

1 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

2
3 **Regular County Council**

4
5 March 28, 2006

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7 Council Chair Laurie Caskey-Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in
8 the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

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10 Present:

11 Barbara Brenner
12 Dan McShane
13 Sam Crawford
14 Seth Fleetwood
15 Carl Weimer
16 L. Ward Nelson

Absent:

None

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19 **FLAG SALUTE**

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22 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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24 Caskey-Schreiber announced that there was **discussion regarding pending**
25 **litigation – Ostrom (AB2006-018)** in executive session during the Committee of the
26 Whole meeting.

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28 Caskey-Schreiber announced that there was **discussion of potential easement**
29 **acquisition (AB2006-018)** in executive session during the Committee of the Whole
30 meeting.

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32 ***Fleetwood moved*** to go forward with the discussed price for the property in the
33 Bertrand Creek levee setback project.

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35 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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37 Caskey-Schreiber announced that there was **discussion regarding pending**
38 **litigation (AB2006-018)** in executive session during the Committee of the Whole
39 meeting.

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41 Caskey-Schreiber announced that there was **consideration of an appeal of the**
42 **Hearing Examiner’s decision on File No. APL04-0003, filed by Thomas Fryer,**
43 **Attorney for the City of Nooksack, regarding expansion of gravel mining operation**
44 **at Nooksack Pit (AB2006-062)** in executive session during the Committee of the Whole
45 meeting.

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47 ***Crawford moved*** to uphold the Hearing Examiner’s decision.

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49 ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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51 **MINUTES CONSENT**

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53 ***Brenner moved*** to approve the Minutes Consent items.

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2 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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4 **1. REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2006**
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7 **OPEN SESSION**
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9 The following people spoke:
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11 Cherie Jubilo, Bellingham, stated she would speak on the behavior she witnessed at
12 the previous Council meeting regarding the Minutemen. The speaker, Rosalinda Guillen,
13 was cut off when trying to respond to a comment by Councilmember Brenner. When folks
14 comment to the Council during the public comment portion of the meeting, they hope the
15 Council will listen and not argue. The Council must ensure that everyone is treated
16 respectfully. It's hard to get up and talk. Disrespect discourages people from participating.
17 Listen with an open mind to the folks about the Minutemen. Their plan to escalate and
18 picket job sites intimidates people with color. She submitted a petition (*on file*).
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20 Brenner stated she apologizes for her comment at the last meeting.
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22 Joseph Heller, Black Mountain Forestry Center Board President, stated he would
23 speak on the **request authorization for the Executive to enter into a lease**
24 **agreement between Whatcom County and Black Mountain Forestry Center for a**
25 **public educational exhibit area and arboretum at Silver Lake County Park, in the**
26 **amount of \$1.00 per year (AB2006-157).** The center is a partner with the Whatcom
27 County Parks Department. The mission of the center is to promote awareness and
28 education about forests, including their history, ecology in the temperate forest zone, and
29 value as a renewable resource. They have historical equipment on display. There are
30 educational opportunities. They provide tours of forestland.
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32 Through the educational component, they work with schools and people of all ages.
33 A new tour begins in April through the Washington State University watershed masters
34 program. They are beginning a new arboretum. They are developing new partnerships,
35 including the Boy Scouts and Whatcom Farm Forestry. There is an agreement with Green
36 River Community College for tours.
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38 He thanked Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Director Mike McFarland for his
39 help. The Black Mountain Forestry Center is located in the Foothills Subarea. The Council
40 has put together a citizens group to look at subarea issues. The center will be involved.
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42 Catherine Chambers, 2800 Eldridge Ave, Bellingham, stated she opposes the
43 Minutemen. An email from the Minutemen to its supporters says the Coalition of
44 Professional Law Enforcement is an anarchist organization. She asked how the Council can
45 believe that they have only innocent intentions when they have declared their intentions in
46 writing to target job sites. She asked how that is not harassment. She asked how the
47 Council will speak up for the citizens of Whatcom County.
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49 Richard Gantman, Mount Baker School District Superintendent, stated the Black
50 Mountain Forestry Center has had a successful relationship with Mt. Baker High School for a
51 number of years. He read and submitted his testimony (*on file*) in support of the **request**
52 **authorization for the Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom**
53 **County and Black Mountain Forestry Center for a public educational exhibit area**

