

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – October 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmembers Present: Weimer, Buchanan, Mann, Browne, Brenner, Sidhu, Donovan

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution confirming the assessment roll for property within the boundaries of Whatcom County Road Improvement District No. 7 (Emerald Lake Lighting District) and remanding roll to the County Treasurer for collection (Council acting as the Board of Equalization) (AB2017-262B)
Approved 6-1, Brenner opposed, Resolution 2017-047
2. Resolution confirming the assessment roll for property within the boundaries of Whatcom County Road Improvement District No. 1 (Birch Bay Lighting District) and remanding roll to the County Treasurer for collection (Council acting as the Board of Equalization) (AB2017-263B)
Approved 6-1, Brenner opposed, Resolution 2017-048
3. Resolution approving the sale of a portion of surplus real property (AB2017-285)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-049
4. Resolution approving the Whatcom County 2018 Annual Construction Program (AB2017-294)
Approved 7-0 (Browne abstained from voting on project item R3), Resolution 2017-050
5. Resolution adopting the Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program for 2018-2023 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (AB2017-295)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-051
6. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 10.04, Speed Limits, to establish the speed limit for a portion of North Shore Road (AB2017-196A)
Adopted 6-1, Donovan opposed, Ordinance 2017-058

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department to sustain and enhance the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management program, in the amount of \$72,508 (AB2017-305)
Approved 7-0
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and ReSources to implement a countywide waste reduction and recycling education program for youth at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, in the amount of \$50,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$170,000 (AB2017-306)
Approved 6-1, Brenner opposed
3. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group PLLC to conduct the study and make recommendations required by Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Policy 2CC-16, in the amount of \$25,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$65,000 (AB2017-301)
Substitute contract approved 6-1, Brenner opposed

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OTHER ITEMS

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. Ordinance amending the 2017 Whatcom County Budget, twelfth request, in the amount of \$1,229,376 (AB2017-296)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-059
2. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-085 (establishment of the Integrated Land Records and Permit Management System Fund and establishing a project based budget for integrated land records and permit management system projects) to appropriate funding for a new permit system project (AB2017-298)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-060
3. Resolution adopting a salary schedule and policies for unrepresented Whatcom County employees, effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018 (AB2017-302)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-052
4. Resolution ordering the cancellation of accounts receivable more than three years old (AB2017-303)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-053
5. Resolution ordering the cancellation of checks (warrants) more than a year old (AB2017-304)
Approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-054
6. Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 96-008, Accident Prevention Program (AB2017-297)
Adopted 7-0, Ordinance 2017-061

(From Special Committee of the Whole)

7. Resolution establishing a Homeless Strategies Workgroup (AB2017-300)
Substitute approved 7-0, Resolution 2017-055. Councilmembers Browne and Buchanan appointed to the workgroup.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of David Kincheloe to the Whatcom County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (AB2017-307)
Confirmed 6-0 (Browne out of the room)

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Resolution approving the sale of an easement (AB2017-308)
Introduced 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

1. Discussion with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Christopher Quinn regarding pending litigation involving claims against elected officials acting within their official duties: Prosecuting Attorney, County Executive, And Sheriff (Whatcom County cause no. 17-2-01983-2) (AB2017-018)
Motion carried 5-2, Mann and Buchanan opposed, to find that the actions of each County official named in the suit meets the criteria set out in WCC 2.56.030

ADJOURN

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham