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The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its November 6, 2024, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2024-056) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 5.04.085, EMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD (AB2024-691)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Section 5.04.085 to adjust the composition of EMS Technical Advisory Board membership by removing the Paramedic School Training position and replacing it with a position appointed by the Fire Chief of Fire District 7 administration. This ordinance was introduced on October 22, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on November 19, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WCC TITLES 20 AND 22 TO ENACT SSB 5290 REGARDING LOCAL PROJECT REVIEW (AB2024-695)**: This ordinance adopts amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 22 (Land Use and Development) and Chapter 20.97 (Definitions) to enact SSB 5290 regarding local project review and to fix some other deficiencies. This ordinance was introduced on October 22, 2024. **ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SEVEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR WHATCOM COUNTY FACILITIES 2025-2031 (AB2024-697)**: This ordinance adopts the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Whatcom County Facilities 2025-2031 (Appendix F of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan). The CIP addresses parks, trails, and activity centers, maintenance and operations, general government buildings and sites, Sheriff's Office facilities, emergency management, adult corrections, juvenile detention, transportation (including the ferry), and stormwater projects. This ordinance repeals the existing Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR 2025 (AB2024-728)**: This ordinance authorizes the 2025 levy of taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical Purposes for an increased amount of \$133,949. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CONSERVATION FUTURES PURPOSES FOR 2025 (AB2024-729)**: Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10, this ordinance authorizes the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes in 2025. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY ROAD PURPOSES FOR 2025 (AB2024-730)**: Pursuant to Home Rule Charter Section 6.10, this ordinance authorizes the levy of taxes for County Road purposes in 2025. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY AND STATE PURPOSES IN WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR OF 2025 (AB2024-731)**: This ordinance adopts the Whatcom County 2025 property tax levy. This ordinance as introduced on November 6, 2024. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT FOR 2025 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2024-732)**: In accordance with RCW 86.15.160(3), this resolution of the Whatcom County Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors authorizes the levy of taxes with the district for 2025. This resolution was introduced on November 6, 2024. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND SUBZONES (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2024-742)**: This resolution adopts a 2025 budget for the countywide district and the following subzones:

Acme/Van Zandt Subzone; Lynden/Everson Subzone; Sumas/Nooksack/Everson Subzone; Samish Watershed Subzone; and Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management District. This resolution was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2025 WHATCOM COUNTY UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE (AB2024-743):** This ordinance authorizes a centralized listing of fees charged by Whatcom County, a complete listing of which can be viewed online via the Council's Legislative Information Center at Whatcom.legistar.com. A copy can also be requested by calling the Council Office at 360-778-5010 or visiting the office in person at 311 Grand Ave., Suite 105, Bellingham, WA. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET OF WHATCOM COUNTY FOR THE BIENNIUM 2025-2026 (AB2024-745):** This ordinance adopts the Whatcom County 2025-2026 budget, places restrictions on certain expenditures, authorizes actions, and sets expectations. A complete list of appropriations by department can be viewed at Whatcom.legistar.com. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR 2025 (AB2024-779):** This ordinance authorizes the levy of taxes for Countywide Emergency Medical purposes for 2025 for an increased amount of \$750,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on November 19, 2024, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL SHOP NPDES STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2024-719):** This ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2023-043 to add \$2,614,000 of expenditure authority to the project budget for the Central Shop NPDES Stormwater Improvements Project Fund for a revised total budget of \$2,869,500. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE GOSHEN ROAD/ANDERSON CREEK BRIDGE NO. 248 REPLACEMENT FUND AND PROJECT BASED BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000, FOR A TOTAL AMENDED AMOUNT OF \$700,000 (AB2024-723):** This ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2021-079 to add \$200,000 of expenditure authority to the project based budget for the Goshen Road/Anderson Creek Bridge No. 248 Replacement Fund for a new total of \$700,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.130, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT BOARD (AB2024-739):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.130, Economic Development Investment Board, to restructure board size and composition, revise purpose consistent with changes to RCW 82.14.370, and update economic development priorities to include investments in workforce housing and affordable housing. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 14, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,564,923 (AB2024-744):** This ordinance amend the 2024 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate \$1,000,000 in Health to fund contribution of opioid settlement dollars to the 23-Hour Crisis Relief Center project companion to supplemental #4806; appropriate \$7,500 in Sheriff to fund purchase of E-Bikes from Whatcom Community Foundation donation. From the Road Fund: appropriate \$13,950 in Public Works to fund road contribution for new Lummi Island terminal spring lines companion supplemental #4803 and longer gangway for ADA compliance companion to supplemental #4804 ferry expenses; appropriate \$2,614,000 in Public Works to fund contribution for the Central Shop NPDES Stormwater project budget

amendment no. 1 companion to supplemental #4808. From the Elections Fund: appropriate \$40,000 to fund OSOS information security grant from the Washington Secretary of State. From the Jail Fund: appropriate \$150,000 in Corrections to fund HCA Medicaid Reentry Project with grant proceeds; appropriate \$8,473 in Corrections to fund Heather Meadows Work Crew with grant proceeds. From the Public Utilities Fund: appropriate \$700,000 to fund Habitat for Humanity land acquisition. From the Ferry Fund: appropriate \$16,000 in Public Works to fund new Lummi Island Terminal spring lines; appropriate \$15,000 in Public Works to fund longer gangway during dry dock for ADA compliance. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE 23-HOUR CRISIS RELIEF CENTER PROJECT FUND, REQUEST NO. 1 (AB2024-748):** This ordinance appropriates \$1,000,000 to fund design and construction phases of the project for a total project budget of \$2,000,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE HOVANDER PARK BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, REQUEST NO. 3 (AB2024-749):** This ordinance appropriates \$1,415,000 to fund construction of the Maintenance Shop at Hovander Homestead Park for a total project budget of \$1,696,378. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING ENVELOPE FUND, REQUEST NO. 6 (AB2024-750):** This ordinance appropriates \$2,051,898 to fund design and continue replacing roofs, roof top mechanical equipment and glazing for a total project budget of \$17,044,807. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE INTEGRATED LAND RECORDS AND PERMIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FUND, REQUEST NO. 3 (AB2024-752):** This ordinance appropriates \$250,000 to fund phase II of the permit system project for a total project budget of \$3,206,661. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROJECT BASED BUDGET AND AN INITIAL BUDGET FOR THE COURTROOM AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS UPGRADE (AB2024-753):** This ordinance establishes the Courtroom Audio Visual Systems Upgrade project based budget with an initial budget of \$462,000. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.06, MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT (AB2024-747):** This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.06, Medical Examiner, to establish a Medical Examiner Department. This ordinance was introduced on November 6, 2024.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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