1 **and arboretum at Silver Lake County Park, in the amount of \$1.00 per year**
2 **(AB2006-157).**
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4 Rosalinda Guillen, 1800 - 20th Street, Bellingham, stated she is opposed to the
5 Minutemen. They have announced their plans for Washington State. She has heard rumors
6 that the local group said it won't engage in work place monitoring, even though the national
7 group said it will do workplace monitoring. The website for the local group has a message
8 from Tom Williams recruiting people from outside the state to come here and help with
9 workplace monitoring in the cities. He's also recruiting people to send information on other
10 places that may need to be monitored. This group is moving forward in a well-coordinated
11 campaign to use immigrants as scapegoats for America's social problems and to look for
12 those social problems in Whatcom County. They have announced they will do workplace
13 monitoring in Seattle. People are scoping Latino businesses in Whatcom County.
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15 She has been told to not pay attention to them and leave them alone, because
16 attention will just get them more media. However, media will cover their efforts no matter
17 what they say. Saying and doing nothing is a clear message that the people of Whatcom
18 County are complicit with the actions of Tom Williams and his vigilantes. As this group
19 grows locally, they cannot stand by. The coalition has decided to protect their civil rights.
20 They plan to use their first amendment rights to find out how many members of the local
21 vigilante group are going to participate, where the members are coming from, and where
22 they are located. The coalition will find an alternative to Tom Williams and his Minutemen
23 project in the discussion of border security and immigration reform. They plan to monitor
24 the Minutemen activities in Whatcom County. They have had this conversation with Sheriff
25 Elfo, and will implement the project Monday morning.
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27 Dennis Jones, Sudden Valley, stated he has been shot at by both sides. Sudden
28 Valley tried to sue him and take his house. Sudden Valley is not an urban growth area. He
29 recommended that it be a parks and recreation district, not an urban growth area. There
30 are wonderful people out there. Sudden Valley will become some type of agency at some
31 time. It may take two years.
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33 Dana Quam, Association of Realtors Government Affairs Director, stated she is
34 opposed to an ordinance and **consideration of the Planning Commission's request to**
35 **evaluate building permit allocation in the Rural zone (AB2006-171).** Vote against it.
36 The Council and administration need to deal with other important items. It would be a poor
37 use of government resources.
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39 Peter Roberts, Association of Realtors President, stated they are opposed to an
40 ordinance and **consideration of the Planning Commission's request to evaluate**
41 **building permit allocation in the Rural zone (AB2006-171).** The Planning Commission
42 should complete the work it has, before attending to Commissioners' projects. Whatcom
43 County is not compliant with the Growth Management Act (GMA) because the Planning
44 Commission is behind on the urban growth area. Many growth issues will be addressed
45 when the Council focuses on concurrency.
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47 Jessica Welker, 1217 N. Garden, Bellingham, stated she is opposed to the
48 Minutemen project. She fears them every day, especially with their new project to protest
49 job sites. It creates a lot of danger in the county. Approve a resolution against the
50 Minutemen project in Whatcom County.
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52 Bob Wiesen, 3314 Douglas Road, Ferndale, stated the Council should take extensive
53 field trips into the agricultural lands. The Mountainview area used to be all farmed. It is

1 not any more because it is not economically viable. There are areas in the county that are
2 zoned incorrectly. They can pick them out. There are other places where five-acre rural
3 zoning is fine. Be very careful and thorough.
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6 **CONSENT AGENDA**
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8 ***Crawford*** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and
9 ***moved*** to approve Consent Agenda items one through 12.

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11 ***Motion to approve Consent Agenda items one through 12 carried***
12 ***unanimously.***
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- 14 1. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #06-03 TO**
15 **THE SOLE BIDDER, I.M.A.C. INC., FOR THE FABRICATION AND**
16 **INSTALLATION OF BUNKS IN THE JAIL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,500**
17 **(AB2006-154)**
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- 19 2. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 40 LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND**
20 **RELATED ACCESSORIES FOR USE IN SHERIFF VEHICLES USING A CITY OF**
21 **LYNNWOOD BID AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (VENDOR DAYTECH, INC.)**
22 **IN THE AMOUNT OF \$223,660.94 (FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM A HOMELAND**
23 **SECURITY GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY**
24 **MANAGEMENT) (AB2006-155)**
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- 26 3. **REQUEST APPROVAL TO USE THE DISCOUNT PRICING OFFERED ON PUBLIC**
27 **WORKS BID #06-27 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PANEL**
28 **SYSTEMS AND SUPPLEMENTAL FURNITURE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S**
29 **OFFICE NEW LOCATION UTILIZING NEXT LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER,**
30 **TRICO OFFICE INTERIORS (LOW BIDDER WITHDREW THEIR OFFER FOR**
31 **THIS PROJECT), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 (AB2006-156)**
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- 33 4. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE**
34 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND BLACK MOUNTAIN**
35 **FORESTRY CENTER FOR A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AREA AND**
36 **ARBORETUM AT SILVER LAKE COUNTY PARK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00 PER**
37 **YEAR (AB2006-157)**
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- 39 5. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
40 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WOMENCARE SHELTER AND**
41 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES PROVIDING FUNDING FROM COUNTY 2060**
42 **OPERATIONS FUNDS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 400 HOURS OF CASE**
43 **MANAGEMENT TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS**
44 **RESIDING AT THE WOMENCARE SHELTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000**
45 **(AB2006-158)**
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- 47 6. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
48 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND DUMAS & ASSOCIATES, INC.**
49 **TO PROVIDE FACILITATION AND COORDINATION SERVICES TO THE HEALTH**
50 **DEPARTMENT AND THE FIVE WORK GROUPS ENGAGED IN THE PANDEMIC**
51 **INFLUENZA PLANNING FROM MARCH THROUGH JULY 2006, IN THE AMOUNT**
52 **OF \$31,200 (AB2006-159)**
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- 1 7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
2 COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR REHABILITATION OF A NON-FEDERAL
4 FLOOD CONTROL WORK PROJECT FOR BERTRAND CREEK'S LEFT BANK, IN
5 THE AMOUNT OF \$666,000 (AB2006-160)
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7 8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
8 COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR REHABILITATION OF A NON-FEDERAL
10 FLOOD CONTROL WORK PROJECT FOR BERTRAND CREEK'S RIGHT BANK, IN
11 THE AMOUNT OF \$491,500 (AB2006-161)
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13 9. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A
14 CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WALKER AND ASSOCIATES
15 TO COLLECT DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHS ON THE MAINSTEM NOOKSACK
16 RIVER TO BE USED IN THE SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
17 GEOMORPHIC MAPPING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,800 (AB2006-162)
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19 10. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A SUB-
20 RECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF
21 BELLINGHAM, BELLINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE PARTIAL
22 FUNDING FOR ONE FTE FROM THE BELLINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
23 ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHWEST REGIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE, IN THE
24 AMOUNT OF \$47,222.50 (AB2006-163)
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26 11. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN
27 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM INTERLOCAL LOAN AND
28 GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SUMAS
29 TO FINANCE THE BOWEN FIELD EXPANSION PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF
30 \$350,000 (AB2006-164)
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32 12. RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AND THE
33 SETTING OF A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO WCC
34 1.10 (AB2006-165)
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37 **OTHER ITEMS**
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- 39 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, FIFTH
40 REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,209,371 (AB2006-145)
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42 *Crawford* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and
43 *moved* to recommend adoption.
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45 *Motion carried unanimously.*
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- 47 3. CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A
48 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, FILED BY DENNIS SANDVIG FOR "BLUE
49 HERON ESTATES" (PUD05-0009, LSS05-0015) (AB2006-152)
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51 *Fleetwood* reported for the Planning and Development Committee and *moved* to
52 approve the planned unit development.
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1 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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3 **4. APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY LONG PLAT EXTENSION REQUEST FILED BY**
4 **LOIS MEYERS (AB2006-153)**

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6 **Fleetwood** reported for the Planning and Development Committee and **moved** to
7 approve the preliminary long plat.

