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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL AGENDA
FOR MAY 22, 2012

MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT LEAST 96 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

AS A COURTESY TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES, CELLULAR PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS AVAILABLE NEAR THE COURTHOUSE SOUTH ENTRANCE.

OUR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE TELEVISED ON BTV10, COMCAST CHANNEL 10, AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE TWO WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING EACH TUESDAY EVENING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING.

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PLEASE NOTE

OUR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MAY 25, 2012
COUNTY CLOSURE DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

MAY 28, 2012
HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE 4, 2012
JOINT LAKE WHATCOM POLICY WORKING GROUP
9:30 A.M., CIVIC CENTER BUILDING – GARDEN ROOM

SPECIAL NOTE TO MEETING ATTENDEES:

THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED GATEWAY PACIFIC TERMINAL PROJECT DURING "OPEN SESSION" SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AT THIS TIME. THE APPEARANCE OF FAIRNESS DOCTRINE, AS CODIFIED BY CHAPTER 42.36 RCW, PROHIBITS EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS. THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE BELIEVES THAT COMMENTS DURING OPEN SESSION, OUTSIDE OF THE FORMAL HEARING PROCESS, ARE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS. INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO MAKE ORAL COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER WILL BE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO DURING THE FORMAL HEARING PROCESS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE COUNCIL WILL ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMENTS, WHICH WILL BE PLACED ON FILE UNTIL THE PROJECT PROPOSAL IS FORMALLY BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. AT THAT TIME, THE COUNCIL WILL BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW ALL INFORMATION IN THE RECORD.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

COUNCIL NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members: Sam Crawford, Bill Knutzen, Carl Weimer

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council

1. Discussion regarding the proposed inter-trust exchange and reconveyance of land in the Lake Whatcom Watershed (AB2012-066B)

Other Business

COUNCIL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Sam Crawford, Ken Mann, Carl Weimer

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. Ordinance amending the 2012 Whatcom County Budget, eighth request, in the amount of \$1,782,566 (AB2012-173)
Pages

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a letter of agreement with the Friends of Sunset Farm and Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department to assist in the ongoing maintenance, operation and support of Sunset Farm Park (AB2012-174)
Pages
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department to enhance the cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the international borders of the United States, in the amount of \$757,963 (AB2012-175)
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and West Publishing for online databases and print service subscriptions for the Whatcom County Law Library, in the amount of \$65,444 (AB2012-176)

Other Business

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members: Barbara Brenner, Bill Knutzen, Ken Mann

3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Presentation and discussion on phosphorus and its impacts to the water quality of Lake Whatcom (presented by Planning and Development Services and Public Works Departments) (AB2012-177)

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale concerning planning, annexation and development within the Ferndale urban growth area (AB2012-178)

Other Business

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Council Conference Room, 311 Grand Avenue

Other Business

1. Strategy planning discussion and positions to be taken regarding collective bargaining (AB2012-018)
[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.140(4)(a)]

COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you will be handing out paperwork to councilmembers, please give one copy to the clerk for our office files. Thank you.

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Regular County Council for April 24, 2012

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the council during a public hearing are asked to sign up at the back of the room before the meeting begins. The council chair will ask those who have signed up to form a line at the podium. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to wrap up their comments. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group.

1. Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for wind energy systems (WES) greater than 500 Kilowatts, or multiple WES per parcel with a cumulative rated output above 10 Kilowatts (AB2011-223C)

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

During open session, audience members can speak to the council on any issue not scheduled for public hearing or related to the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal project (GPT) (please see the front page of the agenda for details on excluding GPT comments). Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to wrap up their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

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OTHER ITEMS

(From Natural Resources Committee)

1. Report on committee discussion regarding the proposed inter-trust exchange and reconveyance of land in the Lake Whatcom Watershed (AB2012-066B)

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. Ordinance amending the 2012 Whatcom County Budget, eighth request, in the amount of \$1,782,566 (AB2012-173)

(From Planning and Development Committee)

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(No committee assignment)

4. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Charles Cannon to the Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee (AB2012-153) (from 4/10)

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

ADJOURN

The next regular council meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, June 5 and June 19, 2012, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.