



COUNCIL AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2015

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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 11, 2015
HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 17, 2015
10:30 A.M. - SURFACE WATER WORK SESSION
GARDEN LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM, 322 N. COMMERCIAL STREET

NOVEMBER 24, 2015
REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE

NOVEMBER 26, 2015
HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 27, 2015
HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 8, 2015
REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Satpal Sidhu

11 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

County Executive's Report

Committee Discussion

1. County staff to present an overview of proposed biennium budget adjustments (AB2015-326) (related ordinance scheduled for introduction this evening)
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2. Update on implementation of the Sheriff's Office Records Management System (AB2015-338)
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Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. Ordinance establishing the Stormwater Fund (AB2015-317)
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Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and RH2 Engineering to complete the update of the Coordinated Water System Plan in the amount of \$53,751 (AB2015-327) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 6 - 11
2. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a joint funding agreement with the United States Geological Survey for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the County's six stream gages within the Nooksack River for early flood warning and flood response in the amount of \$92,750 (AB2015-328) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
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Other Business

PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members: Barbara Brenner, Pete Kremen, Ken Mann

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Briefing on crime trends in the Foothills area of Whatcom County (AB2015-339)
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Other Business

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Immediately Following Public Works, Health, and Safety Committee

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

1. Discussion regarding possible changes to the general areas of responsibility assigned to County Council committees and a proposal to rename the Council's Public Works, Health, and Safety Committee (AB2015-340)
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2. Discussion regarding work assignment proposals for the Council's Legislative Analyst (AB2015-341)
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Other Business

COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2015
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.

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 conclude 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. Resolution approving the Whatcom County 2016 Annual Construction Program (ACP) (AB2015-305)
Pages 22 - 75
2. Resolution regarding Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program for the years 2016 through 2021 (AB2015-318) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 76 - 111
3. Resolution amending the bylaws of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors (AB2015-319) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 112 - 117
4. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Title 20 and the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan related to development regulations in limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDS) (AB2015-085A)
Pages 118 - 152

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). 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 conclude 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 Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

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INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year 2016 (AB2015-329)
Pages 153 - 156
2. Ordinance limiting the 2016 General Fund property tax levy (AB2015-330)
Pages 157 - 158
3. Ordinance authorizing the levy of 2016 property taxes for County road purposes (AB2015-331)
Pages 159 - 161
4. Ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes for 2016 (AB2015-332)
Pages 162 - 163
5. Ordinance establishing the South Pass Rd/Saar Creek Bridge No.212 fund and establishing a project based budget for South Pass Rd/Saar Creek Bridge No.212 replacement project (AB2015-333)
Pages 164 - 167
6. Ordinance amending the 2015 Whatcom County Budget, twelfth request, in the amount of \$3,472,111 (AB2015-334)
Pages 168 - 208
7. Ordinance amending the 2016 Whatcom County Budget, first request, in the net amount of \$7,389,037 (AB2015-326A)
Pages 209 - 341
8. Resolution adopting the 2016 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (AB2015-335) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 342 - 353
9. Resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2016 (AB2015-336) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 354 - 355
10. Resolution adopting the 2016 budget for the Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District (AB2015-337) **(Council acting as the Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District Board)**
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COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.