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2 Cynthia Rogers spoke about proposed amendments one, three and ten.

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4 Rud Browne submitted a handout (*on file*) and spoke about proposed  
5 amendment one.

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7 Delaine Clizbe spoke about campaign contributions.

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9 David Camp spoke about proposed amendment seven and volunteering.

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11 Karl Uppiano spoke about proposed amendment one.

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13 Dennis Smith spoke about proposed amendment one.

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15 Jeremy Standen spoke about proposed amendment one.

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17 Amy Moher spoke about proposed amendments one and ten.

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19 Maureen Cleveland spoke about proposed amendment one.

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21 Rainbow spoke about proposed amendment one.

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23 Gail Weiss spoke about proposed amendment one.

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25 Edward Yuri spoke about proposed amendment one.

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27 Jeff Margolis spoke about proposed amendment one.

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29 Debbie Adelstein, Whatcom County Auditor, stated she is available to discuss  
30 what is required to administer proportional representation voting.

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32 Dudley Evanson spoke about proposed amendment one.

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34 Dave Onkels spoke about proposed amendment one.

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36 Charles Law spoke about proposed amendment one.

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38 (*The Commission took a break from 7:50 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.*)

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40 **4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

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42 (*Continued from earlier in the meeting.*)

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44 Ben Elenbaas spoke about how the Commission is portrayed in the  
45 newspaper and by certain individuals.

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47 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 11 AND MAY 18, 2015**

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49 Mutchler moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.

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51 The motion carried by general consent.

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2 **7. OLD BUSINESS: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS FOR VOTERS AT**  
3 **THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION**  
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5 May moved to reconsider proposed amendment one. The motion was  
6 seconded.  
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8 The motion to reconsider failed with debate for lack of a two-thirds majority,  
9 7-8, with Donovan, Joe Elenbaas, Mackiewicz, May, Ryan, Stuen, and Walker in  
10 favor.  
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12 Bell moved to reconsider proposed amendment six. The motion was  
13 seconded.  
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15 The motion to reconsider carried with debate, 10-4-1, with May, Ryan,  
16 Stuen, and Walker opposed and Donovan abstaining.  
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18 Bell moved to amend proposed amendment six, to amend Section 2.14, the  
19 term limit for councilmembers, "...three two..."  
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21 The motion to amend failed with debate, 5-10, with Bell, Dow, Goldsmith,  
22 Kentch, and Sobjack in favor.  
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24 **8. NEW BUSINESS**  
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26 Bell moved to forward to the next meeting for discussion as Old Business a  
27 proposed amendment to create a three-term limit for the County Executive.  
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29 The Chair stated it would be scheduled on the next meeting as Old Business.  
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31 Donovan submitted a handout (*on file*) and moved to forward to the next  
32 meeting for discussion as Old Business a proposed amendment to implement  
33 proportional representation voting for the County Council.  
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35 The Chair stated it would be scheduled on the next meeting as Old Business.  
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37 Mutchler submitted a handout (*on file*) and moved to forward to the next  
38 meeting for discussion as Old Business a proposed amendment to give the County  
39 Executive authority for line item veto of budget items.  
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41 The Chair stated it would be scheduled on the next meeting as Old Business.  
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43 The Commission discussed with Auditor Adelstein the possible financial  
44 impacts of implementing a new proportional representation voting system.  
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46 Discussion of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) requirements to create  
47 committees that will prepare arguments for the voter pamphlet advocating voters'  
48 approval or rejection of the measure  
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50 The Commission discussed the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) voter  
51 pamphlet requirements.

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**9. ADJOURN**

Ben Elenbaas moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

The motion carried by general consent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The Commission approved these minutes on June 22, 2015



Jill Nixon, Recording Secretary



Chet Dow, Commission Secretary



Ben Elenbaas, Commission Chair