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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JANUARY 24, 2012

**MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT
LEAST 96 HOURS IN ADVANCE.**

**AS A COURTESY TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES,
CELLULAR PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS AVAILABLE NEAR THE
COURTHOUSE SOUTH ENTRANCE.**

**OUR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE TELEVISED ON BTV10,
COMCAST CHANNEL 10, AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE TWO WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING EACH
TUESDAY EVENING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING.**

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**COUNCIL OFFICE EMAIL POLICY
CURRENT COUNCIL AGENDA
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PUBLIC NOTICES
1981 - 2012 ORDINANCES
1981 - 2012 RESOLUTIONS
2001 - 2012 COMMITTEE MINUTES
2001 - 2012 COUNCIL MINUTES**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 6, 2012
LAKE WHATCOM POLICY WORKING GROUP, 9:30 A.M.
CIVIC CENTER GARDEN ROOM

FEBRUARY 7, 2012
HEALTH BOARD MEETING
10:30 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FEBRUARY 14, 2012
REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 17, 2012
COUNTY CLOSURE DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

SPECIAL NOTES FOR TODAY
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE BEGINS AT 10:45 A.M.
PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE BEGINS AT 2:45 P.M.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

COUNCIL NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members: Sam Crawford, Bill Knutzen, Carl Weimer

~~9:30~~ 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Special Order of Business

1. Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair (AB2012-021)

Other Business

COUNCIL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Sam Crawford, Ken Mann, Carl Weimer

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Special Order of Business

1. Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair (AB2012-021)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. Ordinance amending the 2012 Whatcom County Budget, fourth request, in the amount of \$1,189,558 (AB2012-039)
2. Resolution approving policies and procedures for retention of Whatcom County Councilmember emails (AB2012-043)
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal grant agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Technical College utilizing EDI Program funding for use in the construction project known as BTC's Northwest Center for Environmental, Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, in the amount of \$400,000 (AB2012-046)

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

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2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Windward Environmental Consultants, LLC for assistance with NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit public education outreach and evaluation, in the amount of \$59,995 (AB2012-048)
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Wilson Engineering, LLC for assistance with NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit compliance in stormwater asset management program development, in the amount of \$129,068 (AB2012-049)
4. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology to fund administrative and action projects for the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee including community education and outreach, and water quality monitoring, in the amount of \$36,500 (AB2012-050)

5. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Sun Community Services to provide funding for supportive services and operating and maintenance expenses at the I Street Apartments, a permanent supportive housing project for people living with mental illness, in the amount of \$22,209 (AB2012-051)
6. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Port of Bellingham to install a single fender pile at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal to accommodate the safe docking of the Whatcom Chief, in the amount of \$25,000 (AB2012-052)
7. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Opportunity Council for Shelter Plus Care administrative support in the amount of \$35,960, for a total amended contract in the amount of \$67,286 (AB2012-053)
8. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract agreement between Whatcom County and Compu-tech, Inc. for upgrade work to be done on the WNET browser to incorporate new and more efficient technologies and to enhance system security to protect user files, in the amount of \$73,400 (AB2012-054)
9. Request authorization for the County Executive to approve the purchase of the annual supply of lignosite from Meenderinck, LLC, a sole source provider, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 (AB2012-055)
10. Request authorization for the County Executive to approve the purchase of the annual supply of glass beads for traffic marking paint using the Washington State Contract, from vendor Alpine Products, Inc. and Potter Industries, in an estimated amount of \$80,000 (AB2012-056)
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17. Request authorization for the County Executive to approve the purchase of the 2012 annual supply of lubricants using the Washington State Contract, from vendor Conoco Phillips 76/Reisner Distributor in an amount that could exceed \$35,000 (AB2012-063)

Other Business

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members: Barbara Brenner, Pete Kremen, Ken Mann

~~4:30~~ 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2012, Council Chambers

Special Order of Business

1. Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair (AB2012-021)

Other Business

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members: Barbara Brenner, Bill Knutzen, Ken Mann

3:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2012, Council Chambers

Special Order of Business

1. Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair (AB2012-021)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council – Comprehensive Plan

1. Ordinance amending the **Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan** Map and Whatcom County Zoning Map to remove a Mineral Resource Lands (MRL) zoning overlay from the existing Rural (R10) zone and change the MRL designation to Rural for approximately 90 acres on Aldrich Road (AB2011-435)

Other Business

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Council Conference Room, 311 Grand Avenue

1. Strategy planning discussion and positions to be taken regarding collective bargaining (AB2012-018)
[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(i)]
2. Discussion regarding potential property acquisition for the Flood Control Zone District (AB2012-018)
(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors)
[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.140(4)(a)]
3. Discussion with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Karen Frakes regarding pending litigation (AB2012-018)
[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(b)]

Other Business

COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

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.

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 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. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 20.14 Wind Energy Systems (AB2011-223)
2. 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 (AB2012-040)

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 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.

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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(From Planning and Development Committee)

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(No committee assignment)

5. Approval of special "standing" council meeting dates for 2012 (AB2012-065)

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. Ordinance establishing the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (AB2012-044)
2. Resolution amending Whatcom County Code 100.06, Subzone Advisory Committees, regarding member requirements (AB2012-045) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
3. Community Development Block Grant Closeout – Kulshan Community Land Trust Affordable Housing Grant (AB2012-064) (public hearing to be scheduled)

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

ADJOURN

The next regular council meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, February 14 and 28, 2012, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.