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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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

09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 09:00 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.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes of the San Juan County Council meeting minutes from Tuesday, August 27, 2019 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Hughes seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the Consent Agenda of September 10, 2019:

Financial Items:

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of **August 19, 2019:**

- Warrant #219076 - 219081 Veteran Assistance claims in the amount of \$2,093.32
- Warrant #219082 Public Works ER&R claim in the amount of \$336.81
- Warrant #219083 – 219093 Public Works ER&R claims in the amount of \$5,526.71
- Warrant #219094 – 219106 Public Works Roads claims in the amount of \$92,838.65
- Warrant #219107 – 219172 County claims in the amount of \$80,811.59

The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending **August 23, 2019:**

PAYROLL GROSS; \$1,452,899.22
EMPLOYER BENEFITS: \$ 569,381.27

The Treasurer's office requests approval for the checks issued for the month of August, 2019.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution Changing Custodians of the Health and Community Services Petty Cash Fund.

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED

51 **Approval of Correspondence:** Letter supporting Veterans' Advisory Board efforts re: Veteran
52 Service Officer Position

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54 Mr. Hughes and Ms. Henley explained the nature of the support and answered Council's
55 questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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57 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve correspondence in support**
58 **of the Veterans Advisory Committee petition for a Veteran Service Officer Position in**
59 **conjunction with Island County. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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61 **Public Access:** The following individuals addressed the Council: Stephanie O'Day

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65 **9:07 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** To Consider an Ordinance Revising the 2019 County
66 Budget for **Emergency Appropriations;** Schedule a Public Hearing Tuesday,
67 October 8 at 9:15 AM (1st touch) – Milene Henley, Auditor

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69 Ms. Henley presented the emergency appropriation revisions and answered Council's
70 questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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72 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to schedule a Public Hearing to**
73 **consider an ordinance revising the 2019 County Budget for Emergency Appropriations**
74 **for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

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77 **9:07 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** To Consider an Ordinance Revising the 2019 County
78 Budget for **Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers;** Schedule a Public
79 Hearing Tuesday, October 8 at 9:15 AM (1st touch) – Milene Henley, Auditor

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81 Ms. Henley presented the supplemental appropriations and transfers revisions and answered
82 Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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84 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to schedule a Public Hearing to**
85 **consider an ordinance revising the 2019 County Budget for Supplemental**
86 **Appropriations and Transfers for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES:**
87 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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90 **9:25 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Proposed Ordinance Renewing the San Juan Islands
91 Conservation District System of Rates and Charges; Schedule a Public Hearing
92 for Tuesday, October 8th (1st touch) – Mike Thomas, County Manager; Mike
93 Ramsey, Conservation District Executive Director

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95 Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ramsey provided a summary, via a PowerPoint presentation, of the
96 Conservation District System of rates and charges and answered Council's questions.
97 Assessor John Kulseth and Treasurer Rhonda Pederson asked for greater detail in the

98 wording of the ordinance to inform their offices as to how to appropriately tax parcels in
99 accordance with the RCW. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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101 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to schedule a Public Hearing to**
102 **consider an ordinance renewing the San Juan Islands Conservation District System of**
103 **Rates and Charges with the modifications requested by the Assessor and Treasurer for**
104 **Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**
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107 **9:50 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** PREDES-19-0001 Request to Re-Designate TPN
108 351444005000 from Rural General Use (RGU) to Town of Friday Harbor
109 Unincorporated Urban Growth Area (TFUA); **Schedule public hearing for**
110 **Tuesday, October 15 at 9:15 (2nd touch) – Adam Zack, Planner III**
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113 Mr. Zack provided a summary of the Planning Commission recommendation, and answered
114 Council's questions. Attorney Stephanie O'Day, representing Cornelius Holdings, presented
115 comments and questions to Council. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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117 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to schedule a Public Hearing**
118 **regarding PREDES-19-0001 request to re-designate TPN351444005000 from Rural**
119 **General Use to Town of Friday Harbor Unincorporated Urban Growth Area for Tuesday,**
120 **October 15, 2019 at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**
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123 **10:31 AM ACTION:** To Approve a Resolution re: Orcas Recycling Rate Changes – Kendra
124 Smith, Environmental Resources Manager
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126 Ms. Smith presented the Orcas Recycling Services (ORS) proposed fee increases and
127 answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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129 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve a Resolution Authorizing**
130 **an increase to garbage and recycling tip fees and revised pricing of other materials for**
131 **the Orcas Island Transfer Station. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**
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134 **10:42 AM DISCUSSION:** Certificate of Inclusion Island Marble Butterfly - Kendra Smith,
135 Environmental Resources Manager (1st touch) [Action on Sept 24]
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137 Ms. Smith presented information concerning the Certificate of Inclusion for the Island Marble
138 Butterfly and answered Council's questions.
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141 **11:12 PM DISCUSSION:** Draft Work Plan for Marijuana Code Changes – Erika Shook,
142 Community Development Director
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144 Ms. Shook reviewed the draft work plan associated with a proposed draft resolution that would
145 extend the County's moratorium on marijuana production and processing, and answered
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147 Council's questions. Mr. Hughes asked Council to consider modifying the moratorium
148 language to permit currently licensed marijuana production and processing facilities to request
149 a permit for purposes that are unrelated to expansion or intensifying of production ie: for a new
150 hot water heater or other enhancement. Upon Council's direction, Ms. Shook will work with the
151 Prosecuting Attorney's Office to add the provision to the draft ordinance that will come before
152 Council at a future Public Hearing

