

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

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

09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes and Bill Watson; County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Assistant Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: Mark Forlenza, Danna Kinsey, Sandy Strehlou, Alyson Clark Stephens, Nancy Ballman

09:33 AM DISCUSSION: Ordinance Amending Contract Procedures (1st touch) – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks & Fair; Greg Sawyer, Facilities Manager

Ms. Wuthnow and Mr. Sawyer presented the draft Ordinance and answered Council's questions. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain clarified some provisions of the draft Ordinance.

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to set a public hearing concerning an ordinance, amending San Juan County Code 3.24.040, 3.24.050, 3.24.060 and 3.24.077 and adding a new section to Chapter 3.24, for April 18, 2017 at 9:15am. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:03 AM DISCUSSION: Odlin South Management & Stewardship Plan – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks & Fair

Ms. Wuthnow presented the Plan, explained the public outreach they have undertaken and answered Council's questions.

10:25 AM DISCUSSION: An Ordinance Regarding Single-Use Carryout Bags; Amending Ordinance 10-2016 and San Juan County Code 5.12.010 and 5.12.020 (2nd touch) – Mark Herrenkohl, Environmental Resources Interim Manager

Mr. Herrenkohl presented the draft Ordinance and answered Council's questions. Following discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to set a public hearing concerning an ordinance regarding single-use carryout bags; amending Ordinance 10-2016 and San Juan County Code 5.12.010 and 5.12.020 for April 18, 2017 at 9:15am. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:33 AM DISCUSSION: Derelict Vessel Prevention & Removal – Mark Herrenkohl, Interim Environmental Resources Manager

Mr. Herrenkohl provided an update, via a PowerPoint presentation, and answered Council's questions.

10:55 AM ACTION: Acceptance of "Spill Prevention and Response Equipment Grant from Department of Ecology" Grant Agreement – Brendan Cowan, Emergency Management Director

MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to accept the Spill Prevention and Response Equipment Grant from the Department of Ecology. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:04 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Present: Council, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, County Manager Mike Thomas and Council Assistant Susan Kollet.

At 11:04 AM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to last 45 minutes.

The session ended at 11:44 am for a total time of 40 minutes.

No Action was taken.

Ms. Kollet stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended. Mr. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session.

11:46 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES
Legislative Status & Update

Mr. Hughes: Participated in two presentations on Affordable Housing last week. Met with Shannon Wilbur and Brian Vincent regarding the Mackaye Harbor project. Attended the Economic Development Council meeting to support marine trades training through a grant and at Skagit Valley College. Notified Mr. Stephens that at the Board of Health meeting, Lovel Pratt presented a draft letter concerning diluted bitumen. Since Mr. Stephens has worked so closely on environmental issues, the Board of Health asks that Mr. Stephens review the draft letter and provide his input. Mr. Hughes reported on an email he received concerning Freedom of Food. It is a bill, proposed in Wyoming, that allows for a different inspection process for small, local growers. Mr. Hughes has been in contact with our legislators to see if Washington might bring a similar bill forward for consideration.

Mr. Stephens: Was in Olympia last week. The Senate version of the budget is supposed to be out today or tomorrow. At the Legislative Steering Committee he attended, the Republican senators indicated counties and cities are not going to like the budget. We were hoping the 1 Percent flexibility would be part of at least the

House's version of budget as a part of their education funding since whenever we raise our property taxes, it raises money for the State. However, it looks like the 1 percent might move ahead as its own bill. It may be more palatable if it were wrapped with the education bill. At the Legislative Steering Committee, they discussed the three priorities of WSAC: the 1 percent, public records and indigent defense. The State is responsible for these but are not funding their part; in some cases they are picking up only 25% and Counties are paying the rest. It looks as though there may be some positive changes in Public Records law. That is the reason Mr. Stephens did not attend the Board of Health meeting. He testified in front of the Senate committee to keep that moving. Visited Richardson's store on South end of Lopez. The store burnt down twenty years ago, however, the dock is still maintained in good shape. The owners expressed interest in selling it and to an entity where the public could use it. It is located at a County road end and the County may be interested in purchasing it. Mr. Stephens will attend a Salmon Recovery meeting this week as well as an Accountability Oversight Committee meeting. Was able to meet with Governor Inslee last week to discuss the Growler aircraft. Now that the statements regarding the draft EIS are in, the Governor would like to visit both Coupeville and Lopez while the aircraft are flying over. Shared that at the Legislative Steering Committee meeting, many attendees were complimentary toward Representative Kristine Lytton.

Mr. Watson: Will have a town hall meeting on Tues. 3/28 at the San Juan Island fire district on Mullis. Mr. Watson will be joined by Mr. Thomas, Ms. Henley, Ms. Shook. He is scheduling time to be on Orcas Island on March 31st to see constituents and plans to use the office in the Senior Center. Met with Shannon Wilbur concerning Mackaye Harbor Road. Informed Mr. Stephens that he had agreed to sit on the CCC (PIMC Community Collaboration Committee) during the Board of Health meeting.

Mr. Thomas (County Manager): Park and Ride bid opening is on Wednesday, March 22.

12:12 PM ADJOURN

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on April 4, 2017. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.