

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – February 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES CONSENT

1. MIN2019-017 Committee of the Whole for February 12, 2019
Approved Consent 7-0
2. MIN2019-018 Regular County Council for February 12, 2019
Approved Consent 7-0
3. MIN2019-019 Special County Council for February 15, 2019
Approved Consent 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. AB2019-027 Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 6.04 Animal Control, Chapter 6.04.020 Definitions and 6.04.031 Administration and Enforcement
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2019-017
2. AB2019-103 Ordinance proposing modifications to Whatcom County Code 2.27A, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2019-018
3. AB2019-106 Ordinance amending the Unified Fee Schedule to accommodate changes to Whatcom County Code 2.27A, Aquatic Invasive Species
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2019-019
4. AB2019-121 Ordinance Amending Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 Correcting Certain Precinct Boundary Lines and Precinct Maps
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2019-020

OPEN SESSION

OTHER ITEMS

(From Natural Resources Committee)

1. AB2019-133 Resolution requesting support for Washington State House and Senate bills related to: pollution prevention; increasing habitat and fish abundance; protection of southern resident orca whales from vessels; and improving the safety of oil transportation
Approved 4-1-2, Brenner opposed, Donovan and Byrd abstained, Resolution 2019-012

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. AB2019-135 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Grant Agreement between Whatcom County and the Department of Ecology (DOE) for Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Grant Agreement WQC-2017-WhCoPw-00030 for the Agate Bay Stormwater Improvements project in the amount of \$552,548.62
Approved 7-0
3. AB2019-124 Ordinance amending the 2019 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$4,901,742
Adopted 6-0-1, Brenner abstained, Ordinance 2019-021
4. AB2019-128 Ordinance amending courthouse building envelope project budget (as established through Ordinance 2014-085) third request, in the amount of \$4,700,000 for a total project budget of \$7,377,809
Adopted 6-0-1, Brenner abstained, Ordinance 2019-022

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5. AB2019-137 Resolution respectfully requesting that the Whatcom County Prosecutor ask the Washington State Attorney General to review and update opinions previously provided related to the eligibility of county council members and commissioners to be appointed to vacant legislative positions
Approved 6-1, Brenner opposed, Resolution 2019-013
6. AB2019-126 Resolution amending the 2019 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$90,659 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2019-014

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. AB2019-127 Appointment to the Whatcom County Planning Commission, applicant must reside in Council District 2, applicants: Robert Bartel, Ria Bordian, Bob Burr, James Hansen, Towhee Wean (the Planning Commission assists the Planning and Development Services Department in carrying out its duties, which include helping to prepare and execute the Comprehensive Plan and making recommendations for adoption of official controls and/or amendments)
Appointed: Robert Bartel
2. AB2019-129 Appointment to the Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Control Sub-Zone Advisory Committee - Applicant: Larry Mades (the committee is an integral part of the program reviewing the comprehensive plan for flood control)
Appointed: Larry Mades

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. AB2019-139 Request confirmation of Executive's appointment of Brian Rusk to the Whatcom County Purchase of Development Rights Oversight Committee
Confirmed 7-0
2. AB2019-143 Request confirmation of Executive's appointment of Rachel Arnold to the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee
Confirmed 7-0
3. AB2019-144 Request confirmation of Executive's appointment of Patrick Alesse to the Whatcom County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Confirmed 7-0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. AB2019-147 Ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Whatcom County Budget, third request, in the amount of \$95,521
Introduced 7-0
2. AB2019-145 Receipt of application for the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Committee, applicant: Julie Hirsch (the Committee advises the County Council on proposed actions and operations relating to the restoration of water quality in the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District) (application deadline for any other applicants is 10 a.m. March 5, 2019)
Introduced 7-0
3. AB2019-149 Receipt of application for the Surface Mining Advisory Committee, Environmental Consultant position - Applicant: Shannon Logan (the Committee advises the Planning Department and the Council on implementing a surface mining regulatory program consistent with the Comprehensive Plan) (application deadline for this appointment is 10:00 a.m. March 5, 2019)
Introduced 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

AB2019-142 Discussion regarding operation of the warming shelter
Motion carried 7-0 to send letter to City of Bellingham requesting they fund and schedule law enforcement to the warming shelter for the remaining available shifts through March 1.

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham