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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

May 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Ken Mann called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL (11:00:10 AM)

Present: Kathy Kershner, Ken Mann and Carl Weimer.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Sam Crawford, Barbara Brenner and Bill Knutzen.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LINCOLN ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY FROM SHINTAFFER ROAD TO HARBORVIEW ROAD TO INCLUDE 12-FOOT LANES, 8-FOOT SHOULDERS, STORM SEWERS, STORMWATER TREATMENT SWALES, AND LEFT TURN LANES ON LINCOLN ROAD AND HARBORVIEW ROAD (AB2010-196) (11:00:12 AM)**

Weimer moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Joe Rutan, Public Works Department, gave a staff report.

Discussion included why they should spend this kind of money in this economy; how this road improvement is a good idea; the existing maintenance needs of the road; the reality of when the rest of the connector project may be done; when the State may work on Blaine Road; asking the State to return Blaine Road to County jurisdiction; whether it's possible to build separate designated bike and pedestrians lanes with these funds; drainage requirements; whether they can recoup some of this money in the future from the City of Blaine, which this road will serve; collecting impact fees or mitigation from a development in progress; other funding for this project, and; the amount in the annual road fund budget.

The following person answered questions:

- Frank Abart, Public Works Department Director

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Kershner and Weimer (2)

Nays: Mann (1)

2. **ORDINANCE FOR 2010 PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST NO. 3 FOR FUNDING FROM THE LINCOLN ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR COMPLETION OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE LINCOLN ROAD PHASE I PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,900,000 AND TO REQUEST AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE ROAD FUND TO FUND A TRANSFER TO THE LINCOLN ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 (AB2010-196A) (11:25:06 AM)**

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2 **Weimer moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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4 The motion carried by the following vote:

5 **Ayes:** Kershner and Weimer (2)

6 **Nays:** Mann (1)
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9 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**

- 10
11 1. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
12 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND ENGINEERING ECONOMICS,**
13 **INC. FOR THE COMMISSIONING AUTHORITY TO ATTAIN A SILVER**
14 **CERTIFICATION IN THE US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S LEED PROGRAM**
15 **FOR THE EAST WHATCOM REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT**
16 **OF \$17,000 (AB2010-200) (11:25:48 AM)**
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18 **Kershner moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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20 The following person answered questions:

- 21 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
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23 Discussion included the total added cost to this project when done; why they are
24 doing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards; whether the
25 County can do this project in-house; overhead costs in the contract, and; whether a local
26 engineer can provide LEED certification.
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28 The motion carried by the following vote:

29 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

30 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 32 2. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN**
33 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND OLYMPIC SECURITY, INC.**
34 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SECURITY SERVICES, SECURITY**
35 **SCREENING, AND X-RAY SERVICES AT THE WHATCOM COUNTY**
36 **COURTHOUSE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 (AB2010-201) (11:31:41 AM)**
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38 **Kershner moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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40 Discussion included security for the entire courthouse, not just people going upstairs.
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42 The following person answered questions:

- 43 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
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45 The motion carried by the following vote:

46 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

47 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 49 3. **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO**
50 **CONTRACT AMENDMENT #2 BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND VERTICAL,**
51 **INC. AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ALTERATIONS TO THE**
52 **CIVIC CENTER ANNEX, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,076.58 (AB2010-202)**
53 **(11:36:03 AM)**
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55 **Weimer moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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2 The following person answered questions:

- 3 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
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5 Discussion included a leak in the drywall that needs to be fixed; other repairs that
6 may be necessary; the contingency budget; why they would do this now rather than
7 address the problems all at once; using stimulus money on this project; earthquake
8 standards for the Civic Center building, and; whether they can take care of covering the old
9 Olympic lettering.

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11 The motion carried by the following vote:

12 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

13 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 15 **4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD**
16 **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BID #10-17 FOR 2010 HOT MIX ASPHALT**
17 **PRELEVEL AT MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS TO LOWEST BIDDER,**
18 **ASSOCIATED ASPHALT INC., OF FERNDALE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,690**
19 **(AB2010-203) (11:45:06 AM)**
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21 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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23 The motion carried by the following vote:

24 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

25 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 27 **5. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
28 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND LOW BIDDER, LEN HONCOOP**
29 **GRAVEL, INC., TO INSTALL A STORMWATER BIOINFILTRATION SWALE IN**
30 **THE LAHTI DRIVE/BRITTON ROAD AREA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,476.90**
31 **(AB2010-204) (11:45:46 AM)**
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33 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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35 The following person answered questions:

