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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR APRIL 5, 2016

**MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT
LEAST 96 HOURS IN ADVANCE**

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TUESDAY EVENING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

APRIL 12, 2016

**10:30 A.M. – SURFACE WATER WORK SESSION
GARDEN LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM, 322 N. COMMERCIAL STREET**

APRIL 19, 2016

**REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE**

TODAY'S SCHEDULE:

**9:30 A.M. - SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
12 NOON – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M. – PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
2:30 P.M. – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
3:30 P.M. – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
6 P.M. – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
7 P.M. – REGULAR COUNCIL**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Special Committee of the Whole
9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Public Comment - 15 Minutes

(Audience members are invited to comment specifically on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 11, Environment, and Appendix G, Water Resources Program and Salmon Recovery Program)

Discussion and Preliminary Direction

1. Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Comprehensive Plan Chapter 11, Environment, and Appendix G, Water Resources Program and Salmon Recovery Program (AB2016-047K)
Pages 1 - 41

Other Business

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Rud Browne, Ken Mann, Satpal Sidhu

Noon, Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

County Executive's Report

Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council

1. Ordinance amending the 2016 Whatcom County Budget, seventh request, in the amount of \$85,749 (AB2016-132)
Pages 42 - 48

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Transportation for grinding and resurfacing a portion of Birch Bay Lynden Road, in the amount of \$65,631 (AB2016-136)
Pages 49 - 54
2. Request approval for the County Executive to award bid #16-11 and enter into a contract for the South Pass Road/Saar Creek Bridge No. 212 replacement project to the lowest bidder, Strider Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$790,787 (AB2016-137)
Pages 55 - 74
3. Request approval for the County Executive to award bid #16-05 for purchase of replacement patrol boat to the lowest bidder, Munson Boats, in the amount of \$85,748.16 (AB2016-138)
Pages 75 - 78

Other Business

PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members: Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, Ken Mann

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Special Presentation

1. Presentation of EMS Funding Work Group recommendations (AB2016-139)
Pages 79 - 92

Committee Discussion

1. Briefing and discussion of Comprehensive Plan Chapter 9, Recreation (AB2016-047I)
Pages 93 - 96

Other Business

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Members: Barbara Brenner, Todd Donovan, Carl Weimer

2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Briefing and discussion of Comprehensive Plan Chapter 3, Housing (AB2016-047C)
Pages 97 - 158

Other Business

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Council Conference Room/Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Discussion and Preliminary Direction

1. Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2, Land Use (AB2016-047B)
Pages 159 - 198

Other Business

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Council Conference Room, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion (closed discussion)

1. Discussion of potential litigation regarding Rutsatz Road emergency project (AB2016-018)
[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]
Page 199
2. Discussion with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Karen Frakes regarding potential litigation, GPT permit process (AB2016-018)
[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]
No Paper

Committee Discussion (open discussion)

1. Council Legislative Analyst Forrest Longman to present update on work assignments (AB2016-018)
No Paper

Other Business

COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2016

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. County Executive Jack Louws to present the "State of the County" address (AB2016-140)
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MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole for February 23, 2016
Pages 201 - 208

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. Ordinance adopting various minor amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20 Zoning (AB2016-114)
Pages 209 - 311
2. Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 5, Utilities (AB2016-047E) (comments must be specific to Chapter 5)
Pages 312 - 339

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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(No Committee Assignment)

2. Nomination and appointment to fill vacancy on Special Diking Districts and Special Drainage Districts - applicants: Fred Vander Veen for Consolidated Drainage Improvement District #1 Position 1; Jason Vander Veen for Drainage District #3, Position 3 (AB2016-134)
Pages 340 - 344

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Robert Hendricks to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (AB2016-141)
Pages 345 - 346
2. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Jodi Sipes to the Northwest Senior Services Board (AB2016-142)
Pages 347 - 358

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 amending the 2016 Whatcom County Budget, eighth request, in the amount of \$234,633 (AB2016-143)
Pages 359 - 368
2. Resolution amending the 2016 Flood Control Zone District and Subzone Budgets, second request, in the amount of \$200,000 (AB2016-144) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
Pages 369 - 374
3. Resolution amending the 2016 Flood Control Zone District and Subzone Budgets, third request, in the amount of \$85,000 (AB2016-145) (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
Pages 375 - 379
4. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-083 establishing the Cedar Hills/Euclid storm water improvements fund and establishing a project based budget for Cedar Hills/Euclid storm water improvements (AB2016-146)
Pages 380 - 385
5. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.130 to revise Economic Development Investment Board membership (AB2016-147)
Pages 386 - 389

6. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.34 to revise Agricultural Advisory Committee membership (AB2016-148)
Pages 390 - 393
7. Resolution and public hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant funding application (AB2016-149)
Pages 394 - 405

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 19, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.