

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

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

09:05 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes and Bill Watson; County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Mr. Hughes asked the audience to remember the nation's loss of September 11 as well as those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma in Texas and Florida.

Proclamation: Celebrating United States Constitution Week

Mimi Wagner, Treasurer of the San Juan Islands Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (SJINSDAR), accepted the Proclamation.

Citizens Access: Kyle Loring, Steve Ulvi, Lynn Danaher

09:45 AM DISCUSSION: Comprehensive Plan Update - Erika Shook, Community Development Director; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager

Ms. Shook and Ms. Kuller presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

10:25 AM DISCUSSION: Argyle Lots Acquisition – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas presented information on the potential Acquisition and answered Council's questions.

10:50 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Evaluation of the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

Present: Council and County Manager Mike Thomas.

At 10:50 AM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive session estimated to last 30 minutes. At 11:20, Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the session was extended for an additional 30 minutes. The session ended at 11:45 for a total session time of 55 minutes.

No Action was taken.

Ms. Gabriel announced that the executive session had ended. Mr. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session.

11:45 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

Mr. Watson: Reported that the Town Council approved an inter-local maintenance agreement with the County for the County Road 157 (Missing Mountain Road) and declared September as National Preparedness Month; confirmed that an Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) work site visit would be scheduled for Monday, September 25 in the afternoon; discussed moving Agricultural Resource Committee funding from .09 funding to the County’s general fund.

Mr. Stephens: Attending upcoming Northsound Behavioral Health meeting concerning healthcare integration; received a letter regarding the Navy Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on operational areas within Puget Sound and will write a letter requesting a deadline extension (Council agreed). Met with Senator Maria Cantwell and State Senator Kevin Ranker on Orcas Island regarding affordable housing funding. Attending a Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative Steering Committee meeting next week and provided a Legislative update. Making progress with the Ecosystem Coordinating Board regarding the Town of Friday Harbor drainpipe solution.

Mr. Hughes: Reported that an invitation to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery Symposium in Vancouver has been extended to the Council. Will discuss ferry issues with the Washington State Ferries Assistant Secretary today. Reported that the Lopez Hill and Lopez South purchases are going through with DNR. Discussed issues with the public using privately owned tidelands below the Deer Harbor bridge. Announced that the Farmhouse Gang (a five county regional transportation group) has received federal funding through the Whatcom Council of Governance to develop local transportation interconnectivity.

Mr. Thomas: Reported that the Public Works Master Plan is progressing well; the Capital Committee met last week and is finished with planning for next year; the budget team has completed meeting with all County departments; the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) negotiations resumes on September 22. Discussed health insurance options available with the Public Employee Benefit Board (PEBB).

12:47 PM ADJOURN

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on September 19, 2017. The original document is retained in the Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.