- 36 • Kirk Christensen, Public Works Department
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38 Discussion included whether this will be similar to the swale on Cable Street.
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40 The motion carried by the following vote:

41 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

42 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 44 **6. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
45 **DELEGATED LEASE BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**
46 **NATURAL RESOURCES FOR LEASE OF 3373 MT. BAKER HIGHWAY FOR USE**
47 **AS A FIELD OFFICE (AB2010-205) (11:46:47 AM)**
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49 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.
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51 The following people answered questions:

- 52 • Mike McFarland, Parks and Recreation Department
53 • Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
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1 Discussion included whether this is the Parks Department office building; getting out
2 of the lease if the property were sold; moving the Parks Department administrative staff to
3 the Roeder Home; the number of staff who work at the facility and the size of the facility,
4 and; selling the administrative facility in exchange for building the Hovander facility.
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6 The motion carried by the following vote:

7 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

8 **Nays:** None (0)
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10 **7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #10-35**
11 **FOR THE SUPPLY OF TWO REPLACEMENT SWEEPERS TO SOLE BIDDER,**
12 **CLYDE WEST INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,470.68 (AB2010-206) (11:57:35**
13 **AM)**

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15 ***Kershner moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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17 The following people answered questions:

- 18 • Eric Schlehuber, Public Works Department
 - 19 • Frank Abart, Public Works Department Director
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21 Discussion included how a sweeper works; the age and use of the two sweepers
22 being replaced; how the sweeper is used; the replacement process, and; possibly
23 contracting for the service during the replacement process.
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25 The motion carried by the following vote:

26 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

27 **Nays:** None (0)
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29 **8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO MAKE**
30 **APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE**
31 **WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE**
32 **OF PROPERTY FOR FUTURE PARK PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF FERNDAL**
33 **(RIVERPLACE PARK) (AB2010-207) (12:05:49 PM)**
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35 ***Weimer moved*** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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37 Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director, gave a staff report and
38 answered questions.
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40 Discussion included the total purchase price; grant funding; whether the County can
41 use conservation futures funds exclusively, and not use the real estate excise tax (REET)
42 and flood funds; whether the County will be required by the Recreation and Conservation
43 Office (RCO) to develop the park further; whether local sports groups are interested in
44 developing and managing the park; identifying this park in the County Comprehensive Plan,
45 and; how the County receives appropriate public comment.
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47 ***Weimer amended his motion and moved*** to recommend approval with one
48 amendment to item three in the resolution, "...and will **may** be derived...."
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50 The motion carried by the following vote:

51 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

52 **Nays:** None (0)
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54 **9. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A**
55 **CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND BANNER BANK FOR A LOAN**

1 **LOSS RESERVE FUND PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCING SOLUTIONS FOR**
2 **PARTICIPATING ENERGY USERS, ALLOWING THEM TO OVERCOME THE**
3 **FIRST COST BARRIER AND PAY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS**
4 **OVER TIME, MATCHING ENERGY COST SAVINGS WITH LOAN PAYMENTS, IN**
5 **THE AMOUNT OF \$235,000 (AB2010-208) (12:16:20 PM)**
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7 *Weimer moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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9 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report and answered questions.

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11 Discussion included whether they've approached Banner Bank to do the same thing
12 with septic loans and grants and the source of the funds.

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14 The motion carried by the following vote:

15 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

16 **Nays:** None (0)
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18 **10. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CENTER FOR**
19 **ECONOMIC VITALITY ADMINISTERED THROUGH WESTERN WASHINGTON**
20 **UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION**
21 **ACTIVITIES THROUGH WHATCOM COUNTY, FUNDING THROUGH THE EDI**
22 **PROGRAM, PUBLIC UTILITY IMPROVEMENT FUND, IN THE AMOUNT OF**
23 **\$100,000 (AB2010-209) (12:19:35 PM)**
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25 *Kershner moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

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27 Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report and answered questions.

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29 Discussion included whether the County has already given this group funding and
30 approving the funding and contract processes.

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32 The motion carried by the following vote:

33 **Ayes:** Kershner, Mann and Weimer (3)

34 **Nays:** None (0)
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36 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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38 There was no other business.
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40 **ADJOURN**

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42 The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.
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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Ken Mann, Committee Chair