

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016**

**Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**09:02 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes, Bob Jarman. County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens submitted comments: none

**Recognition:** County Manager Mike Thomas recognized Human Resources Manager Pamela Morais upon retirement after over ten years of service to San Juan County; Health and Community Services Director Mark Tompkins recognized Administrative Services Specialist Bonnie Sliger upon retirement after 10 years of service to San Juan County.

**09:15 AM PUBLIC HEARING [CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 22]:** To Approve States Inn & Ranch Inc., Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land (FACL) Current Use Application, San Juan Island. [POPNSP - 15-0001] – Erika Shook, Director Community Development; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager  
**Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel

Chair Stephens reopened the public hearing to approve the Application. Ms. Shook and Ms. Kuller presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

Chair Stephens reopened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: Tom Sandstrom.

Chair Stephens closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jarman to approve the June 29, 2016 Staff Report regarding POPNSP-15-0001 States Inn & Ranch Inc., Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Current Use Application with modifications provided on August 25, which would make a portion of the property totaling 32.78 acres be awarded a public benefit rating of 35 points. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:30 AM DISCUSSION:** First Time Homebuyers Policies & Procedures Manual (continued) – Mark Tompkins. Director Health & Community Services

Mr. Tompkins presented the draft Manual and answered Council's questions. Council asked for worksheets/spreadsheets showing differences in equity share versus the 10% payback on loans to be presented at the next discussion.

**10:05 AM DISCUSSION:** Ordinance Amending Comprehensive Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> touch) – Linda

Kuller, Planning Manager

Ms. Kuller presented the status of the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

**10:20 AM CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – Pamela Morais, Human Resource Manager  
**Present:** Council, Human Resources Managers Pamela Morais and James Wolf, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira; County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

At 10:20 AM, Council Chair Stephens announced that the Council would be holding a **Closed Session** to discuss matters **pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)** estimated to last 30 minutes.

At 10:50, Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the closed session would continue for an additional 30 minutes. The session ended at 11:10 for a total session time of 50 minutes.

**No Action was taken.**

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the **closed session** had ended. Ms. Stephens called the meeting back into regular session.

#### **11:10 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

**Mr. Jarman:** Attended the National Parks Service Centennial celebration at English Camp; will be attending Town of Friday Harbor Council meeting on September 1.

**Mr. Hughes:** Announced a Deer Harbor Plan Update meeting, August 31 and an Eastsound Planning & Review Committee meeting on Thursday, September 1; participating in a Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Bylaws Committee teleconference; the Lodging Tax Committee is meeting on meeting September 6 to hear presentations; will attend a Stormwater Committee meeting on September 8, as well as a Farmhouse Gang meeting at the Amtrak Station in Mt. Vernon on September 9; the next launch of an Olympic Class ferry will be September 14.

**Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** Budget team completed preliminary budget presentations; the County achieved a high credit rating with Moody's Analytics; the Orcas Park and Ride parking lot project is progressing; is meeting with the San Juan Island Home Trust on Wednesday regarding affordable housing and will meet with the other island entities going forward.

**Mr. Stephens:** Requested Council's input on agenda for the September 13th Island Trust Council meeting in Sidney, BC; attended San Juan Islands National Monument Managers meeting in Seattle and met Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewel last week; wrote a letter to Secretary Jewel to expedite monument advisory committee applications; met with members of the Building Advisor Committee on the potential of creating affordable housing with "small houses" in San Juan County; visited the Deer Harbor bridge project on Saturday; Governor

Inslee is visiting San Juan County on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to tour Mt. Grant and the Zylstra Lake Property with the Land Bank. Mr. Stephens received a call from a Decatur Island resident regarding an increase in their fire rating resulting in an increase in their fire insurance. Mr. Stephens directed him to Fire District #4 Chief Jim Ghiglione (Lopez) as well as the Fire Marshall for information regarding forming a fire district and training. Met with San Juan Air, Sheriff Ron Krebs and Doctor Mike Sullivan regarding lack of reimbursement to fly off mental health patients; also met with Joe Valentine of Northsound Behavioral Health to pursue legislative relief from time limits regarding restraining mental health patients due to the time it takes to fly patients to the mainland.

**11:55 AM ADJOURN**

Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on September 27, 2016. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**