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9 **McShane moved** to amend the extension so the development is required to follow
10 all current regulatory requirements.

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12 Nelson asked if changes to require current regulations would create excess problems
13 for the applicant.

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15 Troy Holbrook, Planning Division Supervisor, stated it doesn't. Requiring current
16 regulations just ensures that any new building codes or street standards are applied to the
17 plat. It keeps the plat up to current standards.

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19 Nelson asked the reason for the extensions. Holbrook stated part of the reason was
20 financial, and part of the reason was difficulty in obtaining water. Some of the water rights
21 changed. The number of hookups was lowered.

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23 Brenner stated one reason why the applicant needs the extension was because the
24 rules changed. The applicant has fewer lots that must now be reconfigured.

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26 **Motion to amend carried unanimously.**

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28 **Motion to approve as amended carried unanimously.**

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30 **2. RESOLUTION FOR REVIEW OF THE RURAL ZONES, AGRICULTURAL ZONES,**
31 **AGO AREAS, AND RURAL FORESTRY ZONES (AB2006-133)**

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33 Fleetwood reported for the Planning and Development Committee. They aren't ready
34 to vote yet on the resolution. Vote on it when the Council works out more details of the
35 work plan. Vote today on the general purpose statement of the work plan. In two weeks,
36 put together a group for scoping and to identify the particular components of the program.

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38 **McShane moved** to approve a general purpose statement for a work plan to be
39 developed, "Preserve the County's agriculture, forestry, and natural resource land base
40 while recognizing land values and property rights." This is the intent of the direction the
41 County Council wants to go. Next, schedule a scoping work session that includes
42 representatives from the Agriculture Advisory Committee and the forestry industry.

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44 Crawford stated he supports the motion. It makes a lot of sense because it is in
45 align with the values of the community, as stated in the Comprehensive Plan. The cost of
46 this process could be substantial. Included in the process is a lengthy public process about
47 land use issues. A global approach to this is what the community needs. It will be tough to
48 balance the financial resources for this process. Look at the big picture. Legislative bodies
49 can act dysfunctional. Consider hiring a professional facilitator during the work session.

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51 Caskey-Schreiber asked the reason for not voting on the resolution.
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1 McShane stated there are time constraints during committee meetings. The task of
2 figuring out the process, work plan, and budget is too big. The administration needs to
3 know what kind of commitment the Council wants for this program. This is one step to
4 prove the Council's general direction. The Council already approved these items. They are
5 in the Comprehensive Plan.
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7 Brenner stated she will support the motion. In addition to the Agricultural Advisory
8 Committee and Agricultural Preservation Committee, reinstate or create a Forestry
9 Committee also.
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11 Nelson stated he would like a better idea of what they will spend on the scope.
12 Now, the goals in the Comprehensive Plan is to protect agricultural land, prevent
13 fragmentation, and ensuring underlying property values. They Council has defended those
14 goals, but there are huge ramifications in trying to fulfill the goals. He will support the
15 motion. It's worthy of discussion.
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17 McShane stated the idea is to have a Council scoping meeting. Continue using the
18 Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Comprehensive Plan says the Agricultural Advisory
19 Committee will look at the agricultural zone. There are other resource issues. If the
20 Council approves a scope, it will be clear direction for the administration. This general
21 purpose could be folded into a resolution that can be voted on later.
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23 Caskey-Schreiber stated this could be a big cost. She appreciates the attempt to
24 narrowing down the scope and defining the deliverables. Agriculture is a \$287 million
25 industry. Investing in the industry to make sure it is around for years to come is well worth
26 the cost.
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28 *(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.)*
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30 **McShane moved** to approve a general purpose statement, "Preserve the County's
31 agriculture, forestry, and natural resource land base while recognizing land values and
32 property rights."
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34 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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37 **OTHER BUSINESS AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

38 39 **CONSIDERATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO EVALUATE** 40 **BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION IN THE RURAL ZONE (AB2006-171)** 41

