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3 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
4 **Planning and Development Committee**
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6 July 13, 2010
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10 **CALL TO ORDER** (3:03:21 PM)
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12 Committee Chair Bill Knutzen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council
13 Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.
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16 **ROLL CALL** (3:03:26 PM)
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18 **Present:** Ken Mann, Bill Knutzen and Barbara Brenner.
19 **Absent:** None.
20 **Also Present:** Sam Crawford and Kathy Kershner.
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23 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**
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25 **1. DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 20.90 THAT**
26 **WOULD ALLOW COUNTY COUNCIL TO INITIATE ZONING AMENDMENTS FOR**
27 **FURTHER REVIEW AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR (AB2010-270)** (3:04:17
28 *PM*)
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30 Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services Department, gave a staff report
31 and stated the Planning Commission didn't make a recommendation, so the Council would
32 have to hold a public hearing. He submitted a draft ordinance (*on file*).
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34 Discussion included whether the Council can already add items to the Comprehensive
35 Plan at any time of the year; the Planning Commission minutes and discussion; giving the
36 legislative body the right to change its zoning codes when necessary; the Council being
37 more focused with planning efforts if they make changes once per year; whether an annual
38 deadline is helpful to the Planning Department, and; substituting better-prepared
39 applications for deadlines.
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41 ***Brenner moved*** to recommend to the full Council introduction of the draft ordinance
42 submitted today and holding a public hearing in August.
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44 The motion carried by the following vote:
45 **Ayes:** Mann, Knutzen and Brenner (3)
46 **Nays:** None (0)
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49 **OTHER BUSINESS**
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51 There was no other business.
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1 **ADJOURN**

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3 The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Bill Knutzen, Committee Chair