

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – February 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmembers Present: Weimer, Buchanan, Mann, Browne, Brenner, Donovan, Sidhu
Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole for September 13, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
2. Regular County Council for September 13, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
3. Special Committee of the Whole for September 20, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
4. Regular County Council for September 27, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
5. Special Committee of the Whole for October 11, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
6. Committee of the Whole for October 11, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
7. Regular County Council for October 11, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
8. Special Committee of the Whole for November 9, 2016 (9:30 a.m.)
Approved Consent 7-0
9. Special Committee of the Whole for November 9, 2016 (10:30 a.m.)
Approved Consent 7-0
10. Regular County Council for November 9, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
11. Special Committee of the Whole (9:30 a.m.) for November 22, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
12. Regular County Council for November 22, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
13. Special Committee of the Whole (1:50 p.m.) for December 6, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
14. Regular County Council for December 6, 2016
Approved Consent 7-0
15. Special Committee of the Whole (11 a.m.) for January 10, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
16. Special Committee of the Whole (1:30 p.m.) for January 10, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
17. Regular County Council for January 10, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0

OPEN SESSION

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OTHER ITEMS

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. Resolution accepting the Treasurer's list of petitions for tax refunds (AB2017-058)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-005
2. Resolution amending Resolution 2016-051 in the matter of adopting a salary schedule and policies for Whatcom County unrepresented employees, effective January 1 through December 31, 2017 (AB2017-059)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-006
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Edge Analytical, Inc. to provide laboratory analysis of surface water samples for bacteria analysis, in the amount of \$85,600 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2017-060)
Approved 7-0
4. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Kimberly Gearity, Attorney, for professional labor negotiator services, in the amount of \$46,377, for a total amended amount of \$86,376 (AB2017-061)
Approved 7-0

(From Public Works, Health, and Safety Committee)

5. Resolution amending CRP No. 916008 and authorizing Public Works to: 1) Proceed with petitioning the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for improvements to the Yacht Club Road at-grade railroad crossing; and 2) Construct improvements using Public Works Department's "county forces" (AB2017-043A)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-007

(From Planning and Development Committee)

6. Request appointment of one County Council member to the Transfer of Development Rights and Purchase of Development Rights multi-stakeholder work group (AB2017-064)
Approved 7-0, Appointed Rud Browne

(No Committee Assignment)

7. Ordinance providing local procedures to process development permit applications efficiently and to promote finality of decisions (AB2017-041) (from 1/24)
Amended and approved 6-1, Brenner opposed, Ordinance 2017-005

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment to fill Jail Stakeholder Workgroup vacancy (Whatcom County resident who resides outside the city of Bellingham) – applicant: Irene Morgan (AB2017-067)
Appointed: Mathew Babick

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Annual appointments to Executive-appointed boards and commissions (AB2017-052A)
Confirmed 7-0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Resolution amending the 2017 Flood Control Zone District and Subzone Budgets, first request, in the amount of \$143,676 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2017-065)
Introduced 7-0
2. Ordinance amending the 2017 Whatcom County Budget, second request, in the amount of \$2,518,464 (AB2017-066)
Introduced 7-0
3. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.03, 2.22, and 2.104 to prohibit the appointment of declared political candidates to boards, committees, and commissions and requiring resignation from the Ethics Commission and Salary Commission for members seeking an elected position within the County (AB2017-057)
Introduced 7-0

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COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham