 **4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE THE**
8 **PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT FULL SIZE UTILITY VEHICLES**
9 **FROM VENDOR SOUND FORD USING THE WASHINGTON STATE**
10 **CONTRACT, FOR A TOTAL OF \$53,722.72 (AB2003-112)**
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- 12 **5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #03-**
13 **09 TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER, MCASPHALT INDUSTRIES,**
14 **FOR THE ANNUAL SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ASPHALTIC**
15 **EMULSIONS/ROAD OIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 (AB2003-113)**
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- 17 **6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #03-**
18 **15 TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER, COASTLINE TRACTOR, FOR**
19 **TWO REPLACEMENT TRACTOR MOWERS IN THE AMOUNT OF**
20 **\$154,446.63 (AB2003-114)**
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- 22 **7. RESOLUTION TO SET A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SALE**
23 **OF COUNTY TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION, REQUEST NO.**
24 **01-03 (AB2003-115)**
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- 26 **8. RESOLUTION TO SET A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SALE**
27 **OF COUNTY TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION, REQUEST**
28 **NO. 02-03 (AB2003-116)**
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- 30 **9. RESOLUTION TO SET A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SALE**
31 **OF COUNTY TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION, REQUEST**
32 **NO. 03-03 (AB2003-117)**
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- 34 **10. RESOLUTION TO SET A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SALE**
35 **OF COUNTY TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION, REQUEST**
36 **NO. 04-03 (AB2003-118)**
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- 38 **11. RESOLUTION TO SET A HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SALE**
39 **OF COUNTY TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION, REQUEST NO.**
40 **05-03 (AB2003-119)**
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- 42 **12. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
43 **AMENDED CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
44 **PUBLIC WORKS, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION AND RESOURCES FOR**
45 **CONTINUING ENVIRONMENTAL CAUCUS SUPPORT IN THE WRIA 1**
46 **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMENDED AMOUNT OF**
47 **\$19,500 (AB2003-120)**

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3 **OTHER ITEMS**
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5 **8. APPOINTMENT OF JON OSTLUND (AS A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL**
6 **DEFENSE BAR) AND DONNA WELLS (AS A LOCAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE**
7 **TREATMENT PROVIDER) TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY CRIMINAL**
8 **JUSTICE TREATMENT ACCOUNT PANEL (AB2003-127)**
9

10 *Crawford* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee
11 and *moved* to appoint John Ostlund and Donna Wells.
12

13 *Motion carried unanimously.*
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15 **1. RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE RANKING AND AUTHORIZING THE**
16 **WHATCOM COUNTY PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**
17 **ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION PROCESS**
18 **FOR ROUND 1, 2002 APPLICATIONS (AB2003-108)**
19

20 *Roy* reported for the Natural Resources Committee and stated the committee
21 approved unanimously. She *moved* approval.
22

23 *Motion carried unanimously.*
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25 **2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL WHATCOM COUNTY ZONING**
26 **ORDINANCE, TITLE 20, TO ADD NEW TEXT TO THE RURAL DISTRICT,**
27 **CHAPTER 20.36, TO ALLOW FOR THE TRANSFER OF MULTIFAMILY**
28 **FARM WORKER HOUSING SEPARATE OF THE FARMLAND (AB2003-**
29 **103)**
30

31 *Roy* reported for the Natural Resources Committee and *moved* approval.
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33 *Crawford* asked what the term "not-for-profit agencies" means.
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35 *Roy* stated there are federal and state programs specifically to handle farm
36 worker housing.
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38 *Kraig Olason*, Senior Planner, stated Catholic Relief Services is one agency.
39 The other is the Whatcom County Housing Authority. There may be others.
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41 *Brenner moved* to amend 20.36.135(7)(b), "restricts sale of structure to
42 not-for-profit housing agencies and active farmers, as defined by the Assessor's
43 criteria for agricultural exemption." This is a great ordinance. It should be more
44 inclusive by allowing active farmers to purchase the property, even though it is
45 doubtful any will do so. An active farmer is a real farmer, not just someone who
46 buys and sells property. The criteria for an active farmer are in the Assessor's
47 Office, and are for the agricultural exemption.

