

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

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

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, Rick Hughes and Bill Watson; County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Citizens Access: none

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Watson announced that County Clerk Joan White passed away on Saturday, March 10. Mr. Hughes suggested flying the County flags at half-mast in honor of Ms. White.

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to lower the County's flags for five days in honor of the passing of County Clerk Joan White. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Stephens expressed condolences to a Public Works Employee who lost a son over the weekend.

09:05 AM PRESENTATION: Northwest Workforce Council Update – Minnie Knych, Director Northwest Workforce Council

Ms. Knych presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

09:25 AM DISCUSSION: Process Appointing Interim County Clerk – Council, Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney; Lisa Henderson, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Gaylord explained the codified process by which an elected County official is temporarily replaced upon the death of the officeholder.

The Council added a meeting for Tuesday, March 20 to consider the appointment.

09:44 AM ACTION: Approve 2018 Decision Package – Council; Mike Thomas, County Manager; Kim Herrenkohl, Management Analyst

Ms. Herrenkohl and Mr. Thomas presented the decision package and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve adjusting the budget to include the items that were scheduled for July 1, 2018 for immediate implementation. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:00 AM DISCUSSION: Affordable Housing Issues Spreadsheet Questions and Amending SJC Code 2.27 – Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community Services; Ryan Page, Affordable Housing Coordinator

Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Page presented the Housing Issues and answered Council's questions on key points: the management structure; payment plan; adjusting average moderate income level timeline.

Council agreed to increase the County's moderate income level to 120% of average median income (AMI). The Ballot Resolution is due to the election office by August 7 for November ballot.

11:07 AM DISCUSSION: OPAL (Of People and Land) Housing Project Funding Update – Mike Thomas, County Manager; Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community Services;

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Tompkins presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

11:25 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Property Acquisition or Lease pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c)
Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Land Bank Director Lincoln Bormann and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

At 11:25 AM, Council Chair Watson announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss Real Property Acquisition or Lease pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c) estimated to last 35 minutes.

The session ended at 12:00 PM for a total time of 35 minutes.

No Action was taken.

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended. Mr. Watson reconvened the regular session and recessed the meeting.

12:00 PM RECESS

01:00 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

Mr. Stephens: Updated the Council on the outcome of bills in the legislative session; reported on recent meeting of Northsound Behavioral Health Organization and the building of a crises center in Oak Harbor; attending Governor's signing of his executive order on Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery in Seattle on March 14; will attend Puget Sound Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C. at the end of May.

Mr. Hughes: Reported that he will attend the signing of the Governor's executive order regarding Southern Resident Killer Whale on March 14th in Seattle with Mr. Stephens; will attend the April 16th meeting with the Department of Natural Resources regarding the purchase of Lopez Hill with Mr. Stephens and Mr. Thomas; discussed status of ferry service requests

and potential of future testing of an electric passenger interisland ferry in San Juan County. Mr. Hughes attended the National Association of Counties legislative meeting in Washington, D.C. last week and reported on his participation.

Mr. Watson: Reported on the March 8 Housing Town Hall meeting at the Fairgrounds; reported that the Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC) asked that a non-voting position be created for the Conservation District.

Mr. Thomas (County Manager): Reported that interviews are underway to hire a new Conservation District Director; reviewed the recent all-employee meeting on the status of the County, and noted that the Council will present the same information to their constituents in Town Hall meetings. Updated the Council on the implementation of the new telephone system; reviewed the recent disaster scenario exercise with Brendan Cowan, Director of Emergency Management.

02:30 PM DISCUSSION: County Clerk Appointment – Council

Council invited Judge Kathryn Loring and Court Administrator Jane Severin to discuss Superior Court's position and authority regarding the appointment of an interim County Clerk.

02:42 PM ADJOURN

Chair Watson adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on March 27, 2018. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.