

# WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – March 7, 2017

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## FLAG SALUTE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Video presentation to provide information related to the Supreme Court's Hirst decision, followed by time for councilmembers to ask questions of state and local water experts (AB2016-309E)  
**Presented and discussed**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance adopting interim 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 (AB2016-309D)  
**Amended and adopted 4-3, Brenner, Mann, and Weimer opposed, Ordinance 2017-008**
2. Ordinance establishing charges/fees for providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance Transport Services in Whatcom County (AB2017-086)  
**Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-009**
3. Resolution to sell tax-title property by public auction, Request #TR2017-01 (AB2017-087A)  
**Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-013**

## OPEN SESSION

## OTHER ITEMS

### **(From Natural Resources Committee)**

1. Request authorization to grant the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife an easement on park property located on the south end of Lake Whatcom for the purpose of construction and maintenance of a fish hatchery and stream bank on Brannian Creek (AB2017-091)  
**Approved 7-0**

### **(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

2. Request approval for the County Executive to enter in to a contract between Whatcom County and Commodity Credit Corporation for a 50% cost share for four purchase of development rights easements through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Grant Program, in the amount of \$593,020 (AB2017-092)  
**Approved 7-0**

### **(From Special Committee of the Whole)**

3. Resolution initiating proposed Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments (AB2017-083)  
**Held in Committee**

## COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment to Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, applicant: Michael Shepard (AB2017-072)  
**Appointed 7-0**

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Request confirmation of County Executive's appointment of Sonja Max to fill the District at-Large position on the Parks and Recreation Commission (AB2017-093)  
**Confirmed 7-0**

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2. Request confirmation of County Executive's appointment of Kristi Roberts and Matthew McDermott to the Whatcom County Agricultural Advisory Committee (AB2017-094)  
**Confirmed 7-0**

### **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

1. Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan relating to the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area (AB2017-063)  
**Held in Committee**
2. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.27A to prevent the release and spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AB2017-084)  
**Substitute Introduced 7-0**
3. Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule (AB2017-085)  
**Introduced 7-0**
4. Ordinance amending Ordinance 2014-075 (establishment of the courthouse building envelope fund and budget) to include additional funding of \$2,427,809 to cover the cost of scheduled maintenance and repairs (AB2017-095)  
**Introduced 7-0**
5. Ordinance amending the 2017 Whatcom County Budget, third request, in the amount of \$2,104,121 (AB2017-096)  
**Introduced 7-0**
6. Resolution and request for a public hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant funding applications (AB2017-097)  
**Introduced 7-0**
7. Ordinance authorizing interfund loans to finance cash flow for stormwater capital project budgets (AB2017-098)  
**Introduced 7-0**
8. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 24.05, On-site Sewage System Regulations (AB2017-053A)  
**Introduced 7-0**
9. 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 (AB2016-256B)  
**Introduced 7-0**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

*From Finance and Administrative Services Committee:*

Port of Bellingham/Associate Development Organization (ADO) Economic Development Update (AB2017-069)

- **Motion carried 7-0 to request that the administration create a request for proposals (RFP) for the designated Associate Development Organization (ADO) contract, given changes to the Comprehensive Plan regarding economic development.**

Resolution condemning the recent hate crimes in Washington and other states (AB2017-102)

**Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-014**

### **ADJOURN**

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