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2 The Council received minutes from the Planning Commission on this issue.
3 At that time, farmers expressed an interest to see this provision included.
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5 Crawford stated it seems to be a good thing to consider, however it is a
6 substantive change. He would not be opposed to considering it by having a public
7 hearing. Do not do that on the fly now, without any input about the ramifications.
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9 Roy stated they discussed this in the Natural Resources Committee. One of
10 the reasons that she might not be inclined to support it now is because it is
11 legislation for farm workers, not farmers. It is something to make sure farm
12 workers get certain protections and adequate housing. Support the farmers, but
13 this is written to support the farm worker.
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15 Brenner stated supporting the farm worker has to do with making sure they
16 have a place to live and are working. What they do to support the farmers
17 indirectly supports the farm workers. This would only be able to happen if they are
18 supporting the farmers. The buildings have to be up to code. It's a question of
19 who is managing the housing, not whether or not the housing is adequate. Her
20 amendment benefits the farm workers. The Planning Commission discussed this a
21 lot. She understood that staff led the discussion away from this suggestion, but a
22 good percentage of the Planning Commissioners were interested in it.
23

24 Nelson asked if this is specific to a number of parcels. Olason stated it is
25 specific to two parcels. It is for Farm Home financed agricultural housing. There
26 have only been two that are in existence.
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28 Nelson stated he'd rather see it specific to farm workers. The language
29 restricts the use of the housing to farm workers and their families. He asked what
30 is different between the amendment and what is already there.
31

32 Brenner restated her motion. The not-for-profit agencies or active farmers
33 would be allowed to purchase the housing for farm workers.
34

35 Nelson asked if the two existing housing units exist now with active farms.
36 Olason stated one of them doesn't.
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38 McShane stated former Councilmember Connie Hoag had an issue with farm
39 worker housing that wasn't being used for that purpose.
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41 Caskey-Schreiber stated that if this is maintained by a not-for-profit agency,
42 it is more likely that it will be properly maintained, upgraded, and rented to farm
43 workers instead of anyone.
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45 Nelson stated he agreed with Councilmember Caskey-Schreiber. He is more
46 comfortable with having an agency that is specifically tasked with making sure farm

1 workers use the housing. Farmers are in business. If they have purchased the
2 housing, they may just want to rent them out and make the money.
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4 Brenner stated it's going to be hard enough to get an agency interested. The
5 ordinance already has the use restrictions in place. It can't be used for anything
6 but farm worker housing. They are talking about two buildings in the county.
7 Oversight on two buildings would not be difficult. They should be willing to trust a
8 farmer to do as good a job as a non-profit, especially if they can't get a non-profit
9 agency to do this. At a certain point, they get overly concerned about a remote
10 possibility of someone doing something wrong. They end up cutting off their nose
11 to spite their face. This should be more inclusive.
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13 ***Motion to amend failed 2-5 with Brenner and Fleetwood in favor.***

14 ***Motion to adopt the ordinance carried unanimously.***

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17 **3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2003 INTEGRATED ROADSIDE**
18 **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (AB2003-121)**
19

20 Brenner reported for the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee. It
21 was an incredible presentation. The County Code does not require the County
22 Council to give its approval, only the Public Works Committee. However, it's
23 important that the full Council is involved. The program affects a lot of people in
24 the county.
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26 ***McShane moved*** approval of the program.
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28 Roy asked if there is a plan to reduce or minimize to reduce the usage of
29 herbicides. There are 250 to 400 County road miles that have herbicides applied to
30 them. She is concerned about herbicides going into the ditches. It seems that 15
31 percent of the budget is going to this. She asked if there is a plan to reduce that
32 percentage.
33