42 **McShane** reported for the Natural Resources Committee and **moved** to go forward
43 with allowing the Planning Commission to explore a permit allocation system, just for rural
44 areas. Comprehensive Plan amendments, review of limited areas of more intense rural
45 development (LAMIRDs), and concurrency issues must all be done first before dealing with
46 the permit allocation system.
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48 Brenner stated a lot of information has been presented to the Council in the past
49 year. She hasn't seen anything new that causes the Council to explore the issue. The
50 question is what the final legal solution will be. All the examples they've seen are being
51 challenged in court. They don't need to discuss something that is working its way through
52 the legal system.
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1 She thought that a permit allocation system originally sounded like a good idea, but
2 now thinks there is no way to make it equitable.
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4 Staff was clear that this could take time away from other staff work, such as the
5 concurrency ordinance. The Council should do an interim concurrency ordinance for Birch
6 Bay. Don't use administrative resources on this issue when they should be spent on more
7 important items.
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9 Crawford stated a permit allocation program is not a good idea. They are all part of
10 population growth. Controlling that growth instead of planning for the growth is false.
11 Instead, do good growth planning. Redefine what good planning is.
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13 **Nelson moved** to amend the motion by requiring that this come back to the Council
14 with information about staff time required, and fiscal impacts to the County and
15 departments, and an evaluation of the changes that may occur to mineral resource lands
16 (MRL's), urban growth areas (UGA's), and other districts. Get an evaluation of the full
17 impacts before the Planning Commission takes any action.
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19 Caskey-Schreiber stated she is against the permit allocation proposal. There are few
20 successful examples and many failed examples. She is worried about consequences such as
21 high home prices and the effect to the construction industry. This kind of talk sends people
22 running scared. They are trying to do good work. Don't detract from it. Have a plan by
23 the end of the year on how to keep the agricultural industry alive. That should be the
24 focus. The growth rate is getting up there, but it is not unmanageable.
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26 McShane asked if the motion is for staff to provide a report to the Council or to the
27 Planning Commission.
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29 **Nelson withdrew his amendment.**
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31 Weimer stated he is in favor of the motion. He doesn't know if he would support a
32 final permitting system. They are talking just about the rural areas outside of the urban
33 growth areas. Rural areas are a small area where housing is supposed to end up. If the
34 Comprehensive Plan means anything, this won't affect huge numbers of people. This is an
35 elegant solution to what the citizens want the Council to address. If they value the rural
36 areas, this is a solution. The plan will force people into the UGA's and cities, which is what
37 people say they want these days.
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39 Brenner stated the people who are pushing for this are in urban areas and don't
40 want development in their backyard. What the County does in the unincorporated county
41 won't change what the elected officials in the cities will do. The State is pitting the cities
42 and counties against each other. People in urban growth areas will feel like density is all
43 being dumped on them. There are more important ways to accomplish the goal. Explore
44 other methods that will give citizens ownership in the decisions.
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46 McShane stated the Council had a lengthy debate a couple of years ago about
47 population projections. It was a fascinating debate showing where people were. They
48 should have the highest population projection because they should plan for a lot of growth.
49 They had lengthy debates about how the population will be allocated. One benefit of this
50 system is that it gives the County time to deal with zoning in the rural area that isn't
51 compliant with the reality of how development and growth is occurring. People worry about
52 impacts to other cities and entities. A question is how to require those cities to fulfill those
53 densities. In the meantime, the County continues to bear the brunt of a lot of development.

