

# WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JULY 27, 2010



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Surface Water Work Session, 10:30 a.m., Civic Center Building

September 28, 2010

Regular council and committee meetings

# **COMMITTEE SCHEDULES**

## **COUNCIL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Members: Kathy Kershner, Ken Mann, Carl Weimer**

**11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2010  
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

1. Public Works requests approval of a grant agreement with the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office to design a second phase of integrated salmon recovery/flood hazard management projects on lower Canyon Creek on the North Fork Nooksack River in the amount of \$206,500 (AB2010-278) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**
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5. Resolution approving the inclusion of two identified Whatcom County projects onto the existing 2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy List (AB2010-282)
6. Ordinance amending the 2010 Whatcom County Budget, thirteenth, request, in the amount of \$711,061 (AB2010-274)

### **Council "Consent Agenda" Items**

1. Request approval for County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for reimbursement of costs incurred to conduct an H1N1 immunization campaign during the H1N1 pandemic in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 (AB2010-283)
2. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a residential lease agreement between Whatcom County and Justin Ghramm and Amanda Snow for 7981 Blaine Road in the amount of \$860.00 per month (AB2010-284)
3. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Commodity Credit Union for matching funds for Purchase of Development Rights easement acquisitions in the amount of \$493,000 (AB2010-285)
4. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a two year agreement between Whatcom County and sole source provider, West, for provision of web-based and discounted printed legal research tools to the Whatcom County Prosecutor's office in the amount of \$64,443.36 (AB2010-286)
5. Request approval for the County Executive to authorize purchase of playground equipment for Bay Horizon Park from US Communities Cooperative agreement vendor, Landscape Structures, in the amount of \$52,298.52 (AB2010-287)

### **Other Business**

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## **SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2010  
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council**

1. Ordinance amending Ordinance 2009-071, the official Whatcom County zoning map, and County Comprehensive Plan and maps, to implement changes related to completion of the 10-year review of the urban growth areas required under the Growth Management Act, specifically the urban growth areas of Birch Bay, Ferndale, Nooksack, and Sumas (AB2010-054C)

#### **Committee Discussion**

1. Discussion regarding the status of the Council's Planning and Policy Analyst position (AB2010-017)

2. Discussion of a proposed ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.03, Boards and Commissions (AB2010-143B)

**Other Business**

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**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Members: Barbara Brenner, Bill Knutzen, Ken Mann**

**3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2010**  
**Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

**AGENDA**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendations to Council**

1. Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Title 20, to add Pipeline Safety Regulations (AB2010-238)
2. Ordinance amending the **Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan** and zoning map for property known as Harbor Shores located on Blaine Road, South of Dakota Creek (AB2010-258) **(recommended motion for this item: forward for concurrent review)**

**Other Business**

# **COUNCIL AGENDA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2010**

**Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

## **AGENDA**

**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. Quarterly report from the Behavioral Health Review Advisory Committee (AB2010-277)
2. Presentation by Census Bureau Partnership Specialist Laverne Lamoureux regarding Census 2010 (AB2010-017)

## **OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)**

**During open session, audience members can speak to the council on any issue not scheduled for public hearing. Each speaker should state his or her name and address 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 wrap up their comments.**

## **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 and address 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 wrap up 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, Title 20, to clarify and revise the definition and standards of home occupations (AB2010-047)

2. Ordinance amending the **Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan** and zoning designations for property (60 acres) located in the vicinity of 1000 Paradise Road (AB2010-273)  
**(Recommended motion: Forward for concurrent review. This ordinance cannot be adopted this evening. The Council must consider initiated comprehensive plan amendments concurrently so that the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be evaluated. All proposed amendments will be scheduled together for final adoption at a later date.)**
3. Resolution approving the Whatcom County Six-year Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2011 through 2016 (AB2010-269)
4. Ordinance establishing parking restrictions on Locust Avenue (AB2010-257)

### **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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### **(From Special Council Committee of the Whole)**

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**(No committee assignment)**

10. Request confirmation of the County Executive's re-appointments of Dean Brett, Brent Walker, Dunham Gooding and Charles Self to the Bellingham-Whatcom Public Facilities District (AB2010-288)
11. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation of the Council's Public Works and Safety Committee to no longer allow quiet title action for properties in the Lake Whatcom Watershed (AB2010-235) (from July 13, 2010)

**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. Receipt of appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision regarding appeal by Concrete Nor'West and Friends of Nooksack Samish Watershed on SEP2009-00132, filed by David Mann for Friends of Nooksack Samish Watershed (AB2010-263)
2. Receipt of appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision regarding appeal of District Manager of BBWARM District (APL2010-001), filed by Swanson/Belcher Law Firm for Sound Pacific Resources, Inc. (AB2010-275)
3. Ordinance adopting the current State Building Code and repealing the existing Title 15 of the Whatcom County Code (AB2010-289) **(hearing to be scheduled)**
4. Ordinance amending the 2010 Whatcom County Budget, fourteenth request, in the amount of \$771,900 (AB2010-290)
5. Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for divisions of land resulting in lots smaller than five acres within the Lake Whatcom Watershed (AB2010-101A) **(hearing to be scheduled)**
6. Ordinance amending Chapter 20.90 of the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance relating to initiating zoning amendments (AB2010-270A) **(hearing to be scheduled)**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

**ADJOURN**

The next regular council meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, August 10 and September 14, 2010, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.

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