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**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL**

# **COUNCIL AGENDA FOR AUGUST 4, 2015**

**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  
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**ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS AVAILABLE NEAR THE  
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**OUR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE BROADCAST ON BTV10,  
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TUESDAY EVENING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

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1984 - 2015 COMMITTEE MINUTES  
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2015**  
**HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 311 GRAND AVENUE**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**  
**2:30 P.M. - LAKE WHATCOM POLICY GROUP  
FIREPLACE ROOM, 625 HALLECK STREET**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**  
**10:30 A.M. - SURFACE WASTE WORK SESSION  
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

# **COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULES**

## **NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Members: Barry Buchanan, Satpal Sidhu, Carl Weimer**

**9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

**Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

### **Special Presentation**

1. Presentation of the Upper Nooksack River Recreation Plan (AB2015-238)

**Pages 1 – 21**

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

1. Resolution approving recommendations on applications for open space current use assessment (AB2015-233) **(this item is scheduled for public hearing this evening)**

**Pages 22 – 110**

### **Other Business**

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## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Members: Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Satpal Sidhu**

**11 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

**Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

### **Executive Reports**

#### **Committee Discussion**

1. Annual presentation to Council from the Washington State Counties Risk Pool (2015-017)

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

1. Ordinance amending the 2015 Whatcom County Budget, ninth request, in the amount of \$67,710 (AB2015-232)

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**Pages 117 - 123**

3. Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus property and setting of a date for public hearing thereon pursuant to Whatcom County Code 1.10 (AB2015-237)

**Pages 124 - 127**

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

1. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Rubb, Inc. to replace the cover of the salt and sand bunker at the Central Shop, in the amount of \$56,306.60 (AB2015-239)

**Pages 128 - 142**

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4. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Blaine School District for provision of behavioral health services, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 (AB2015-242)  
**Pages 176 - 192**
5. Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mt. Baker School District for provision of behavioral health services, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 (AB2015-243)  
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**Pages 210 - 226**
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**Pages 227 - 243**
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**Pages 261 - 290**

#### **Other Business**

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**PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Members: Barbara Brenner, Pete Kremen, Ken Mann**  
**1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

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

1. Request consideration of two citizen appeals to Whatcom County Code 12.60.050, Road Naming System, Requirement for Road Name, regarding the Clemensen Short Plat Subdivision (AB2015-248)  
**Pages 291 - 300**
2. Resolution adopting the updated Whatcom County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (AB2015-235) **(Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)**  
**Pages 301 - 306**
3. Resolution approving the updated Whatcom County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (AB2015-235A)  
**Pages 307 - 310**

#### **Other Business**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**3 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

**Special Order of Business**

1. Appointment of Pro and Con Statement Committees to write statements for the local voter's pamphlet on Charter amendments proposed by the Whatcom County Charter Review Commission (AB2015-219A)  
**Pages 311 - 313**

**Other Business**

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Immediately following Special Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council**

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**Pages 314 - 325**

**Other Business**

# **COUNCIL AGENDA**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

7 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 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.

### **MINUTES CONSENT**

1. Special Committee of the Whole for April 28, 2015  
**Pages 326 - 333**
2. Regular County Council for April 28, 2015  
**Pages 334 - 343**
3. Committee of the Whole for July 7, 2015  
**Pages 344 - 345**
4. Committee of the Whole for July 21, 2015  
**Pages 346 - 347**

### **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.

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**Pages 22 - 110**
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**Pages 348 - 366**

### **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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**(No Committee Assignment)**

8. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of David Scattum to the Whatcom County Veterans Advisory Board (AB2015-249)  
**Pages 367 - 369**
9. Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Sean D'Agnolo to the Purchase of Development Rights Oversight Committee (AB2015-250)  
**Pages 370 - 371**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.060 and 100.02.080, applications for council-appointed and FCZD board of supervisor-appointed citizen boards, commissions, and committees may be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday of the week prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting at which nominations and possible vote to appoint are scheduled to occur.

1. Appointments to the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force, applicants: various (AB2015-047 O)  
**Pages 372 - 431**

**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. Resolution authorizing the sale of Whatcom County surplus property pursuant to Whatcom County Code 1.10 (AB2015-237A) **(proposed schedule – September 15 public hearing)**  
**Pages 432 - 435**
2. Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Section 5.20.105, Fireworks – Special Circumstances, to allow the County to prohibit the discharge of private fireworks during emergency conditions (AB2015-218) **(proposed schedule – September 15 public hearing)**  
**Pages 436 - 438**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

**ADJOURN**

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue.