

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – April 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmembers Present: Weimer, Buchanan, Mann, Browne, Brenner, Sidhu, Donovan

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Consideration of appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision on File No. SHR2015-0003 by Kristine Williams and Thad Anderson, regarding Deming Speedway access road (AB2016-367)
Hearing Examiner decision upheld 7-0

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole (Executive Session) for March 7, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
2. Special Committee of the Whole (Open Meeting) for March 7, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
3. Regular County Council for March 7, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
4. Surface Water Work Session for March 14, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
5. Special Committee of the Whole (Executive Session) for March 14, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
6. Special Committee of the Whole (Open Meeting) for March 14, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0
7. Special Committee of the Whole (Executive Session) for March 21, 2017
Approved Consent 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance repealing and replacing Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.44 and amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.37 to integrate the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Chemical Dependency/Mental Health Program Fund Oversight Advisory Committee into a single Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (AB2017-124)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-018
2. Ordinance adopting interim amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the 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 (AB2016-309F)
Adopted 5-2, Brenner and Mann opposed, Ordinance 2017-019

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a one year residential lease agreement between Whatcom County and Michael Atkins and Maria Palileo for lease of 5305 Nielsen Road, located within Hovander Homestead Park, for the monthly amount of \$950 (AB2017-133)
Approved Consent 7-0

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2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas to operate a senior activity center program at the Sumas Community Center (AB2017-134)
Approved Consent 7-0
3. Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of radios and related accessories (as needed) using Washington State Contract #06913 from vendors Harris FRCD, JVC Kenwood, and Motorola Solutions, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 (AB2017-135)
Approved Consent 7-0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Natural Resources Committee)

1. Resolution approving the Birch Bay Community Park Master Plan (AB2016-185B)
Amended and approved 6-1, Mann opposed, Resolution 2017-018
2. Resolution requesting the State Legislature amend the Growth Management Act to clarify that counties can rely on Department of Ecology guidance for determining legal water availability (AB2017-129)
Substitute amended and approved 6-1, Donovan opposed, Resolution 2017-019

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

3. Ordinance amending Ordinance 2014-073 (establishment of the 2015 Courthouse Fire Alarm System and Juvenile Roof Improvement Fund and a project based budget for the Courthouse Fire Alarm System and Juvenile Roof Improvements) to add additional expenditure authority and change the title of the fund to "Courthouse Improvement Fund" (AB2017-125)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-020
4. Ordinance amending the 2017 Whatcom County Budget, fourth request, in the amount of \$382,327 (AB2017-126)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-021
5. Ordinance amending Ordinance 2014-083 (establishment of the Cedar Hills/Euclid Storm Water Improvements Fund and a project based budget for the Cedar Hills/Euclid Storm Water Improvements) for the fourth time to add \$36,909 of expenditure authority, for a total amended project budget in the amount of \$1,792,495 (AB2016-275B)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-022
6. Ordinance amending Ordinance 2012-050 (establishment of the Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility Project Fund and a project based budget for the Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility) for the third time to add \$900,000 of expenditure authority, for a total amended project budget in the amount of \$3,600,000 (AB2017-079A)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-023
7. Resolution setting a hearing to sell tax-title property by public auction, Req. #TR2017-02 (AB2017-131)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-020
8. Resolution setting a hearing to sell tax-title property by public auction, Req. #TR2017-03 (AB2017-132)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-021
9. Request confirmation of the County Executive's re-designation of the Port of Bellingham as the County's ADO (Associate Development Organization) to coordinate community and economic development services with the Washington State Department of Commerce (AB2017-069A)
Approved 7-0
10. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Fire District #4 to reimburse the district for lost revenue resulting from passage of the countywide EMS levy (AB2017-136)
Approved 7-0
11. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Fire District #11 to reimburse the district for lost revenue resulting from passage of the countywide EMS levy (AB2017-137)
Approved 7-0
12. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Fire District #16 to reimburse the district for lost revenue resulting from passage of the countywide EMS levy (AB2017-138)
Approved 7-0

(No Committee Assignment)

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13. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 20.92.645, Time Limits, related to appeals to County Council (AB2017-114)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-024

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment to the Wildlife Advisory Committee, applicant: Caanan Cowles (AB2017-113)
Appointed Caanan Cowles 7-0
2. Appointment to the Noxious Weed Control Board, applicant: Patricia Lenssen (AB2017-128)
Appointed Patricia Lenssen 7-0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Resolution to sell tax-title property by public auction, Req. #TR2017-02 (AB2017-131A)
Introduced 7-0
2. Resolution to sell tax-title property by public auction, Req. #TR2017-03 (AB2017-132A)
Introduced 7-0
3. Ordinance adopting Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan amendments relating to the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area (AB2017-063A)
Introduced 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham