Committee Chair Sam Crawford called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Present:  L. Ward Nelson  
Bob Kelly  

Absent:  None  

Also Present:  
Laurie Caskey-Schreiber  
Barbara Brenner  
Carl Weimer  

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A YEW STREET ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND (AB2009-316)

Crawford moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

The following people spoke and answered questions:
- Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator
- Joe Rutan, Public Works Department
- Jim Karcher, Public Works Department

Discussion included whether this is a good expenditure of tax money and the effects of not including sidewalks.

Motion carried 2-1 with Kelly opposed.

2. ORDINANCE APPROVING 2009 PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST #2 (AB2009-317)

Nelson moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.

Motion carried 2-1 with Kelly opposed.

3. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, EIGHTH REQUEST, IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,624,307 (AB2009-318)

Kelly moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Dewey Desler, Deputy Administrator, gave a staff report.

Discussion included the status of the H1N1 flu response vaccine purchase; why the rental assistance costs regarding the homeless housing fund are higher than anticipated;
the law enforcement officer and firefighter (LEOFF) fund; not reducing the Sheriff’s boat program, and; deciding if and when the hybrid truck purchase won’t work for the County.

The following people spoke:
- Terry Hinz, Health Department, described the vaccine ordering process.
- Gail DeHoog, Health Department, described the reasons for increased rental assistance.
- Eric Schlehuber, Public Works Department, described design issues with the hybrid diesel crew cab truck with an electric motor.

Motion carried 3-0.

COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS

1. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL FOR WHATCOM HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, FOR THE ADDITIONAL AMENDED AMOUNT OF $157,500 (AB2009-322)

Crawford moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

The following people spoke and answered questions:
- Gail DeHoog, Health Department
- Terry Hinz, Health Department

Discussion included whether this is to address the higher than anticipated rental assistance.

Motion carried 3-0.

2. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD BID #09-38 TO LOW BIDDER FOSS MARITIME COMPANY FOR ANNUAL DRY DOCK REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WHATCOM CHIEF, IN THE AMOUNT OF $170,275 (AB2009-323)

Nelson moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RMC ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SILVER LAKE PARK SHOWER AND RESTROOM FACILITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,621 (AB2009-324)

Crawford moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

Discussion included the high cost of design and engineering for Parks Department bathrooms around the country.

Motion carried 3-0.
4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT TO PERFORM HYDROLOGIC MODELING OF THE NOOKSACK RIVER TO EVALUATE VARIOUS CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,000 (AB2009-325)

Kelly moved to recommend approval to the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors.

Paula Cooper, Public Works Department, gave a staff report.

The following person spoke:

- Bob Mitchell, Western Washington University, described the climate change scenario models.

Discussion included the purpose of the model; who developed the model; model inputs; who would own the model; how this model fits into other modeling efforts, and; the variability of the model.

Crawford stated schedule a presentation on these issues before the Council’s Natural Resources Committee.

Motion carried 2-0 with Kelly out of the room.

5. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT FOR REHABILITATION AND SETBACK OF THE HOVANDER PARK LEVEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF $429,000 (AB2009-326)

Paula Cooper, Public Works Department, gave a staff report.

Discussion included paying betterment costs and Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee support.

Kelly moved to recommend approval to the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried 3-0.

6. RESOLUTION AMENDING CRP #908014 AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR, HANNEGAN ROAD SCOTT DITCH BRIDGE NO. 245 REPLACEMENT TO LOW BIDDER, MAX J. KUNEY COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF $805,522.40 (AB2009-327)

Crawford moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

The following people spoke and answered questions:

- Joe Rutan, Public Works Department
- Chris Brueski, Public Works Department
Discussion included the funding sources, budget, and timing; how long the project will take, and; the detour route.

*Motion carried 3-0.*

7. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN WHATCOM COUNTY (THROUGH KULSHAN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST'S HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM), IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000 (AB2009-330)

*Kelly moved* to recommend approval to the full Council.

*Motion carried 3-0.*

8. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND KULSHAN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN WHATCOM COUNTY (THROUGH THE HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM) (AB2009-330A)

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Sam Crawford, Committee Chair