

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2007 - 91

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
<i>Originator:</i>		1/29/2007		1/30/2007	Council
<i>Division Head:</i>					
<i>Dept. Head:</i>					
<i>Prosecutor:</i>					
<i>Purchasing/Budget:</i>					
<i>Executive:</i>					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:
 Resolution supporting Western Washington University's State funding request

ATTACHMENTS:
 Resolution

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing ? () Yes (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) NO Requested Date:
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SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

<p>COMMITTEE ACTION:</p>	<p>COUNCIL ACTION: 1/30/2007: Council Approved 6-0 Nelson absent Res. 2007-007</p>
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Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2007-007
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PROPOSED BY: Consent
SPONSORED BY: Consent
INTRODUCED: January 30, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-007

SUPPORTING WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING TO BE USED FOR PLANNING AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES LEADING TO THE BELLINGHAM WATERFRONT RE-DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council voted on October 10, 2006, to support the efforts of the City of Bellingham to obtain funding for and participate in the development of Bellingham's waterfront to create an environmentally friendly, energy efficient and financially viable development that will bring prosperity to the entire County; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington University (WWU) has been working with the Port of Bellingham and other local public and private partners to include a presence for the university in the waterfront development project, and

WHEREAS, the primary principle for WWU's decision making for potential program development at the waterfront site is, consistent with WWU's mission and integrity, to contribute to the larger Bellingham community and to the State by integrating Western with the community in mutually beneficial partnerships and promoting sustainable waterfront development (economic, social, environmental, educational); and

WHEREAS, the programs the university is examining for potential location at the waterfront include Huxley College of the Environment, the Small Business Development Center, a Consortium for Technology Based Economic Development, and others that will expand the university's service to the community and will strive to stimulate the development potential for the area for other businesses and services; and


WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council recognizes the significant positive impact Western Washington University has on the economy, as well as on the quality of the environmental, cultural and educational life of the county and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council strongly encourages area legislators to support public projects that will have a significant impact on the quality of life of Whatcom County's citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council supports Western Washington University's request to the State Legislature to provide funds for planning and feasibility studies leading to the Bellingham Waterfront re-development process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's support for this project funding is in addition to the County's priority funding requests for financial assistance for the creation of the East County Community Center and funding requests that are needed for stormwater improvements or fixes within the Lake Whatcom Watershed.

APPROVED this 30 th day of January 2007.



ATTEST
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council
STATE OF WASHINGTON
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Carl Weimer, Council Chair