

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Bill Watson and Rick Hughes, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

New Employee Introductions: none

Approval of Minutes: none

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, January 23, 2018:

A. **Budget Items:**

The **Auditor's office** requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **January 1, 2018:**

- **2017** Treasurer Public Financial Management EFT claim in the amount of \$1,000.00
- **2017** Warrant #194404 – 194405 Veteran Assistance in the amount of \$523.26
- **2017** Warrant #194406 – 194430 Public Works claims in the amount of \$83,757.23
- **2017** Warrant #194431 – 194483 County claims in the amount of \$96,264.76
Plus use tax in the amount of \$237.88 for total expenditures of \$96,502.64
- **2018** Warrant #194484 – 194485 Public Works claims in the amount of \$10,745.00

The **Auditor's office** requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending 12/22/2017:

PAYROLL GROSS; \$ 1,278,383.41

EMPLOYER BENEFITS: \$ 509,209.83

The **Treasurer's office** requests approval for the checks issued for the month of December 2017.

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Correspondence: none

Agenda Review: none

Citizens Access: The following citizens offered comments: Sandy Bishop

09:07 AM PRESENTATION: Lopez Swimming Pool – Friends of Lopez Island Pool

Asha Lela and Bill LeDrew presented, via a PowerPoint presentation, information concerning Friends of Lopez Island Pool and answered Council's questions. Discussion included potential funding by the County and the possibility of a shared ownership by the County that could open up additional funding sources for FLIP. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain addressed some of the legal issues and how they might affect County funding.

After discussion, the Council members shared their consensus support of the project and asked Mr. Stephens to explore with the group some options to move the project forward.

09:45 AM DISCUSSION: Affordable Housing Project on Lopez Island – Jamie Stephens, Council Vice Chair

Jim Falconer and Barbara Gurley presented, via a PowerPoint presentation, a proposed affordable housing project on Lopez Island and answered Council's questions. They explained their focus group of people who would benefit from their proposed 6-unit rental project. They are workforce people who work in various occupations in our County. The group identified a potential County-owned property that they have identified as an ideal build site for the project. They request that the County donate the land in order to allow them, with building costs, to assure the rents will be and remain affordable.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain addressed the group to explain the options of declaring surplus property and sale of property. Community members addressed the community's housing needs and the loss of residents who are unable to remain on the island for lack of housing.

Following discussion, the Council took a consensus vote to support Mr. Stephens furthering discussion with the group with counsel from Attorney Cain and Affordable Housing Coordinator Ryan Page.

10:44 AM BREAK

10:55 AM DISCUSSION: Approval for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board Planning Grant Application – Dona Wuthnow, Parks & Fair Director; Kendra Smith, Environmental Resources Manager

Ms. Wuthnow and Ms. Smith presented the request for approval for the Salmon Recovery Funding Grant and answered Council's questions.

After discussion, the Council elected to continue discussion and consider action on this request at the Council's February 6th meeting.

11:25 AM DISCUSSION: Southern Resident Killer Whale Workshop/Survey – Kendra Smith, Environmental Resources Manager

Ms. Smith presented the Southern Resident Killer Whale Survey and answered Council's questions. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to send a letter, as amended, to Chief Steve Bear, Director of WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, for enhanced enforcement in the San Juan Islands toward protection of the Southern Resident Killer Whales. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Smith will make the revision to the letter and send to Council for signature.

11:59 AM ACTION: LIO Oil Spill Risk & Consequences Grant - Kendra Smith, Environmental Resources Manager

Ms. Smith presented the LIO Grant and answered Council's questions.

After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve acceptance of a \$100,000 grant for Oil Spill Consequences Analysis.

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

12:05 PM RECESS

01:03 PM DISCUSSION: EHB 2242 – 2018 State Levy, John Kulseth, Assessor

Mr. Kulseth presented the new 2017 legislation, Establishing New School Levies. He explained that the McCleary decision is the motivator for this legislation, presented some of the financial implications and answered Council's questions. The Council proposed providing a clear explanation to the public, included with their tax bill, explaining the increased tax bill and the cause.

1:39 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION: Speed Limit Ordinance [schedule Public Hearing] (2nd touch) – Colin Huntemer, County Engineer

Mr. Huntemer presented the proposed ordinance that would help to improve the process of speed limit changes and answered Council's questions. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain clarified the legal grounds that support the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Huntemer shared proposed speed limit revisions and answered Council's questions.

The Council will continue this 2nd touch discussion at their February 13th meeting.

2:27 PM ACTION: Consider Extension of 2017 Lodging Tax Award to Orcas Chamber of Commerce – Rick Hughes, Council

Mr. Hughes presented the request from the Orcas Chamber of Commerce and answered Council's questions.

After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the extension of the 2017 Lodging Tax Award to Orcas Chamber of Commerce for the Welcome to Eastsound Sign. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

2:30 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

Ms. Kollet (Council Assistant): Advisory Committee Appointments/ Reappointments:

- 1. MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Hughes to approve the defacto resignation of Mark Broman from the Marine Resources Committee . ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
- 2. MOVED by Watson, seconded by Stephens to appoint Victoria Compton and Camile Uhlir to the Planning Commission. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
- 3. MOVED by Stephens, seconded by Hughes to appoint Kenneth Burtness to the Ferry Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MOVED by Stephens, seconded by Hughes to appoint Lovel Pratt and Jaclyn Fowler to the Marine Resources Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to reappoint John Evans and Jack Cory to the Building Advisory Council. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Jens Kruse to the Orcas Library Board of Trustees. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

02:33 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 2:33 PM, Council Chair Watson announced that the Council would be holding two **Executive Sessions** to discuss pending litigation pursuant to **RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)** and the performance of a public employee pursuant to **RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)**, estimated to last 25 minutes in total. Action may be taken following the Executive Session.

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

The session ended at 2:59 PM for a total executive session time regarding litigation of 26 minutes. Ms. Kollet stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive sessions had ended. Chair Watson reconvened the regular Council meeting and took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes that San Juan County rejects the Higgins and Haley counter offer pertaining to the Land Bank. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.

3:00 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES (continued)

Council reviewed upcoming agendas and changes.

Mr. Stephens:

Will be down in Olympia for a Salmon Recovery meeting on Thursday as well as for the Vessel Traffic meeting where he hopes to give testimony.

Mr. Hughes:

Has several upcoming Opportunity Council meetings and he intends to go to Olympia. Plans to attend both SR20 meetings that will be held in Anacortes and Oak Harbor.

Mr. Watson:

ACH board meeting this Friday at Lummi Nation Headquarters north of Bellingham.

Mr. Thomas (County Manager):

Reported that the County has all of the Right of Ways needed for the Orcas Road project; working toward All Employee meetings coming up in February; will be meeting with the Town on a new sheriff services agreement; has a Risk Pool meeting on Friday; wants to speak with Conservation District concerning the Voluntary Stewardship Program; has a kick-off meeting for the campus plan tomorrow.

Chair Watson adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

These Minutes were approved and signed on February 6, 2018. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.