34 Brenner stated the presentation pointed out how very carefully this is
35 managed. Most, if not all, of the sprays being used are not of a high toxicity. That
36 15 percent was the total cost including manpower, not just sprays. These
37 applications are labor-intensive. A lot of that expense is in the application, not the
38 herbicides.
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40 Jeff Monsen, Director of Public Works, stated the plan tries to convey that the
41 process they go through to decide to use an herbicide is extensive. A high
42 percentage of that 15 percent are the applicators literally driving and walking the
43 roadways to do the notification process and identifying where they will not do an
44 application. It is difficult to quantify that. It is a protocol they go through every
45 year and with every application, to look for ways other than using a spray.
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1 Brenner stated people may petition to have their road designated a no-spray
2 road.
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4 Roy stated some counties have gone herbicide- and pesticide-free. She
5 asked about the repercussions of doing something like that. Monsen stated the
6 County Code and plan is a response to that question. They identify areas that have
7 valid reasons for not using herbicides. The focus here is to only use them
8 judiciously and be careful in their application. It's okay if a sub-community simply
9 does not want spraying. The alternatives are generally a little more expensive
10 because they are labor intensive, and County can't return to perform the manual
11 work frequent enough to avoid other repairs. They only spray as much as is
12 needed. The number of the roads in the sprayed area is the length of the road on
13 which they are working, not the length of the area that they actually apply
14 herbicides on. For instance, if someone has a lawn that goes up to the road, the
15 spray truck is shut off. They are not going to spray someone's lawn.
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17 Brenner stated there is also an owner maintenance program.
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19 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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21 **4. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL WHATCOM COUNTY ZONING**
22 **ORDINANCE, TITLE 20, CHAPTER 20.71 – WATER RESOURCE**
23 **PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT, CHAPTER 20.80 –**
24 **SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS (STORMWATER AND CLEARING),**
25 **CHAPTER 20.85 – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, AND CHAPTER**
26 **20.97 – DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY**
27 **PROTECTION FOR SENSITIVE WATERSHEDS (AB2002-222B)**
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29 Fleetwood reported for the Planning and Development Committee and stated
30 this item would be held in committee for two weeks. Also, schedule a public
31 hearing before the full Council at an appropriate time to be decided.
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33 **5. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL WHATCOM COUNTY ZONING**
34 **MAP FROM RURAL (R5A) TO LIGHT IMPACT INDUSTRIAL (LII) FOR**
35 **50.3 ACRES ON ATWOOD ROAD NORTH OF THE I-5/GRANDVIEW**
36 **INTERCHANGE (SITE SPECIFIC REZONE) (AB2003-104)**
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38 Dave Grant, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor, stated that since this is a site-
39 specific rezone, the Council must approach this item in a quasi-judicial form and
40 must consider the recommendation from the Hearing Examiner. The Council has
41 four options: 1. adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, 2. reject the
42 recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, 3. remand back to the Hearing Examiner
43 if there is a facet of the situation in which the Hearing Examiner should reflect and
44 gather more information, or 4. modify the ordinance and hold a public hearing.
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46 Fleetwood asked how soon they could have a public hearing. Grant stated it
47 could happen in two weeks. It would be scheduled before the full Council.

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(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.)

Grant stated he researched the questions posed to him earlier in the day by the councilmembers and has answers to them. Because the full Council is considering this issue separate from the Planning Committee, they should disclose any ex parte' information.

Nelson moved to adopt the ordinance.

McShane disclosed that he received some communication from proponents and opponents. Most of it was e-mail and has now been added to the record. This afternoon, the Planning Committee received rebuttal to the emails and letters, which is also a part of the record.

Roy disclosed that she received the same e-mails, one letter, and two personal phone calls, both from the proponents asking the status of the issue and if she had any sense of whether it would pass or fail. None of the information she received changed her opinion or biased her in any way. She can remain unbiased, fair, and impartial in this decision.

Nelson stated he had nothing to disclose.

Brenner disclosed that she received e-mails and letters from opponents and proponents. The opponent correspondence expressed environmental concerns and a concern about the depth of the water table. A proponent invited her to the site, but she did not go. She can be fair and objective. She made a call back to a letter writer or e-mailer asking where they got the information that the City of Ferndale was opposed to the item. None of the information she received changed her opinion or biased her in any way. She can remain unbiased, fair, and impartial in this decision.

Fleetwood disclosed that he received the same e-mails and letters, and he met with neighbors in opposition to the rezone before he was aware this was a request for a site-specific rezone. A summary of the content of the opponents' information is that they expressed the impact to their quality of life. None of the information he received changed his opinion or biased him in any way. He can remain unbiased, fair, and impartial in this decision.

Caskey-Schreiber received and responded to e-mails. She told one of them to come to the Council and testify. She talked to a City of Ferndale council member, who stated that this project is premature, which backed up their original memo that is a part of the record. None of the information she received changed her opinion or biased her in any way. She can remain unbiased, fair, and impartial in this decision.

Crawford stated he had nothing to disclose.

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2 McShane asked that any party of record who has reviewed any of the
3 additional information revealed this afternoon or tonight, and that is now included
4 in the record, come forward for rebuttal if they wish.
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6 Grant stated the appearance of fairness doctrine permits parties of record to
7 provide rebuttal to the ex parte' communications. This is that opportunity.
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9 John Sarage, stated Al Jansen has written the Council a letter. He checked
10 with the City of Ferndale.
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12 McShane stated this testimony goes beyond what is in the record. The letter
13 needs to speak for itself. The letter is in the record. He suggested that anyone can
14 review the entire record while the Council is in executive session.
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16 Roy asked if a person could rebut something that the person is not a party
17 to. Grant stated they can offer information in rebuttal to that information received
18 in ex parte' communication.
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20 Unidentified speaker stated everything they are talking about has to do with
21 Ferndale's light industrial urban growth area.
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23 Grant stated that is not correct.
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25 McShane stated the decision is whether or not they should change the zoning
26 within the urban growth area (UGA) to light industrial zoning.
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28 Unidentified speaker stated he is addressing a rezone to light industrial.
29 That is what the letters are all about. He rebuts the fact that this be zoned light
30 industrial. He does not agree with the overall premise.
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32 McShane stated that goes beyond the ex parte' communication.
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34 **Brenner moved** to go into executive session for approximately 15 minutes
35 to get the answers to the questions asked earlier.
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37 **Motion to go into executive session carried unanimously.**
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39 *(Clerk's Note: The Council went into executive session to engage in*
40 *substantive debate on this item for approximately fifteen minutes at 8:10 p.m.)*
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42 McShane stated there is a motion on the floor.
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44 **Nelson withdrew** his motion.
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46 **McShane moved** to remand the application to the Hearing Examiner to
47 reconsider the adequacy of the north buffer and the lack of a buffer on the

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1 southwest property line above the creek adjacent to Interstate 5, in view of the
2 potential negative impacts due to noise, light, traffic, and visual impacts in view of
3 the requirements of Whatcom County Code 20.90.063(2)(b).
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5 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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7 Crawford asked if the Council is still not allowed to communicate with anyone
8 outside of the record on this issue. Grant stated that is correct. Written
9 correspondence and email is not defined as ex parte' communication as long as the
10 Clerk of the Council receives a copy to be entered into the record. If a
11 councilmember answers the written communication, it becomes ex parte'
12 communication.
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14 Crawford stated all emails or written communication need to come to the
15 Council Office, not the councilmembers individually.
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17 **6. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE A NEW**
18 **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR BACHMAN ESTATE & SPA, LLC,**
19 **776 H STREET ROAD, LYNDEN (AB2003-122)**
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21 ***Fleetwood moved*** to approve the request.
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23 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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25 **7. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF**
26 **NATALIA CALHOUN AND REBECCA JOHNSON TO THE BELLINGHAM-**
27 **WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
28 **(AB2003-123)**
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30 ***Caskey-Schreiber moved*** to approve the confirmation.
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32 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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35 **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**
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37 ***Brenner moved*** to accept the Introduction Items.
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39 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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41 **1. RECEIPT OF APPEAL OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION ON**
42 **ZONING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION REQUESTED BY**
43 **CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, FILED BY PHILIP SERKA, ATTORNEY**
44 **(AB2003-105)**
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46 **2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL WHATCOM COUNTY ZONING**
47 **ORDINANCE, TITLE 20, CHAPTER 20.22 – URBAN RESIDENTIAL**

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1 **MEDIUM DENSITY (URM) DISTRICT TO REMOVE "PROFESSIONAL**
2 **OFFICES" AS AN ALLOWABLE CONDITIONAL USE (AB2003-124)**

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4 **3. RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION,**
5 **REQUEST NUMBER 01-03 (AB2003-115A)**

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7 **4. RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION,**
8 **REQUEST NUMBER 02-03 (AB2003-116A)**

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10 **5. RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION,**
11 **REQUEST NUMBER 03-03 (AB2003-117A)**

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13 **6. RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY PUBLIC AUCTION,**
14 **REQUEST NUMBER 04-03 (AB2003-118A)**

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16 **7. RESOLUTION TO SELL TAX TITLE PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATION,**
17 **REQUEST NUMBER 05-03 (AB2003-119A)**

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19 **8. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION BILL HIGH**
20 **PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT TO EXTEND SKAGIT RIVER**
21 **BRIDGES TO PROTECT RAIL AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION**
22 **CORRIDORS DURING A FLOOD (AB2003-125)**

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24 **9. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY 2003 BUDGET,**
25 **THIRD REQUEST (AB2003-126)**

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28 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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30 McShane stated the County Council sent a letter to Washington State
31 Senator Oke regarding a potential memorial being sent to the government of British
32 Columbia that opposes introduction of grizzly bears to portions of southern British
33 Columbia. The County Council sent a letter that four councilmembers approved of
34 that opposes the resolution and approves of the introduction of the bears.

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36 **REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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38 Brenner stated she toured County Construction Recyclers (CCR). She was
39 impressed with landfill. It was very clean. There were no smells and it was
40 beautifully landscaped. She was also impressed with the enthusiasm they had with
41 what they are doing.

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43 Nelson reported on the work done while at the National Association of
44 Counties (NACo) conference in Washington D.C.

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46 Caskey-Schreiber stated she has been serving on the Animal Advisory
47 Committee. They've been working to the request for proposals (RFP) for animal

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1 control services, which closes April 9, 2003. Any proposals will come before the
2 Council in May.

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5 **ADJOURN**

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7 The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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12 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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14 These minutes were approved by Council on March 25, 2003.

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16 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Dan McShane, Council Chair