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

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157 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase
158 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

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160 **CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW
161 42.30.140(4)(b)

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163 At 11:38 AM, Council Chair Stephens announced that the Council would be holding an
164 executive session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW
165 42.30.110(1)(i) and to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to
166 RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and to conduct a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to
167 collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) estimated to last 30 minutes.

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169 Present: Council, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, County Manager Mike
170 Thomas, Land Bank Director Lincoln Bormann, HR Director James Wolf and Council Assistant
171 Susan Kollet.

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173 At 12:10 PM, Ms. Kollet stepped out of the hearing room and announced the session would
174 take an additional 30 minutes. The session ended at 12:38 PM for a total executive/closed
175 session time of 1 hour.

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177 **No Action was taken.**

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179 Ms. Kollet stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had
180 ended. Chair Stephens adjourned the executive session, reconvened the regular meeting and
181 recessed for lunch till 1:30 PM.

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183 **Council reconvened, following recess, at 1:30 PM.**

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186 **01:30 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

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188 **Mr. Stephens:** Will attend a North Sound ASO Meeting this week. Received a response from
189 the Postal Service re: our request for a Decatur zip code. Attended a Parks & Rec
190 Commission meeting at San Juan County Park. The facilities are in good shape. Yesterday,
191 attended the second to last Whale Task Force Meeting. Learned that the Pacific Whale Watch
192 Association agreed to suspend whale watching of the Southern Resident Killer Whales this
193 summer in Canada.

194 **Mr. Hughes:** Orcas Island Fire & Rescue have built a monument centered around a piece of a
195 girder they received from the fallen Twin Towers and will dedicate it in a ceremony on
196 September 11. Will participate in a meeting with ferry representatives this afternoon to discuss
197 the status of the Elwha which is out for repairs. Tomorrow is the county employee appreciation
198 lunch. North Sound Alliance lunch re: rail transportation and improved transportation
199 connections. Three meetings of the Lodging Tax committee are coming up to hear
200 presentations from the nearly 40 applicants.

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202 **Mr. Watson:** The Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) board position he holds expires
203 later this month. Has been asked for a recommendation for a successor, but is willing to
204 continue to serve. Suggests to Council that one of their legislative priorities should be the
205 change to the BHO (Behavioral Health Organization) to what is now the BH-ASO (Behavioral
206 Health Administrative Services Organization) and the resulting loss of funding to San Juan
207 County. Was disappointed to see that PEBB permitted Kaiser Permanente to selectively de-
208 select and withdraw coverage from specific counties, specifically San Juan County. Seeks an
209 update from the Prosecuting Attorney on the decision concerning the whale initiative. Has
210 heard from many constituents concerning significant increases in property valuations and
211 hopes to have the Assessor address potential impact to property tax assessments before
212 Council to help inform residents. Addressed the letter from Attorney Cain concerning PFFAP
213 awards. National Park Service has paved Cattle Point Road and some parking areas.

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215 **Mr. Thomas:** Budget team has met with and reviewed all department budget requests.
216 Continues to work on the campus plan with the consultants Miller Hull. Meeting with
217 Rainshadow Consulting concerning potential for solar on county properties. In discussions
218 regarding Coffelt Farm for a future long term lease proposal. Plan to put out FAQ's on a future
219 levy lid lift. Shared the need to consider additional Council meetings for budget presentations.

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221 **02:20 PM ADJOURN**

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223 Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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225 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
226 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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229 **These Minutes were approved and signed on September 24, 2019. The original document is retained in**
230 **the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**

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