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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

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

09:03 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 09:03 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Bill Watson and Rick Hughes, County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Assistant Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

Excused Absences: none

New Employee Introductions: Zanetha Amani Matisse Administrative Specialist IV, Auditor's Office; Deanna Johnson, Financial Clerk IV, Health & Community Services

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the minutes of the San Juan County Council meeting from Tuesday, February 19, 2019 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the Consent Agenda of March 12, 2019.

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Correspondence: none

Citizens Access: The following citizens addressed the Council: none

09:03 AM DISCUSSION: Request an Opinion from Attorney General on Filling State Legislative Vacancies – Council

Mr. Stephens shared that, following the recent encounter with making an appointment to the legislature and with the process used, declaring that sitting councilors are ineligible, the prosecuting attorneys in Whatcom and Island Counties are writing to ask the State Attorney General for his opinion on the topic. Mr. Stephens has spoken with San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney Randy Gaylord and he is willing to join in that request as well. Mr. Stephens asked the Council members for their concurrence.

After discussion, the Council took the following action:

50 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to ask Prosecuting Attorney Randy**
51 **Gaylord to request an opinion from the State Attorney General on filling State legislative**
52 **vacancies. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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54 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Public Testimony Accepted
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56 **09:15 AM** To Approve a Resolution Naming the Shaw Island Park and Recreation District
57 (“Shaw Rec”) Approving Boundaries; and Calling for an Election for the
58 Formation of the District and a Special Filing Period for Five Commissioners –
59 Milene Henley, Auditor

60 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Assistant Susan
61 Kollet
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63 Chair Stephens opened the public hearing to approve the Resolution. Ms. Henley presented
64 the Resolution and answered Council’s questions.
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66 Chair Stephens opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony:
67 John Brantigan, Willy Borna, Jon Troxel, Neil Bryant, Carolyn Brantigan.
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69 Chair Stephens closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council
70 took the following action:
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72 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve a Resolution Naming the**
73 **Shaw Island Park and Recreation District (“Shaw Rec”) Approving Boundaries; and**
74 **Calling for an Election for the Formation of the District and a Special Filing Period for**
75 **Five Commissioners. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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77 **09:47 AM** To Approve a Resolution to Adopt a San Juan County Coordinated Human
78 Services Transportation Plan and Supersede the Existing Plan – Mark Tompkins,
79 Director Health & Community Services; Ryan Page, Affordable Housing
80 Coordinator

81 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Assistant Susan Kollet
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83 Chair Stephens opened the public hearing to approve the Resolution. Mr. Page and
84 Mr. Tompkins presented the Resolution and answered Council’s questions.
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86 Chair Stephens opened public testimony. The following citizens offered testimony: none
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88 Chair Stephens closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council
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91 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve a Resolution to Adopt a**
92 **San Juan County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan and Supersede the**
93 **Existing Plan. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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95 **10:12 AM ACTION:** To Approve a Resolution of the County Council of San Juan County
96 Adopting Revisions to the Health & Safety Manual and Repealing Prior Safety
97 Legislation – James Wolf, Human Resource Manager

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Mr. Wolf presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve a Resolution of the County Council of San Juan County Adopting Revisions to the Health & Safety Manual and Repealing Prior Safety Legislation. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

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10:16 AM DISCUSSION: Project Update for Single Can Disposal Rate at Sutton Road Transfer Station – Mark Herrenkohl, Solid Waste Program Administrator

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Mr. Herrenkohl presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

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10:33 AM DISCUSSION: Taylor Property Acquisition Update (SJI) – Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank

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Mr. Bormann presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

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10:48 AM ACTION: Approve Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program (PFAPP) Award Extension for Port of Orcas – Debbie Emery, Administrative Coordinator

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Ms. Emery presented the Extension and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve a Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program Award Extension to June 30, 2019, for the Port of Orcas. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

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10:58 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

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Mr. Stephens: Provided a legislative update; heading to Olympia tonight. There is a package of orca-related bills that are moving thru the legislature: they have been tweaked along the way; trying to get \$100,000 for a hydrophone study, to be stationed at Salmon Bank; explained hydraulic project permit and WDFW as it relates to bulkheads and orca protection. Next whale task force will be held on Orcas Island on Monday and Mr. Stephens will attend.

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Several bills concerning housing, one of which mandates a provision for Accessory Dwelling Units.

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Mr. Hughes: Attended NACo Conference in Washington DC last week, attending workshops on transportation and ferries, and cannabis; had discussion with Sen. Cantwell and Helen Price Johnson concerning listening stations to monitor and collect air noise data from Whidbey Naval Station. Spoke on Sen. Hobbes' bill in Olympia that, in part, would provide funding for ferries. The bill also introduces a carbon tax to fund it.

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Mr. Watson: Met with a group of Lopez residents re: a pending application for a marijuana producer on Lopez Island. That application has now been withdrawn and a replacement application submitted. He suggests Council request a 20-day extension in order to have time to

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146 thoroughly review the application. Suggested the possibility of Council revisiting County land
147 regs for cannabis with the passage of time, but questions the impact on staff time at this time.
148 Attended an Orcas School Board meeting a few weeks ago to support Mr. Huntemer who
149 presented some revisions that can be made to help alleviate their bus loading and offloading
150 issues. Toured Coffelt Farms with Land Bank Commissioners and Mr. Bormann in advance of
151 this week’s Land Bank meeting. Letter to Council from Rhea Miller asking Council to comment
152 on the Resource Management Plan for the National Monument Advisory Committee.
153 Commented on a request to expand Town of Friday Harbor UGA. Browne’s Lumber sits on
154 Town property but property they own adjacent to it are outside of the Town UGA and they
155 hope to expand to that parcel and require utilities.

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157 **Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** The County All-Staff Meeting takes place this Friday and
158 next Monday on San Juan and Orcas. James Wolf has put together a training module for
159 supervisors and department heads. It will take place over four sessions. Capital Committee
160 meeting on Thursday will discuss changes to forms and process to prepare for a change to a
161 biennial budget.

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163 **Clerk Update:**

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165 a. Review Agendas & Council Calendar Items – Lopez Meeting, Tuesday April 16
166 b. Advisory Committee Appointments/ Reappointments:

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168 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to appoint Margaret Payne to the**
169 **Parks & Recreation Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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171 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to permit Planning Commission Chair**
172 **Tim Blanchard to be reappointed as Chair for a third two-year term. ALL AYES; MOTION**
173 **CARRIED.**

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175 **12:04 PM ADJOURN**

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177 Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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180 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
181 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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184 **These Minutes were approved and signed on March 19, 2019. The original document is retained in the**
185 **Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**
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