

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 9:00 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:** The following citizens addressed the Council – none

Judge Stewart Andrew gave the Oath of Office to newly elected officials: Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord, Council Member Jamie Stephens, Sheriff Ron Krebs and Assessor John Kulseth.

**09:15 AM    PUBLIC HEARING:** To Adopt an Ordinance Adopting Street Improvement Standard Plans for North Beach Road within the Eastsound Subarea– Colin Huntemer, County Engineer  
**Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel

Chair Watson opened the public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Huntemer presented the draft Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

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

Chair Watson closed public testimony. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adopt an Ordinance Adopting a North Beach Road Street Improvement Plan for the Eastsound Urban Growth Area together with Alternate Exhibit A. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:25 AM    DISCUSSION:** Islands Oil Spill Association (IOSA) Funding Update – Brendan Cowan, Director Emergency Management

Mr. Cowan, Islands Oil Spill Association Board Member Ken Carrasco, and via teleconference, Department of Ecology Spills Response Program representatives Dave Byers and Sonya Larsen, presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

**10:32 AM    DISCUSSION:** Orcas Glenwood Springs Fish Hatchery Update – Rick Hughes, Council Member

Glenwood Springs owner Jim Youngren and Center for Whale Research Founder Ken Balcomb presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

**11:05 AM PRESENTATION:** Draft Fairgrounds Master Plan – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks & Fair

Ms. Wuthnow, Fairgrounds Events Manager Jennifer Allen and (via teleconference) Makers Architects & Urban Design Project Manager Andy Fenstermacher/staff presented the Plan and answered Council's questions.

**11:30 AM JOINT LUNCH MEETING WITH ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL (B.C.)**

Council met with Islands Trust Council Executive Committee Members (Peter Luckham, Chair; Dan Rogers, Vice Chair from Gabriola Island Local Trust Area; Sue Ellen Fast, Vice Chair from Bowen Island Municipality; Laura Patrick, Vice Chair from Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area; Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer; Clare Frater, Trust Area Services Director) and discussed topics of mutual interest, including:

- New Islands Trust Council Executive Committee Members intro;
- Vessels and oil spill prevention, Islands Oil Spill Association (IOSA), Economic Impact Report, Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) Governor's Task Force Recommendations, Rescue/response Tug, Natural Resource Shipments, cross border emergency management;
- Islands' Trust new governance review process;
- Affordable Housing, San Juan Affordable Housing Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) and Management Plan;
- Transportation: Washington State Ferries Long-Range Plan, Cross Border strategy;
- Economic Development: Tourism, Vacation Rentals, Cross Border Free trade zone, Agriculture issues;
- First Nations Relations;
- Technology: Communications infrastructure, renewable energy.

**02:30 PM DISCUSSION:** Draft Fairgrounds Master Plan Update Continued – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks & Fair

Discussion continued from morning.

**03:06 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

**Ms. Gabriel (Clerk to the Council):** Advisory Committee Appointments/ Reappointments:

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to reappoint Evelyn Fuscher and Richard Russell to the Building Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to reappoint Kira Sable to the Fair Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to reappoint Catherine Ellis and Peg LeBlanc to the Human Services Advisory Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to reappoint Jim Skoog to the Land Bank. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to reappoint Steven Rubey to the Planning Commission. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to reappoint Barry Jacobson to the San Juan Island Library Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to reappoint Steven Jehly, Barry Neville and Ted Whitley to Veterans Advisory Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Georgette Wong to the Planning Commission. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Madeline Sheplor to the Orcas Island Library Board of Trustees. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to appoint Stephen Shubert to the Northwest Senior Services Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Terry Gillespie to the Eastsound Planning & Review Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Mr. Hughes:** Attended the Northwest Regional Council executive meeting and Opportunity Council Board Meeting on December 6; meeting with Mr. Huntemer on Wednesday to discuss better traffic safety at the Orcas Islands elementary school.

**Mr. Stephens:** Attended the Northwest Regional Council executive meeting.

**Mr. Watson:** Will attend Washington State Ferries meeting in Friday Harbor (at Brickworks) and on Lopez Island on December 9.

**Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** Discussed potential dock acquisition in Deer Harbor; met with propane business owners to discuss relocation of propane tanks on Orcas Island; State Representative-Elect Debra Lekanoff will be in Friday Harbor and available to meet with Council on December 20.

**03:20 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Evaluation of the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

At 3:20 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 45 minutes.

Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas and Human Resource Manager James Wolf.

The session ended at 03:50 for a total executive session time of 30 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.

The Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve moving Mr. Thomas' compensation to the next pay level step. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**03:51 PM          ADJOURN**

Chair Watson adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on January 8, 2019. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**