

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – January 10, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. County Executive Jack Louws to give introductory remarks to the Council (AB2012-017)
Presented plaques to Shirley Forslof and Pete Kremen

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Surface Water Work Session for November 15, 2011
Approved Consent 7-0
2. Regular County Council for November 22, 2011
Approved Consent 7-0
3. Regular County Council for December 6, 2011
Approved Consent 7-0

OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution in support of participation in the Voluntary Stewardship Program consistent with RCW 36.70A.710 (as an alternative approach to critical areas protection for agricultural activities) (AB2011-279C)
Failed 2-5, Crawford and Knutzen in favor

OTHER ITEMS

1. Ordinance amending the Whatcom County zoning code to allow electric vehicle infrastructure (AB2011-431)
Adopted 6-0-1, Knutzen out of the room, Ordinance 2012-001
2. Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map to remove a Mineral Resource Lands (MRL) zoning overlay from the existing Rural (R10) zone and change the MRL designation to Rural for approximately 90 acres on Aldrich Road (AB2011-435)
Withdrawn from the agenda
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Counties Insurance Pool and counties and other local government entities for the purpose of joint purchase of insurance and for funding of self-insured benefits for employees and their dependents (AB2012-034)
Approved 7-0
4. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to provide state and federal funding for the operation of various Health Department programs, in the amount of \$1,401,597 (AB2012-035)
Approved 7-0
5. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Bennett Engineering to provide required monitoring services for the Cedarville and Y Road Landfills, in the amount of \$46,290 (AB2012-036)
Approved 7-0
6. Resolution ordering the cancellation of checks more than two years old from the Whatcom County Jail Inmate Trust Fund (AB2012-038)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2012-001
7. Ordinance repealing Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.65, Election Precinct Officers (AB2011-432)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2012-002

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8. Annual County Council Appointments to fill Vacancies on Various Boards, Commissions, And Committees: Various Applicants (Appointments take effect on February 1, 2012) (AB2011-389)
Various positions appointed
9. Annual appointments to fill vacancies on the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management (BBWARM) Advisory Committee, and the Three Flood Subzone Advisory Committees from Acme/Van Zandt, Lynden/Everson, and Sumas/Everson/Nooksack: Various Applicants (appointments take effect on February 1, 2012) (AB2011-389A) (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
Various positions appointed, BBWARM appointments held in Council
10. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments and reappointments to the boards and committees in preparation for the year 2012 (AB2012-037)
Various positions confirmed

APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

1. Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and zoning maps to create a Mineral Resource Lands designation and zoning overlay off of Doran and Bowman Roads in the South Fork Nooksack Valley, south of Acme (AB2011-232)
Withdrawn from the agenda
2. Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map to remove a Mineral Resource Lands (MRL) zoning overlay from the existing Rural (R10) zone and change the MRL designation to Rural for approximately 90 acres on Aldrich Road (AB2011-435)
Withdrawn from the agenda
3. Motion and vote to approve the above-adopted Comprehensive Plan amendments concurrently (AB2011-104)
Withdrawn from the agenda

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance amending 2012 Whatcom County Budget, fourth request, in the amount of \$961,659 (AB2012-039)
Substitute Introduced
2. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 20.14 Wind Energy Systems (AB2011-223)
Introduced
3. Ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to Georgia Manor Water Association to allow for the provision of water to association members, applications for same having been filed by Linnea G. Smith, Authorized Agent, received by Council 5/4/11 (AB2011-181)
Introduced
4. Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for divisions of land resulting in lots smaller than five acres within the Lake Whatcom Watershed (AB2012-040)
Introduced

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 24 and February 14, 2012 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham.

2012 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

(√) Indicates Chair of Committee

County Council Committee Assignments	At Large: Bill Knutzen	1st Dist: Kathy Kershner	1st Dist: Pete Kremen	2nd Dist: Ken Mann	2nd Dist: Sam Crawford	3rd Dist: Carl Weimer	3rd Dist: Barbara Brenner
Council Chairperson		√					
Council Vice-Chairperson	√						
Executive Pro-Tempore						√	
Board of Supervisors Chair of FCZD		√					
<u>Standing Committees:</u>							
Finance & Administrative Services				√	√	√	
Health Committee		√	√			√	
Planning & Development	√			√			√
Public Works & Safety			√	√			√
Natural Resources	√				√	√	
<u>Other Committee Assignments</u>							
Bellingham International Airport Advisory					√		
Council of Governments (COG) (2)		√			√		
Developmental Disabilities Board						√	
Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District						√	
Flood Control Zone Committee (Ex Officio)	√						
Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Committee (2)	√						√
LEOFF Board				√			
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)			√				
Marine Resources Committee				√			
Mental Health Advisory Board							√
North Sound Mental Health Administration		√					
Northwest Clean Air Agency						√	
Northwest Regional Council (NWRC)		√					
Opportunity Council				√			
Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District						√	
Public Defense Advisory							√
Public Health Advisory Board	√						
Solid Waste Advisory							√
Substance Abuse Advisory Board					√		
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee			√				
Whatcom Transit Authority			√				

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

2012

Council at Large

Bill Knutzen 410-2000
Term expires 1-2014

District I

Position A Kathy Kershner 220-7535
Term expires 1-2014

Position B Pete Kremen 734-3802
Term expires 1-2016

District II

Position A Ken Mann 483-6020
Term expires 1-2014

Position B Sam Crawford 671-7262
Term expires 1-2016

District III

Position A Carl Weimer 384-5919
Term expires 1-2014

Position B Barbara E. Brenner 384-2762
Term expires 1-2016

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