

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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:**

Assessor John Kulseth introduced Keri Talbott (Administrative Specialist); Auditor Milene Henley introduced Oren Combs (Customer Service Specialist); Juvenile Court Administrator Linnea Anderson introduced Denise Ireland (Legal Defense Screener); County Clerk Lisa Henderson introduced Kim Rathburn (Legal Specialist) and Jeanette Longan (Chief Deputy Clerk).

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens addressed the Council: none

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**09:16 AM** To Adopt Proposed Amendments to San Juan County Code Chapter 18.50 Shoreline Regulations (**continued from September 21**): Erika Shook, Director Community Development; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager; Adam Zack, Planner II  
**Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel

Chair Watson opened the public hearing to adopt the proposed Amendments. Ms. Kuller and Ms. Shook presented the Amendments and answered Council's questions. Chad Young from the Washington Department of Ecology also attended.

Chair Watson opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: Janet Alderton, Stephanie Buffum, Tina Whitman, Lovel Pratt, Kyle Loring,

Chair Watson closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following actions:

**MOTION 1**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to substitute the language provided by the Planning Department for the language that is in Section E-2, #3. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION 2

**MOVED** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to strike on page 12 of 17 of the Ordinance on line 8, the last sentence that reads, “such off-site mitigation will be shoreline based to the extent feasible.” VOTE 2:1:0 (Watson opposed); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 3

**MOVED** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to adopt revisions to line 41-B, page 12 to leave the original word “hard” as it relates to structural shoreline stabilization; and delete “them” and have it replaced with “by structures and infrastructures” that are defined in Subsection “A” above. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 4

**MOVED** by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to accept the wording as proposed in item C beginning on line 1 of page 13 with the exception of C-3. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 5

**MOVED** by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve Section 5 as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 6

**MOVED** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to accept the proposed changes of replacing “a significant possibility” with “a conclusive evidence” for items 3 and 4 on page 15, Section 6. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 7

**MOVED** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to adopt an Ordinance Amending San Juan County Ordinance 1-2016, Ordinance 11-2017; and San Juan County Code 18.20.190, 18.50.020, 18.50.140, 18.50.350, 18.50.390 and 18.50.420 as amended. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

**11:11 AM** To Discuss a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Annual Construction Plan [**continue to Tuesday, October 23 for adoption**] – Russ Harvey, Director Public Works; Colin Huntmer, County Engineer  
**Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel

Chair Watson opened the public hearing to discuss the Plans. Mr. Huntmer and Mr. Harvey presented the Plans and answered Council’s questions.

Chair Watson opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: none.

Chair Watson closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED** by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to continue the public hearing regarding the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Annual Construction

**Plan to Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 9:15 AM in Friday Harbor. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**11:22 AM DISCUSSION:** Approve Proposal (RFP) for Lopez Affordable Housing – Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community Services; Ryan Page, Affordable Housing Coordinator

Mr. Page and Mr. Tompkins presented the Proposal and answered Council's questions. Lopez Housing Group proposal representatives Jim Falconer and John Taylor and offered comments. After discussion, the Council postponed action until concerns with both submitted proposals could were addressed. (The Lopez Housing Group and the Lopez Community Land Trust submitted proposals.)

**01:02 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve Visitors Bureau Annual Plan and Budget – Deborah Hopkins, Executive Director

Mr. Watson recused himself and left the hearing room. (Mr. Watson's partner works for the Visitors Bureau.)

Ms. Hopkins presented the Plan/Budget and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the present Council members took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the 2019 San Juan County Destination Marketing Strategic Plan and Budget with the caveat that the amount of the budget is reflective of whatever the Auditor provides as the final amount for the year. VOTE: 2:0:1 (Watson absent); MOTION CARRIED.**

\*After the vote, Mr. Watson rejoined the meeting.

**01:21 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Discussion of Disposal of Surplus Property at Auction and **Set Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 23 at 9:15 AM** (1<sup>st</sup> touch) – Milene Henley, Auditor

Ms. Henley presented the list of surplus items and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to schedule a public hearing for The Disposal of Surplus Property at Auction for Tuesday, October 23 at 9:15 AM in Friday Harbor. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**01:25 PM DISCUSSION:** Lodging Tax Advisory Committee 2019 Lodging Tax Award Recommendations [**action scheduled on October 16**] – Rick Hughes, LTAC Chair

Mr. Hughes presented the recommendations and answered Council's questions.

**01:52 PM DISCUSSION:** Resolution Allowing Electronic Access to Superior Court Records (1<sup>st</sup> touch) – Lisa Henderson, County Clerk

Ms. Henderson presented the proposed Resolution and answered Council's questions.

**02:00 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

**Mr. Stephens:** Will attend an Orca Task Force meeting October 17 and 18. Also, attending the White House Conference with Washington State and Local Leaders in Washington, D.C., Intergovernmental Affairs Office, and will also meet with Senator Cantwell's office to discuss oil spill/vessel and Navy base issues beginning October 10. The Resource Management Plan for the San Juan Island National Monument is out for public comment.

**Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** Reported on various archiving and imaging grants awarded to County departments; will attend Land Bank Retreat on Friday, October 12.

**Mr. Hughes:** Will speak at Northwest Regional Transportation Group regarding the Washington State Ferries Long-Range Plan and assist in developing a legislative plan for local transit; reported on the success of the Orcas Island Film Festival; will attend a ferry conference in Seattle on Tuesday, October 9 before attending the White House Conference with Washington State and Local Leaders in Washington, D.C. for the rest of the week.

**Mr. Watson:** Discussed Department of Commerce notice that the State is seeking input on a civilian-military compatible use guidebook.

**02:40 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 2:40 PM, Council Chair Watson 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 25 minutes.

**Present:** Council, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, Land Bank Director Lincoln Bormann, Public Works Director Russ Harvey and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

At 3:05, Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced the session would take an additional 30 minutes. The session ended at 3:15 for a total executive session time of 35 minutes.

**No Action was taken.**

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended. Chair Watson adjourned the executive session, reconvened the regular meeting and continued the meeting.

**03:11 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Regarding County Burial of Indigent Deceased Veterans – Milene Henley, Auditor

Ms. Henley presented the agenda item and answered Council's questions.

**03:23 PM     ADJOURN**

Chair Watson adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on October 16, 2018. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**