

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – March 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole for October 25, 2016
Approved Consent 7 - 0
2. Board of Health for January 31, 2017
Approved Consent 7 - 0
3. Special Committee of the Whole (AM) for February 7, 2017
Approved Consent 7 - 0
4. Special Committee of the Whole (PM) for February 7, 2017
Approved Consent 7 - 0
5. Regular County Council for February 7, 2017
Approved Consent 7 - 0
6. Special Committee of the Whole (AM) for February 21, 2017
Approved Consent 7 - 0
7. Special Committee of the Whole (PM) for February 21, 2017
Approved Consent 7 - 0
8. Regular County Council for February 21, 2017
Approved Consent 7 - 0

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. County Executive to review the successful completion of the Sun House renovation and present recognition plaques to contributors (AB2017-017A)
Presented

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution and request for a public hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant funding applications (AB2017-097)
Approved 7 - 0, Resolution 2017-015
2. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 24.05, On-site Sewage System Regulations (AB2017-053A)
Adopted 7 – 0, Ordinance 2017-010
3. 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)
Adopted 6-1, Brenner opposed, Ordinance 2017-011

OPEN SESSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Nurses Association for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018 (AB2017-106)
Approved Consent 7 - 0
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Organization to provide funding for opioid and intravenous outreach services in Whatcom County (AB2017-100)
Approved Consent 7 - 0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. 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)
Substitute adopted 7 – 0, Ordinance 2017-012
2. Ordinance amending the 2017 Whatcom County Budget, third request, in the amount of \$2,104,121 (AB2017-096)
Adopted 7 – 0, Ordinance 2017-013
3. Ordinance authorizing interfund loans to finance cash flow for stormwater capital project budgets (AB2017-098)
Adopted 7 – 0, Ordinance 2017-014
4. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and the Nature Conservancy to support Deming Levee setback construction and the lower Nooksack River geomorphic assessment, in the amount of \$250,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2017-104)
Approved 7 - 0
5. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and the Washington State Military Department for state and federal funding for voluntary acquisition of five flood-prone properties in Marietta and the removal of all associated structures, in the amount of \$342,737 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2017-105)
Approved 7 - 0

(From Special Committee of the Whole)

6. Resolution initiating proposed Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments (from March 7) (AB2017-083)
Substitute Approved 7 – 0, Resolution 2017-016

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of Arlene Feld and Natasha Raming to the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization's Advisory Board (AB2017-108)
Confirmed 7 - 0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Receipt of an appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision on File No. SHR2015-0003, filed by Kristine Williams and Thad Anderson, regarding Deming Speedway access road (AB2016-367)
Introduced 7 - 0
2. Ordinance regarding temporary installation of stop signs on Unick Road at Elder Road during construction of the Slater Road/Jordan Creek Fish Passage Project (AB2017-109)
Introduced 7 - 0
3. Ordinance regarding temporary installation of stop signs at the Oat Coles/Swift Creek temporary bridge crossing (AB2017-110)
Introduced 7 - 0

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4. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 12.60, Road Naming System (AB2017-111)
Introduced 7 - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Motion carried 6-1, Brenner opposed, to approve and send a letter to the Superintendent of the North Cascades National Park Service regarding comments on the reintroduction of grizzly bears.

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham