WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting
May 22, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 with all members present for roll.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the addition of "Hansey moved adding to the agenda as had been legally published," in paragraph four under Hearings on page 1.

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting from May 13 were received.

EXECUTIVE ITEMS

The Council confirmed by unanimous vote the reappointment of Hortense Westerman to the Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authority. The remaining appointments were confirmed by 6-1 votes (Reehl voting against due to the procedures used) as follows: Phyllis Graham (replacement for Barbara Skinner) to Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authority, Barbara Hansey (reappointment) to Nor-Bell Nursing Home Board, and John Nolan (reappointment) and Elizabeth Bailey (new) to the Boundary Review Board. The B.R.B. appointments are to be confirmed by the Governor as well. The appointment of Ernest Blankers to the Developmental Disabilities Board was not acted upon by Louws' request. There was some discussion on the procedure being used in board and commission appointments. The Council feels they should have adequate time to review the nominees.

Two budget transfers were authorized per Hansey's motions and "do pass" recommendation from the Finance Committee: The first was in the CETA VI budget of $7617 with the County Parks, and the second in the F.S.R. budget, Assessor's Office: $5414.78 from Capital Outlay to Deputy Assessor-Retirement.

FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Finance had reviewed agenda items 1 through 10, recommending "do pass", and all were passed by Hansey's motions, some with amendments, as follows:

1. Ordinance authorizing an increase in the Advance Travel Expense Revolving Fund - passed unanimously
2. Ordinance authorizing a supplemental budget for the Blue Canyon Construction Fund for 1980 - amended by Hansey's motion to delete $25,000 from 501-00 Ending Fund Balance line item, adding the $25,000 to 62 Buildings. Amendment and ordinance passed by unanimous vote.

3. Ordinance authorizing the adoption of a supplemental budget for the Ferry Maintenance Fund for 1980 - passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance authorizing the adoption of a revised budget for the County Road Fund for 1980 - passed unanimously (brackets were placed around line item 330-00).


7. Ordinance authorizing a supplemental budget for the County Jail 1980 budget - passed unanimously.

8. Ordinance providing for a supplemental budget for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department budget - amended by Hansey's motion in the title and text (line 12) to read "Whatcom County Jail" rather than "Whatcom County Sheriff's Department" passed unanimously as amended.


10. Resolution in the matter of approving a bid received for work to be done on the Gooseberry Point Ferry Landing - passed unanimously. This authorizes a contract to Manson Construction to be signed in the amount of $74,800.00.

OPEN SESSION

Ray Fann, representing the Agriculture Committee of the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce and the Whatcom County Cattlemen's Association addressed the Council concerning the formation of a "Weed Board" in Whatcom County to educate the public and implement a program in controlling the Tansey Ragwort weed, a weed that is beginning to infest Whatcom County and can destroy livestock. The formation of the board requires Council action. Either direct action of the Council, or after a petition with 100 signatures has been filed with the Council, the Board can be activated. Mr. Fann felt that the 100 signature method would be the better.
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OTHER BUSINESS

Margot Evers' second Open Space application, Tax Title 3.1 at Semiahmoo Road in Blaine was denied by Roehl's motion, and Planning Commission and Committee's recommendations.

The VanderWielen Open Space application as returned from the Planning Commission and with Planning Committee's recommendation was granted by unanimous vote, as per Roehl's motion.

MDP 1-76, Myles Donnelly's request for modification of the Major Development Permit, extending the time schedule for completion of the project was approved by unanimous vote on Roehl's motion and Planning Committee's recommendation of "do pass."

Roehl moved to approve the preliminary plat to replat portions of Tweed Twenty Division No. 5 and Tweed Twenty Division No. 6 to be known as Tweed Twenty Division No. 7 subject to the conditions as set out in the Findings of Fact as recommended by the Hearing Examiner, and moved for one amendment to the decision: Page 16, condition E-3, would read, "All roads will be constructed with enclosed drainage and thickened edges to the satisfaction of the County Engineer." The amendment was passed, and the preliminary plat was approved.

Communications were received from Sudden Valley Community Association and Phillip Wan. The chair will reply to the Community Association in regard to their request for dog control, and the Prosecuting Attorney will be asked to reply to Phillip Wan's question on obstruction of county right-of-way into his property.

Two Water District 10 resolutions, amendments to their Comprehensive Plan, were received and sent to the Planning Committee.

The Park Board Committee discussing the purchase of the Ice Arena would like to have a member of the Council on that committee. The Chairperson and the chairman of Finance are to decide upon the Council person to serve, probably a member of the Finance Committee. (Council member Hansey later agreed to serve on the Committee)

Hansey moved to authorize the Executive to place the Bakerview property for sale at a price not less than $550,000 as per Council resolution 79-41. Muenscher moved to defer action on the motion for 60 days. Roehl moved to amend Muenscher's motion to defer action until June 19. The amendment
to Muenscher's motion, and Muenscher's amended motion both passed unanimously. The matter will be on the June 19 agenda.

Muenscher nominated Helen Rhea from the second district to serve on the Board of Equalization. Johnson mentioned that he had contacted Linda Zander, but was not nominating her. Nominations were closed, and Rhea was appointed to that Board by unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION

The ordinance regarding the matter of speed and stop signs on the Mosquito Lake Road Middle Fork Bridge was introduced by Johnson and referred to Public Safety.

Muenscher introduced and moved for passage the resolution declaring the Whatcom Museum of History and Art is formally recognized by the Council of Whatcom as the official Museum of the County of Whatcom. It was adopted by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair asked the chairman of the standing committees to be certain to submit minutes of their meetings to the office for the records.

Public Works reported that funding for the Nor-Bell Sewer does not look promising for 1981.

Planning would like to have a Planning Staff Long Range Planning update at the second meeting of each month.

Thursday, May 29 has been scheduled for the following meetings: 5:30-Planning, 6:30-Executive Session on the Lakeside Condominium Appeal, 7:15-Parks Department to discuss the Blaine Air Force Base proposal, and 8:00-Committee of the Whole work session to discuss the South Lake Whatcom rezone.

Johnson stated that the announcement on funding by the State Jail Commission will be on June 11 or 12, delayed due to problems arising out of Mt. St. Helen's eruption.

Hansey requested to be excused from the next meeting to attend his daughter's high school graduation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.