

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

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

**09:03 AM    CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:03 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: Eleanor Hoag, Lovel Pratt, Jeff Friedman

**09:14 AM    DISCUSSION:** Right-of-Way Procedure Update – Colin Huntemer, County Engineer

Mr. Huntemer presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

**09:30 AM    DISCUSSION:** Amending Ordinance SJCC 12.16 Right-of-Way Acquisition (1<sup>st</sup> touch) – Colin Huntemer, County Engineer

Mr. Huntemer presented the draft Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

**09:45 AM    DISCUSSION:** To Approve Resolution Adopting the Orcas Landing Pedestrian Improvement Project into the 2017 Annual Construction – Colin Huntemer, County Engineer; Russ Harvey, Operations Manager

Mr. Huntemer and Mr. Harvey presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council asked for a revised staff report and postponed approval of the Resolution to Tuesday, May 9.

**10:45 AM    DISCUSSION:** Voluntary Stewardship Program Update – Linda Lyshall, Executive Director San Juan Islands Conservation District; Jennifer Thomas, Water & Land Natural Resource Consulting

Ms. Lyshall and Ms. Thomas presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

**11:30 AM    DISCUSSION:** Whale Protection Zone – Council discussed a response to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regarding a whale protection zone. Environmental Resources Manager Kendra Smith and Marine Program Coordinator Arnie Klaus provided input. United States President of the Pacific Whale Watch Association Jeff Friedman also offered suggestions from an industry perspective.

**12:05 PM    RECESS**

**01:05 PM      CORRESPONDENCE** – Letters regarding Tesoro oil shipments environmental impacts and refueling anchorage.

After discussion, the Council took the following actions:

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the Correspondence as written with the addition of copying the Skagit County Board of Commissioners. VOTE: 2:1:0 (Hughes opposed); MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson for approval of a letter submitted to the United States Coast Guard regarding the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be included regarding potential anchorage areas in Skagit County adjacent to or near Vendovi Island with two changes mentioned and without the attachments. VOTE: 2:1:0 (Hughes opposed); MOTION CARRIED.**

**01:37 PM              COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

**Mr. Stephens:** Updated Council on recent Puget Sound Day on the Hill event in D.C; noted that Congressman Rick Larsen will be meeting constituents on Lopez on Wednesday, May 10.

**Mr. Watson:** Noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map meeting will be held on May 10th at 2:00 in the Legislative Hearing Room; reported on the Thursday, May 4th Town of Friday Harbor Council meeting and noted that the Town is interested in participating in the County’s Solid Waste management program in the future. Reported that the Council has been asked to 1) declare May 19th as Endangered Species Day in San Juan County and 2) be a sponsor of this year’s Canoe Journey. Attended Noxious Weed Board meeting.

**Mr. Hughes:** Informed Mr. Stephens that he has been appointed Northwest Regional Council Board President. Attended an Opportunity Council meeting and discussed retaining existing affordable housing in the County. Custom Border Protection approved Friday Harbor Airport facility with a few changes and hopes for a June 15 ribbon-cutting. Reported on the recent Lodging Tax Advisory Council (LTAC) meeting.

**Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** Meeting with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) representatives this week to discuss issues and the calendar for collective bargaining; preparing the Orcas Recycling Services (ORS) operating agreement for Public Hearing on June 6.

**02:03 PM              ADJOURN**

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on June 6, 2017. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.