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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL AGENDA

FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2013

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.

AS A COURTESY TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES, CELLULAR PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS AVAILABLE NEAR THE COURTHOUSE SOUTH ENTRANCE.

OUR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE TELEVISED ON BTV10, COMCAST CHANNEL 10, AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE TWO WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING EACH TUESDAY EVENING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING.

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PLEASE NOTE: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE BEGINS AT NOON TODAY

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MARCH 4, 2013
JOINT LAKE WHATCOM POLICY GROUP
9:30 A.M., MUNICIPAL COURT FIREPLACE ROOM
625 HALLECK STREET

MARCH 12, 2013
REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE

MARCH 14, 2013
COUNCILMEMBERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL PT. ROBERTS VOTERS ASSOCIATION MEETING, 7:00 P.M., PT. ROBERTS COMMUNITY CENTER
A QUORUM OF COUNCILMEMBERS MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

COUNCIL NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members: Sam Crawford, Bill Knutzen, Carl Weimer

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Discussion regarding a proposed ordinance to establish a Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee (AB2013-098)
Pages 1 - 4

Other Business

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Discussion with Mark Mauren, Department of Natural Resources, regarding the possibility of drafting a recreational plan for Whatcom County (AB2012-066H)
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Other Business

COUNCIL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members: Sam Crawford, Ken Mann, Carl Weimer

12:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mt. Baker Foothills Chamber of Commerce for expenses incurred in the promotion of the Baker – Birch Bay tourism promotion project, in the amount of \$123,500 (AB2013-053) (from 1/29)
Pages 6 - 23
2. Ordinance amending the 2013 Whatcom County budget, third request, in the amount of \$446,257 (AB2013-092)
Pages 24 - 53

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Opportunity Council for Homeless Service Center administration in the amount of \$30,000, for a total amended contract in the amount of \$1,782,705 (AB2013-096)
Pages 54 - 70
2. Resolution canceling uncollectible personal property taxes (AB2013-097)
Pages 71 - 77

Other Business

PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
Members: Barbara Brenner, Pete Kremen, Ken Mann
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Update on the Starling Control Program (AB2012-408A)
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Other Business

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Members: Barbara Brenner, Bill Knutzen, Ken Mann
3:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Discussion with Whatcom County Assessor Keith Willnauer regarding open space classifications and criteria (AB2013-099)
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Other Business

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013
Council Conference Room, 311 Grand Avenue

Committee Discussion

1. Discussion regarding potential property acquisition for the Flood Control Zone District (AB2013-018)
(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
[Discussion of this item may 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

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013

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 January 15, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
Pages 81 - 85
2. Regular County Council for January 15, 2013
Pages 86 - 105
3. Surface Water Work Session for January 22, 2013
Pages 106 - 115
4. Special Committee of the Whole for January 29, 2013
Pages 116 - 122
5. Committee of the Whole for January 29, 2013
Pages 123 - 124
6. Regular County Council for January 29, 2013
Pages 125 - 143
7. Special Committee of the Whole for February 12, 2013 (3 p.m.)
Pages 144 - 145

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 finalizing a revised system of assessment for Consolidated Drainage Improvement District No. 20 (AB2013-073)
Pages 146 - 157

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)

3. Nomination and appointment to fill vacancy on Whatcom County Community Network - applicant(s): David Ramirez (AB2012-094)
Pages 158 - 159

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

ADJOURN

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2013, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.