

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR AUGUST 10, 2010



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

September 6, 2010
HOLIDAY

September 14, 2010
Regular council and committee meetings, Council Chambers

September 21, 2010
Surface Water Work Session, 10:30 a.m., Civic Center Building

September 28, 2010
Regular council and committee meetings

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Health Committee, 9:00 a.m., Civic Center Building
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COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

COUNCIL NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Members: Bill Knutzen, Ward Nelson, Carl Weimer

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

AGENDA

Committee Discussion

1. Discussion regarding the ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for divisions of land resulting in lots smaller than five acres within the Lake Whatcom Watershed (AB2010-101A) (ordinance scheduled for public hearing this evening)
2. Presentation by Whatcom County Assessor Keith Willnauer on open space taxation issues (AB2010-276)

Other Business

COUNCIL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
Members: Kathy Kershner, Ken Mann, Carl Weimer

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

AGENDA

Special Presentation

1. Visitor analysis and industry update from Bellingham Whatcom Tourism CEO and President Loni Rahm (AB2010-017)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. Ordinance amending the 2010 Whatcom County Budget, fourteenth request, in the amount of \$771,900 (AB2010-290)
2. Resolution recommending approval of the bank repair project at Dozer Corner (AB2010-292)
3. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a service agreement between the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and the US Forest Service for Baker Lake Recreational area patrols and for purchase of a Mobile Data Terminal and other equipment, in the amount of \$42,400 (AB2010-293)

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Office of Public Defense for reimbursement of contracted attorneys' fees for indigent parents in juvenile dependency and termination cases in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$32,000 (AB2010-294)
2. Resolution authorizing Whatcom County's application for a Shooting Range Development Grant from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to modify existing windows in the indoor range meeting room to reduce noise (AB2010-295)
3. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a Farmland Preservation Grant Agreement between Whatcom County Planning and Development Services and the Washington State Conservation Commission, in the amount of \$25,000 (AB2010-296)
4. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a land license agreement between Whatcom County and Jim Snyder to hay approximately 80 acres of farm land at Hovander Homestead Park, in the amount of \$3,000 (AB2010-297)
5. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Drayton Archaeological Research for professional archaeological services for Lily Point Marine Park, in the amount of \$20,000 (AB2010-298)
6. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Aquatechnex for herbicide treatment and monitoring of flowering rush in Silver Lake, in the amount of \$50,000 (AB2010-299)
7. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Shelterbelt, Inc. for herbicide treatment and monitoring of Japanese/Bohemian knotweed on the upper reaches of the north, middle and south forks of the Nooksack River, in the amount of \$85,000 (AB2010-300)
8. Request approval for the County Executive to award bid 10-64, to all six names on the on-call herbicide spraying contractor/equipment list and enter into contracts with each, in an amount that may exceed \$35,000 (AB2010-301)

Other Business

COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
Members: Barbara Brenner, Ken Mann, Carl Weimer

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

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Committee Discussion

1. Presentation on the services provided by Airlift Northwest (AB2010-304)

Other Business

SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Immediately Following Public Works and Safety Committee
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

AGENDA

1. Discussion of a proposed ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.03, Boards and Commissions (AB2010-143B)

Other Business

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Members: Barbara Brenner, Bill Knutzen, Ken Mann**

**3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

AGENDA

Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council

1. Ordinance amending the **Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan** and zoning map for property known as Harbor Shores located on Blaine Road, south of Dakota Creek (AB2010-258) **(recommended motion for this item: forward for concurrent review)**

Other Business

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**6:00p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Council Committee Room, 311 Grand Avenue**

AGENDA

1. Update and discussion regarding Lummi Island Ferry dock negotiations (AB2010-018)
[Discussion may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1)(i)]
2. Discussion with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Karen Frakes regarding pending litigation (AB2010-018)
[Discussion may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1)(i)]

Other Business

COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
FLAG SALUTE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you will be handing out paperwork to councilmembers, please give one copy to the clerk for our office files. Thank you.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Overview by Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center Executive Director Moonwater regarding the Dispute Resolution Center (AB2010-017)

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole for July 13, 2010
2. Regular County Council for July 13, 2010
3. Surface Water Work Session for July 20, 2010
4. Committee of the Whole for July 27, 2010

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

During open session, audience members can speak to the council on any issue not scheduled for public hearing. Each speaker should state his or her name and address for the record and will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to wrap up their comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the council during a public hearing are asked to sign up at the back of the room before the meeting begins. The Council Chair will ask those who have signed up to form a line at the podium. Each speaker should state his or her name and address for the record and will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to wrap up their comments. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group.

1. Resolution authorizing the sale of county-owned property, pursuant to WCC 1.10 (AB2010-291)

2. Ordinance adopting the current State Building Code and repealing the existing Title 15 of the Whatcom County Code (AB2010-289)
3. Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for divisions of land resulting in lots smaller than five acres within the Lake Whatcom Watershed (AB2010-101A)
4. Ordinance amending Chapter 20.90 of the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance relating to initiating zoning amendments (AB2010-270A)

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

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OTHER ITEMS

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(From Planning and Development Committee)

4. Ordinance amending the **Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan** and zoning map for property known as Harbor Shores located on Blaine Road, south of Dakota Creek (AB2010-258)
(Recommended motion: Forward for concurrent review. This ordinance cannot be adopted this evening. The Council must consider initiated comprehensive plan amendments concurrently so that the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be evaluated. All proposed amendments will be scheduled together for final adoption at a later date.)

(No committee assignment)

5. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Howard Hill Cummings and Mark McDonald to the North Sound Mental Health Advisory Board (AB2010-302)
6. Resolution adopting the Lake Whatcom Management Program 2010 – 2014 Work Plan (AB2010-303)
7. Ordinance amending Ordinance 2009-071, the official Whatcom County zoning map, and County Comprehensive Plan and maps, to implement changes related to completion of the 10-year review of the urban growth areas required under the Growth Management Act, specifically the urban growth areas of Birch Bay, Ferndale, Nooksack, and Sumas (AB2010-054D)

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

ADJOURN

The next regular council meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, September 14 and 28, 2010, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.

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November 2, 2010	Health Board, Council Chambers
November 9, 2010	Regular council and committee meetings, Council Chambers
November 11, 2010	HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED
November 16, 2010	Surface Water Work Session, 10:30 a.m., Civic Center Building
November 23, 2010	Regular council and committee meetings, Council Chambers
December 7, 2010	Regular council and committee meetings, Council Chambers