CALL TO ORDER
Councilmembers Present: Weimer, Buchanan, Browne, Brenner, Sidhu, Kremen
Absent: Mann

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITIZEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (11 Vacancies with 2-year or 4-year terms)
Applicants must be a representative of one of the following: Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access (WAHA), Peace Health Joseph, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)/Community Health Center, emergency medical services, community action agency, mental health or substance abuse treatment provider, consumer or family member of behavioral health services, concerned citizen.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of the Behavioral Health Revenue Advisory Committee Quarterly Report to Council (AB2015-117A) Presented

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Surface Water Work Session for March 24, 2015 - Approved Consent 5-0, Browne abstained
2. Special Committee of the Whole for March 31, 2015 (6:15 p.m.) - Approved Consent 6-0
3. Regular County Council for March 31, 2015 - Approved Consent 6-0
4. Special Committee of the Whole for April 14, 2015 - Approved Consent 6-0
5. Regular County Council for April 14, 2015 - Approved Consent 6-0
6. Surface Water Work Session for April 21, 2015 - Approved Consent 5-0, Browne abstained
7. Committee of the Whole for April 28, 2015 - Approved Consent 6-0
8. Committee of the Whole for May 26, 2015 - Approved Consent 6-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution regarding a petition for the vacation of a portion of Delta Line Road No. 146, filed by Scott and Iris Loomer, et al (AB2015-115A) Approved 6-0, Resolution 2015-025
2. Ordinance proposing an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to require a supermajority of either the entire Charter Review Commission or the County Council to propose Charter amendments (AB2015-216) Amended and adopted 5-1, Brenner opposed, Ordinance 2015-032

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for increased funding to construct a new web-based directory of mental health providers in Whatcom County, in the amount of $3000 (AB2015-227) Approved Consent 6-0
2. Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #15-54 for the supply of rubber molded steel apron flaps for the Lummi Island ferry terminal to the responsive bidder, Scougal Rubber Corporation, in the amount of $145,603.60 (AB2015-228) Approved Consent 6-0
### WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN – July 21, 2015

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<td>3.</td>
<td>Request approval for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement between Whatcom County and Skagit County for a Nurse-family Partnership Program nurse supervisor, in the amount of $28,000 (AB2015-229)</td>
<td>Approved 6-0</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Request approval for the County Executive to allow public works to purchase fleet vehicle parts using Washington State Contract #01809 from vendors AutoZone, General Parts, Genuine Auto Parts (dba NAPA), Parts Wholesalers, and Seattle Automotive Distributing, for a total expenditure not to exceed $80,000 (AB2015-230)</td>
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<td>Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a collective bargaining agreement between Whatcom County and Teamsters Local Union 231 Corrections Deputies and Sergeants bargaining unit (AB2015-231)</td>
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### OTHER ITEMS
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract for services between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Tetra Tech Inc. to complete Birch Point, Terrell Creek Urban Area, and Point Whitehorn Subwatershed Master Planning, in the amount of $174,227 (AB2015-221) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Bertrand Watershed Improvement District for de Boer Levee Repair and Culvert Replacement Project, in the amount of $10,000 (AB2015-222) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Zone Flood Control District Board of Supervisors)</td>
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<td>Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Public Utility District #1 for de Boer Levee Repair and Culvert Replacement Project, in the amount of $10,000 (AB2015-223) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Public Utility District #4 for de Boer Levee Repair and Culvert Replacement Project, in the amount of $10,000 (AB2015-224) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #15-53 to low bidder, Carman’s Construction LLC, for the de Boer levee culvert replacement project, in the amount of $88,858.57 (AB2015-225) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a joint funding agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (WCFCZD) and the United States Geological Survey for funding towards a study to evaluate the Nooksack River’s geomorphic response to sediment loads to help manage flood risk and drainage issues, in the amount of $442,500 total, with the WCFCZD share of $265,500 (AB2015-226) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)</td>
<td>Approved 6-0</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Ordinance amending the 2015 Whatcom County Budget, eighth request, in the amount of $137,713 (AB2015-215)</td>
<td>Adopted 6-0, Ordinance 2015-033</td>
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(From Committee of the Whole)

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<td>8.</td>
<td>Request approval to amend the contract with Van Ness Feldman, LLC, for outside legal representation in Growth Management Hearings Board case number 12-2-0013, in the amount of $10,000, for a total contract amount of $160,000 (AB2014-136C)</td>
<td>Approved 5-1, Weimer opposed</td>
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(No Committee Assignment)

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<td>9.</td>
<td>Receipt and forwarding of Whatcom County Charter Review Commission proposed amendments to the Whatcom County voters (AB2015-219)</td>
<td>Received and forwarded 6-0</td>
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10. Appointment of Pro and Con Statement Committees to write statements for the local voter’s pamphlet on Charter amendments proposed by the Whatcom County Charter Review Commissions (AB2015-219A)
   Appointed: See attached

11. Appointment of Pro and Con Statement Committees to write statements for the local voter’s pamphlet on Charter amendments proposed by the Whatcom County Council (AB2015-236)
   Appointed: See attached

12. Appointment of Pro and Con Statement Committees to write statements for the local voter’s pamphlet on the ballot proposition to authorize the County Council to fix and impose a local sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (20 cents for every $100) to provide funding for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping, and improvements of jail facilities and other public safety purposes (AB2015-047Q)
   Appointed: See attached

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. Receipt of applications for the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force, applicants: various (AB2015-047 O) (deadline for any other applications is 10 a.m. on July 28, 2015) (proposed schedule – August 4 Council)
   Introduced 6-0

2. Ordinance amending the 2015 Whatcom County Budget, ninth request, in the amount of $67,710 (AB2015-232) (proposed schedule – August 4 Finance and Administrative Services Committee and Council)
   Introduced 6-0

3. Resolution approving recommendations on applications for open space current use assessment (AB2015-233) (proposed schedule – August 4 Natural Resources Committee and Council public hearing)
   Introduced 6-0

4. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 10.34, Ferry Rates, and the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule (AB2014-426B) (proposed schedule – August 4 public hearing)
   Introduced 6-0

5. Ordinance amending the initial East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Project Budget (amendment No. 6 to Ordinance 2008-025) to add $62,098.52 of expenditure authority, for a total amended project budget amount of $5,047,571 (AB2015-234) (proposed schedule – August 4 Finance and Administrative Services Committee and Council)
   Introduced 6-0

6. Resolution adopting the updated Whatcom County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (AB2015-235) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) (proposed schedule – August 4 Public Works, Health, and Safety Committee and Council)
   Introduced 6-0

7. Ordinance amending Ordinance 2015-025, which created a Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force intended to provide recommendations, oversight, and specific timeframes on the development of new, or enhancement of existing, programs designed along a continuum that effectively reduces incarceration of individuals struggling with mental illness and chemical dependency, and minimizes jail utilization by pretrial defendants who can safely be released (AB2015-047P)
   Amended and Introduced 6-0 (proposed schedule – August 4 Committee of the Whole and Council )

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

ADJOURN
The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham
WHATCOM CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION BALLOT MEASURES

Pro Committee and Con Committee to Write Voter Pamphlet Statements

Proposition No. 1 METHOD OF ELECTING COUNCIL MEMBERS
The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning the method of electing County Council members. This measure would amend Charter Section 2.13 to provide for election of County Council members by voters only from within the council district from which the candidate was nominated, except for the at-large position which would continue to be selected by voters from the entire county.

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Proposition No. 2 LIMITING POWER OF COUNCIL TO AMEND CHARTER
The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter limiting the power of the Council to propose Charter amendments. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.23 to prohibit the County Council from proposing Charter amendments to previous Charter amendments that have been approved by a 2/3 majority of voters, except if the Council adopts a proposal for such amendment by a 7-0 vote.

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Proposition No. 3 LIMITING POWER OF COUNCIL TO AMEND CHARTER’S ELECTION PROVISIONS
The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter limiting the power of the Council to propose Charter amendments. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.23 to prohibit the County Council from proposing any Charter amendment to Charter Sections 2.12 or 2.13, which pertain to the method of nominating and electing County Council members, except if the Council adopts a proposal for such amendment by a 7-0 vote.

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Proposition No. 4 WORD LIMIT FOR BALLOT QUESTIONS
The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to provide greater consistency with state law regarding the wording of initiatives and referenda. This measure would amend Charter Sections 5.40 and 5.60 pertaining to initiatives and referenda and increase the word limit for ballot questions from 20 to 40 words.

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Proposition No. 5  LOWERING THRESHOLD FOR INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM SIGNATURES
The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter lowering the number of signatures required to place initiatives and referendums on the ballot. This measure would amend Sections 5.40 and 5.60 to lower the threshold of signatures required to place an initiative or referendum on the ballot from 15% of the number of votes cast in the last general election to 8% of the number of votes cast in the last regular gubernatorial election.

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Proposition No. 6  LOWERING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR CITIZEN INITIATIVES TO AMEND CHARTER
The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter reducing signatures required to place citizen-proposed Charter amendments on the ballot. This measure would amend Charter Section 8.22 to lower the number of signatures required for placement upon the ballot of proposed Whatcom County Charter changes by citizen initiative from 20% to 15% of the number of votes cast in the County in the last gubernatorial election.

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Proposition No. 7  TERM LIMITS FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to place term limits upon the County Executive and County Council members. This measure would amend Charter Sections 2.14 and 3.21 to apply a term limit of no more than three consecutive full terms to the County Executive and County Council members, to be applied prospectively only, beginning with the 2017 and 2019 elections.

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Proposition No. 8 ALTERING COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTING COMMISSION

The Whatcom County Charter Review Commission has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter to alter the requirements for composition of the Districting Commission. This measure would amend Charter Section 4.41 to include representation on the districting committee from each political party with a candidate who receives at least 15% of the vote cast in the County in the last gubernatorial primary or presidential election, with a second representative on the committee assigned to each party of which a candidate for those same elections received at least 33% of the vote.

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Proposition No. 9: ELECTING COUNCIL MEMBERS
The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning the method of electing County Council members. This measure would amend Charter Section 2.11 and 2.12 to create five equal districts. There shall be one council position in each of the five districts plus two at-large who shall be nominated without regard to district.

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If the County Council Adopts this proposed Charter Amendment at its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, committees will need to be appointed the same night for the following ballot measure:

Proposition No. 10 REDUCING PARTISAN AMENDMENTS THROUGH SUPERMAJORITY AGREEMENT
The Whatcom County Council has proposed an amendment to the Whatcom County Charter concerning equal standards to submit Charter amendments. This measure would amend 8.21 and 8.23 of the Whatcom County Charter to require any amendment proposed by the County Council or the Charter Review Commission to have a supermajority vote of the of the Commission or Council, with no requirement for a higher number.

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JAIL FACILITIES SALES AND USE TAX
On June 9, 2015, the Whatcom County Council approved Resolution No. 2015-024, submitting to the voters of Whatcom County a ballot proposition to authorize the County Council to fix and impose a local sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (20 cents for every $100) to provide funding for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping, and improvements of jail facilities and other public safety purposes.

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