

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – November 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) for October 30, 2018
Approved Consent 7-0
2. Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) for November 6, 2018
Approved Consent 7-0
3. Committee of the Whole for November 7, 2018
Approved Consent 7-0
4. County Council for November 7, 2018
Approved Consent 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2019 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2018-315)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-043
2. Resolution adopting the 2019 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and subzones (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2018-316)
Approved 6-1, Byrd opposed, Resolution 2018-044
3. Resolution adopting the final 2019 budget of the Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District (AB2018-317)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-045
4. Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for conservation futures purposes for 2019 (AB2018-327)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-059
5. Ordinance authorizing the levy of 2019 property taxes for county road purposes (AB2018-328)
Adopted 6-1, Donovan opposed, Ordinance 2018-060
6. Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for countywide emergency medical purposes for 2019 (AB2018-329)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-061
7. Ordinance limiting the 2019 General Fund property tax levy (AB2018-330)
Adopted 6-1, Donovan opposed, Ordinance 2018-062
8. Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for county and state purposes in Whatcom County, Washington for the year 2019 (AB2018-331)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-063
9. Ordinance authorizing the 2019 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule (AB2018-332)
Referred to Committee
10. Ordinance adopting of the final 2019-2020 Whatcom County Budget (AB2018-305A)
Substitute Adopted 5-2, Brenner and Byrd opposed, Ordinance 2018-064

OPEN SESSION

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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 Lydia Place to provide funding for case management and supportive services to those individuals receiving rental subsidies through the Whatcom Homeless Service Center in order to improve housing stability and reduce homelessness in Whatcom County, in the amount of \$18,700, for a total amended contract amount of \$343,120 (AB2018-336)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to provide funding for personnel costs essential to facility operations of the Northwest Youth Services Positive Adolescent Development program emergency shelter, in the amount of \$115,000 (AB2018-337)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #18-37 and enter into a contract with low bidder Blythe Plumbing & Heating for the Central Shop North End Exhaust System Upgrade Project, in the amount of \$113,228.43 (AB2018-338)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room
4. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for maintenance and operations of the Crisis Triage Facility, in the amount of \$59,000 (AB2018-339)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room
5. Request authorization for the County Executive to accept Sun Life Stop-Loss Policy renewal option 1 for insurance protection for the self-insured medical program for 2019 (AB2018-342)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room
6. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Sanitary Service Company for access easements and the use and occupancy of the closed Cedarville and Birch Bay landfill sites to provide citizens of the County the opportunity to recycle and dispose of self-hauled waste, in the amount of \$6,000 over five years plus state leasehold tax of 12.84% (AB2018-343)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room
7. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Skagit County to provide funding to Skagit County Public Health to support their participation in planning and implementing regional youth marijuana prevention strategies and activities, in the amount of \$26,000 (AB2018-345)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room
8. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Peace Health for the provision of office space for EMS administration staff (AB2018-346)
Approved Consent 6-0, Byrd out of the room

OTHER ITEMS

(From Natural Resources Committee)

1. Ordinance adopting amendments to the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program (from 9/11) (AB2018-235)
Adopted 6-1, Byrd opposed, Ordinance 2018-065

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. Ordinance amending the 2018 Whatcom County Budget, fourteenth request, in the amount of \$5,501,518 (AB2018-318)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-066
3. Ordinance establishing the Law Library/Elections Remodel Fund and establishing a project based budget to remodel the Law Library/Elections space (AB2018-319)
Adopted 6-1, Byrd opposed, Ordinance 2018-067
4. Ordinance amending the Triage Center Expansion Project budget (as established through Ordinance 2017-046), second request (AB2018-320)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-068
5. Ordinance establishing the North Lake Samish Road Bridge No. 107 Replacement Fund and establishing a project based budget for the North Lake Samish Road Bridge No. 107 Replacement Fund, CRP #913006 (AB2018-321)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-069

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6. Ordinance establishing the Marine Drive/Locust Ave. to Alderwood Ave. Reconstruction Fund and establishing a project based budget for the Marine Drive/Locust Ave. to Alderwood Ave. Reconstruction Fund, CRP #917001 (AB2018-322)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-070
7. Ordinance amending the Silver Lake Park Improvements Project Budget (established through Ordinance 2014-077), first request (AB2018-324)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-071
8. Ordinance establishing the Vactor Truck Storage Building Fund and establishing a project based budget for the vactor truck and equipment storage building (AB2018-325)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-072
9. Ordinance establishing the Public Safety Radio System Fund and establishing a project based budget to replace the current public safety radio system (AB2018-326)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-073
10. Resolution authorizing the County Executive (through Parks Director Michael McFarlane) to make application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for funding through the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program for trail development at South Fork Park, in the amount of \$200,000 (AB2018-334)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-046
11. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish and define the obligations and responsibilities related to ongoing maintenance and repair of the Marine Drive Levee and to secure a cost share for the Marine Drive Levee Repair Project, in the amount of \$30,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2018-335)
Approved 7-0
12. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for the Acute Detox Facility Project, in the amount of \$1,950,000 (AB2018-340)
Approved 7-0
13. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for the Mental Health Voluntary Triage Center construction project, in the amount of \$4,950,000 (AB2018-341)
Approved 7-0
14. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Cando Recycling to implement requirements to collect a fee for service on the Point Roberts property tax bills and remit the fee for service to the service provider as invoiced on an every other month basis, in an amount not to exceed \$475,000 (AB2018-344)
Approved 5-2 with Brenner and Byrd opposed

(From Planning and Development Committee)

15. Resolution approving recommendations on applications for Open Space Current Use Assessment (AB2018-313) (from 11/7)
Substitute Approved 7-0, Resolution 2018-047

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Planning Commission, partial term expires 1/31/2021 (applicant must reside in Whatcom County Council District 1 or 2), applicants: Stephen Jackson, Nick Moss (AB2018-306)
Stephen Jackson appointed
2. Appointment to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee, vacancy is for a resident or property owner on Lummi Island or County resident who does not live or own property on Lummi Island (partial term ending 1/31/2019), applicant: Judy Olsen (AB2018-308)
Judy Olsen appointed

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Sarah Spritzer to the Whatcom County Public Defense Advisory Committee (AB2018-349)
Confirmed 7-0

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APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

1. Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan relating to Capital Facilities (AB2018-282)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2018-074

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Receipt of application for the Whatcom County Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee, applicant: Heather Christianson (application deadline for any other applicants to this vacancy is 10 a.m., November 27, 2018) (AB2018-333)
Introduced 7-0
2. Ordinance amending the 2018 Whatcom County Budget, fifteenth request, in the amount of \$314,598 (AB2018-347)
Introduced 7-0
3. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.78, Solid Waste Advisory Committee (AB2018-351)
Introduced 7-0
4. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.03, Boards and Commissions (AB2018-350)
Introduced 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

(From Committee of the Whole)

Discussion with Public Works staff regarding a potential property acquisition for the Flood Control Zone District (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2018-018)

- **Motion carried 7-0 authorize the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, to execute an extension to an existing option agreement to purchase property as discussed in executive session.**
- **Motion carried 6-1, Byrd opposed, to authorize the County Executive, acting on behalf of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors, to move forward with and complete acquisition of the property as long as the purchase price of property does not exceed the amount discussed in executive session.**

(From Public Works and Health Committee)

Regulatory update from Puget Sound Energy (AB2018-348).

Motion carried 7-0 to approve a letter of support to the Utilities and Transportation Commission supporting Puget Sound Energy's Electric Vehicle Outreach and Pilot Project Plan.

Public Health Advisory Board seeking support to move forward with a proposal for a resolution to stand in support of immigrant families in Whatcom County (AB2018-312).

Motion carried 5-1, Brenner opposed and Byrd out of the room, to send of letter of support to respond to the federal government comment period to support continuation of providing benefits to everyone, regardless of legal immigration status.

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham