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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JULY 22, 2014

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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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

JULY 29, 2014

HEALTH BOARD
10:30 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
311 GRAND AVENUE

AUGUST 5, 2014

REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

SPECIAL NOTE FOR JULY 22, 2014
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

COUNCIL NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members: Barry Buchanan, Sam Crawford, Carl Weimer

~~9:30 a.m.~~ 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Presentation and discussion of a memorandum from the Forestry Advisory Committee detailing the Committee's concerns regarding loss of forest land and suggested measures that can be taken to achieve no net-loss of working forests (AB2014-274)
Pages 1 - 5

Other Business

COUNCIL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Sam Crawford

11 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Executive Reports

Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council

1. Ordinance amending the 2014 Whatcom County Budget, thirteenth request, in the amount of \$790,206 (AB2014-255)
Pages 6 - 24
2. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Land Development and Engineering Services, Inc. for construction inspection services for the Beachway Drive and Fern/Park stormwater improvements project, in the amount of \$37,400 (AB2014-260) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 25 - 55
3. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Tetra Tech, Inc. for construction inspection services for the Beachway Drive and Fern/Park stormwater improvements project, in the amount of \$50,924 (AB2014-261) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 56 - 73
4. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Rosario Archaeology, LLC for cultural resource investigations for the Beachway Drive and Fern/Park stormwater improvements project, in the amount of \$34,874.40 (AB2014-262) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
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5. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a construction contract between Whatcom County and the low bidder, Len Honcoop Gravel, Inc. for the Beachway Drive and Fern/Park stormwater improvements project, in the amount of \$520,923.39 (AB2014-263) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 90 - 112
6. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.03, Boards and Commissions, to change application deadlines (AB2014-258)
Pages 113- 115
7. Resolution amending Whatcom County Code 100.02, Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee vacancies, and Whatcom County Code 100.06, Subzone Advisory Committee vacancies (AB2014-259) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
Pages 116 - 119

8. Resolution establishing a policy for acronym use in documents submitted to the County Council (AB2014-276)
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Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. Resolution ordering the cancellation of unclaimed funds more than two years old from the Whatcom County Jail Inmate Trust Fund (AB2014-264)
Pages 127 - 147
2. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to verify the address and residency of all registered sex offenders and kidnapping offenders in accordance with RCW 9A.44.130, in the amount of \$143,090.49 (AB2014-265)
Pages 148 - 156
3. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Maul, Foster & Alongi, Inc. for update to the Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, in the amount of \$87,981 (AB2014-266)
Pages 157 - 175
4. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and RH2 Engineering, Inc. for the update of the Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan – Regional Supplement, in the amount of \$174,776 (AB2014-267)
Pages 176 - 198
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Pages 199 - 201

Other Business

PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
Members: Barbara Brenner, Pete Kremen, Ken Mann
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. Resolution commencing the Coordinated Water System Plan update process (from July 8) (AB2014-253)
Pages 202 - 209

Other Business

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014
Council Conference Room, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Discussion with County Executive Jack Louws regarding potential property acquisitions (AB2014-018)
[Discussion of this item will take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(b)]
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Other Business

COUNCIL AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014

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.

MINUTES CONSENT

1. Special Committee of the Whole for June 17, 2014
Pages 211 - 220

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 amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 20.13, Wireless Communications Facilities, to streamline permit processing on routine wireless communication equipment upgrades on existing, approved, and conforming sites; add a new section on permitted uses; reorganize the chapter to better match the organization of other Title 20 chapters; and amend Chapter 20.97 – Definitions (AB2014-256)
Pages 221 - 319

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.

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(From Public Works, Health, and Safety Committee)

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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 reappointments of Brent Walker and Dunham Gooding to the Bellingham-Whatcom Public Facilities District (AB2014-269)
Pages 320 - 321

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 WCC 12.60 – Road Naming System (AB2014-270) (proposed schedule – August 5 public hearing)
Pages 322 - 338
2. Resolution approving recommendations on applications for open space current use assessment on lands located within the City of Ferndale (AB2014-271) (proposed schedule – August 5 public hearing)
Pages 339 - 362
3. Resolution approving recommendations on applications for open space current use assessment on lands located within unincorporated Whatcom County (AB2014-272) (proposed schedule – August 5 public hearing)
Pages 363 - 383
4. Ordinance amending the 2014 Whatcom County Budget, fourteenth request, in the amount of \$60,813 (AB2014-273) (proposed schedule – August 5 Finance and Administrative Services Committee and Council)
Pages 384 - 391
5. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 3.06, Grant Applications, to clarify requirements for grant approval and approval exemptions (AB2014-275) (proposed schedule – August 5 Finance and Administrative Services Committee and Council)
Pages 392 - 394

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

ADJOURN

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2014, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.