1 A question is how the County plans for services. The County keeps preparing for permits
2 that keep coming in for unincorporated areas of the county. It could be a roller coaster
3 situation if the market crashes. The County will be faced with laying off employees.
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5 Caskey-Schreiber stated the Council can address zoning without alarming everyone.
6 She can't deny people the opportunity to build when she lives in a newly built home in the
7 rural area. A permit allocation system could cause a lot of people to suffer if they have no
8 hope of building.
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10 Nelson stated he understands the impacts to staffing and the rural areas. Look at
11 what they are trying to fix, which is the supposed growth rate. The County averages below
12 the rate the previous ten years. They are growing at a rate they have always grown, which
13 is about two percent.
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15 Brenner stated move forward with concurrency.
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17 ***Motion failed 3-4 with Weimer, Fleetwood, and McShane in favor.***
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20 **OTHER ITEMS**
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22 **5. APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**
23 **#3 - APPLICANT: ROGER BLOK (AB2006-135)**
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25 ***Nelson moved*** to appoint Roger Blok.
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27 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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29 **6. EXECUTIVE REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF THE CONCURRENT**
30 **REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY SWENSON TO THE BELLINGHAM-**
31 **WHATCOM COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITIES BOARD OF**
32 **COMMISSIONERS (AB2006-166)**
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34 ***Nelson moved*** to confirm the reappointment.
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36 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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38 **7. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE A NEW**
39 **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR DYNASTY CELLARS, 2987 HAXTON**
40 **WAY, BELLINGHAM (AB2006-167)**
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42 ***Brenner moved*** to approve the request.
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44 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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46 **8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO APPROVE A NEW**
47 **LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR POIESIS WINES, 4232 LEGOE BAY**
48 **ROAD, LUMMI ISLAND (AB2006-168)**
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50 ***Weimer moved*** to approve the request.
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52 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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2 **CORRESPONDENCE APPROVAL**
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4 **1. LETTER PROPOSED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRENNER TO**
5 **CONGRESSMAN RICK LARSEN REGARDING FAIR COMPENSATION TO**
6 **FISHERMEN WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE**
7 **GROUNDING OF THE EXXON VALDEZ IN 1989 (AB2006-057)**
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9 Fleetwood stated he will abstain from the vote. He is a member of the class action
10 to which this letter refers.
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12 McShane stated he will not abstain, even though he owns stock in Exxon.
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14 Crawford stated there is a local impact. He will support this letter.
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16 *(Clerk's Note: There was no motion to approve the letter.)*
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18 ***Vote to approve the letter carried 6-0-1 with Fleetwood abstaining.***
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20 Brenner stated she had no idea about Councilmember Fleetwood's involvement when
21 she wrote the letter.
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24 **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**
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26 ***Nelson moved*** to accept the Introduction Items.
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28 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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- 30 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, SIXTH**
31 **REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,152,377 (AB2006-169)**
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33 **2. ORDINANCE REGARDING PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF THE 2006**
34 **BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$594,688 (AB2006-170)**
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36 **3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF WHATCOM COUNTY SURPLUS**
37 **PROPERTY PURSUANT TO WCC 1.10 (AB2006-165A) (HEARING TO BE**
38 **SCHEDULED)**
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41 **OTHER BUSINESS AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**
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43 ***Nelson moved*** to waive the fees for the applications in the **resolution initiating**
44 **Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments for 2006 (AB2006-082)**, docket items
45 L, M, O, P, Q, and DD.
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47 ***Motion carried unanimously.***
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49 Caskey-Schreiber welcomed an audience member visiting from out of town.
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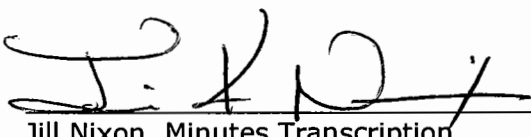
Weimer stated he attended the Lummi Island meeting last week about the ferry rate increase. The administration, particularly Public Works Director Jeff Monsen, did a wonderful job explaining all of it. They will meet again.

Nelson stated he will attend meetings regarding pandemic possibilities and how they work with the private sector. The administration will put together programs through the Health Department.

Brenner stated she attended a conference on United for National Healthcare. It is an issue the Health Board may want to learn more about. She would like people from both sides of the issue to debate the issue. They need a good debate about this issue, in lay terms. The State television channel has been presenting something called Code Blue, which is similar to United for National Healthcare.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.



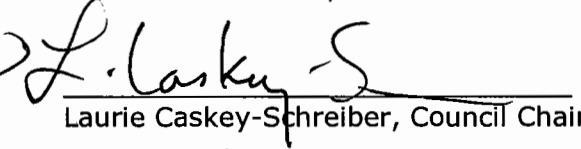
Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

The Council approved these minutes on April 11, 2006.

ATTEST

Dana Brown Davis, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair