



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 29, 2022**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission Chair,  
3 Kelvin Barton at 6:36 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Robert Bartel, Kelvin Barton, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Stephen Jackson,  
6 Julie Jefferson, Kimberley Lund, Dominic Mocerri, Scott Van Dalen

7 **Staff Present:** Matt Aamot, Steve Roberge, and Tammy Axlund; Tyler Schroeder,  
8 Rob Ney, Jim Karcher, Christ Thomsen

9 **Department Update**

10 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS),  
11 announced that the Watershed Overlay amendments recommended by the Planning  
12 Commission were adopted by County Council. Upcoming agenda items for the Planning  
13 Commission are Buildable Lands, the Public Participation Plan, and Open Space  
14 applications.

15 **Commissioner Comments**

16 Commissioner Barton disclosed that he had a conversation with Danielle of the Birch  
17 Bay Chamber of Commerce. He also stated that he and his wife have a business that  
18 has membership with the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce.

19 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

20 **Timestamp: 03:59**

21 **Commissioner Bartel moved** to approve the meeting minutes from September 8,  
22 2022.

23 **Commissioner Atul seconded.**

24 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Lund, Mocerri, Van Dalen;**  
25 **Abstain-Jackson, Jefferson; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-2). The motion carried.**  
26 (Hansen had technical difficulties and joined the meeting after the vote was taken.)

27 **Open Session Public Comment**

28 There was no public comment.

29 **Proposed Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Whatcom County**  
30 **Facilities 2023-2028**

31 **Timestamp: 8:34**

32 Matt Aamot, PDS Senior Planner, provided information on the Growth Management Act  
33 provisions related to capital facilities, and described this element of the Comprehensive  
34 Plan. He presented the list of projects (over \$5 million) proposed for the next six-year  
35 CIP and explained the process by which the County determines which projects are  
36 placed on the proposed project list. Mr. Aamot pointed out the differences between the  
37 CIP that is currently in place, and the new one being proposed.

38 Staff from various departments responded to Commissioners' questions.



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1 **a) Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Six-Year CIP for Whatcom County**  
2 **Facilities 2023-2028**

3 **Timestamp: 40:13**

4 Patrick Alesse, Doralee Booth, Danielle Gaughen, and Derrik Jones provided public  
5 comment.

6 **b) Work Session Regarding CIP for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028**

7 **Timestamp: 55:20**

8 Parks Staff and the County Deputy Administrator responded to Commissioners'  
9 questions.

10 **Timestamp 1:06:16**

11 **Commissioner Hansen moved** to change the name of the New Corrections Facility  
12 back to Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facilities.

13 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

14 There was brief discussion with staff regarding the motion.

15 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Jefferson,**  
16 **Lund, Moceri, Van Dalen; (Ayes-9; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

17 **Timestamp: 1:10:43**

18 **Commissioner Jackson moved** to add prioritizing funding for restroom facilities at  
19 Birch Bay Beach Park on page F-6.

20 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

21 Staff responded to Commissioners' questions regarding the motion and the best place  
22 to add the prioritization language.

23 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Jefferson,**  
24 **Lund, Moceri, Van Dalen; (Ayes-9; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

25 **Timestamp: 1:22:47**

26 **Commissioner Lund moved** to approve Exhibit A, the six-year Capital Improvement  
27 Program for years 2023-2028 as amended; repeal Exhibit B, the CIP for years 2021-  
28 2026; and accept the Findings of Fact.

29 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

30 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Jefferson,**  
31 **Lund, Moceri, Van Dalen; (Ayes-9; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**


32 **Adjournment**

33 The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

34 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

35 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

36   
37 Kelvin Barton, Chair

  
Tammy Axlund, Secretary