

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – February 13, 2018

Updated

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmembers Present: Ballew, Brenner, Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, , Donovan Sidhu

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Public comment applies to both items listed below)

1. Ordinance (interim) repealing Ordinance 2017-057 and adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Whatcom County Code Title 15 (Buildings and Construction), Title 20 (Zoning), Title 21 (Land Division Regulations), and Title 24 (Health Code), relating to water resources (AB2018-057A)
Adopted 6-1, Donovan opposed, ordinance 2018-005
2. Emergency ordinance (interim) (2018-001) repealing Ordinance 2017-057 and adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Whatcom County Code Title 15 (Buildings and Construction), Title 20 (Zoning), Title 21 (Land Division Regulations), and Title 24 (Health Code), relating to water resources (AB2018-057) (procedural hearing – ordinance was adopted January 30, 2018)
Public Hearing held

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to provide for joint usage of the Vactor Waste Site Facility from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, due to the rate increase from \$54.36/ton to \$147.56/ton (AB2018-062)
Approved Consent 7-0
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Organization to support the County's behavioral health program and to support regional behavioral health activities, in the amount of \$957,459 (AB2018-063)
Approved Consent 7-0
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Cornwall Center for the purpose of extending the expiration date to December 31, 2018, for leasing raw land at the Civic Center Building Site, in the amount of \$8,778.96, for a total amended lease amount of \$41,411.25 (AB2018-065)
Approved Consent 7-0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Special Committee of the Whole)

1. Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 2, Administration and Personnel; Title 9, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare; Title 15, Building and Construction; Title 16, Environment; Title 20, Zoning; Title 21, Land Division Regulations; Title 23, Shoreline Management Program; Title 24, Health; and creating a new Title 22, Land Use and Development Procedures, to relocate and revise procedures for land use and development related project permits and legislative actions code (AB2018-056)
Held in Committee

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. Resolution cancelling uncollectible personal property taxes (AB2018-060)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-003

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3. Executive Louws requests approval of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board recommendations for funding as presented in the attached EDI Fund applications and approval of the Housing Affordable for the Workforce guidelines (AB2018-061)
Approved 7-0

4. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and ImageTrend, Inc. for software licenses, professional services, and annual fees to implement a regional Electronic Patient Care Reporting software system for Emergency Medical Services, in the amount of \$143,134.20 (AB2018-064)
Approved 7-0

(From Public Works and Health Committee)

5. Resolution setting Whatcom County Veterans Assistance Program eligibility income standards (AB2018-067A)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-004

(No Committee Assignment)

6. Executive Louws requests appointment of one councilmembers to serve on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Committee (AB2018-071)
Councilmember Brenner appointed

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, partial term ending 1/31/2019, or two partial terms ending 1/31/2021, applicant: Eleanor Hines (AB2018-058)
Eleanor Hines appointed 7-0 to partial term ending 1/31/2021

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Request confirmation of Executive appointments to boards, committees, and commissions for the year 2018 (AB2018-068)
Confirmed 7-0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Receipt of application to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, one year term representing impacted cities, applicant: John Perry (application deadline for any other applicants to this vacancy is 10 a.m. on February 20, 2018) (committee assists and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in performing flood damage repairs, maintenance and improvements, and minimizing future flood damage through prevention and management on the Nooksack River, its watershed, and the other watersheds within Whatcom County) (AB2018-059)
Introduced 7-0
2. Ordinance amending the 2018 Whatcom County Budget, fourth request, in the amount of \$1,443,449 (AB2018-069)
Introduced 7-0
3. Ordinance approving the second amendment to Project Budget No. 2 (Jail Improvement Fund) of the 2011 Budget (as established through Ordinance 2011-031) to add \$311,000 of expenditure authority, for a total amended project budget amount of \$3,778,700 (AB2018-070)
Introduced 7-0
4. Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in the Cherry Point urban growth area, the primary purpose of which would be the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at cherry point (ab2018-077)
Introduced 5-2, Brenner and Byrd opposed

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES - Updated

(From Public Works and Health Committee)

Update from HomesNOW on volunteer efforts to provide homes and shelter for the homeless in Whatcom County (ab2018-072)
Motion carried 7-0 to request that the administration work with HomesNOW at the Homeless Solutions Work Group to move forward with their requests.

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for **6:00 p.m.** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham

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