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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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

09:02 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:02 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.

Mr. Hughes added two Executive Sessions to the end of the agenda: 1) To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); 2) To Evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the San Juan County Council Friday, January 31, 2020 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 11, 2020:

Financial Items:

Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of February 3, 2020:

- Warrant #225558 Elections claim in the amount of \$400
- Warrant #225565-225625 County claims in the amount of \$220,421.75
- Warrant #225626-225635 ER&R claims in the amount of \$10,472.41

The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit expenditures for the pay period ending January 24, 2019:

PAYROLL GROSS; \$ 1,590,346.25
EMPLOYER BENEFITS: \$ 602,251.28

The Auditor's office requests approval for interfund transfers issued the month of November, 2019.

ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED

Public Access: The following individuals addressed the Council – John Campbell. Leith Templin

51 **09:20 AM PUBLIC HEARING:** To Adopt an Ordinance Correcting Code Inconsistencies
52 and Inaccuracies; Amending SJCC 18.20.160, 18.30.055, 18.70.030, 18.70.060
53 & 18.80.140 – Linda Kuller, Planning Manager; Amy Vira, Deputy Prosecuting
54 Attorney
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56 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel
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58 Chair Hughes opened the public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Kuller and Ms. Vira
59 presented the draft Ordinance and answered Council’s questions.
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61 Chair Hughes opened public testimony. The following individual offered testimony: none.
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63 Chair Hughes closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council
64 took the following action:
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66 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to adopt an Ordinance Correcting**
67 **Code Inconsistencies and Inaccuracies; Amending SJCC 18.20.160, 18.30.055,**
68 **18.70.030, 18.70.060 & 18.80.140 as presented with one slight modification. ALL AYES;**
69 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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71 **09:32 AM DISCUSSION:** Joint Meeting with the Port of Friday Harbor Commissioners Gib
72 Black, Greg Hertel and Barbara Marrett
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74 Mr. Watson disclosed that Commissioner Marrett and he are domestic partners.
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76 Port Director Todd Nicholson presented the topics of mutual interest. Discussion with Council
77 included the following:
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- 79 1. Urban Growth Area (UGA) Expansion – inclusion of Jensen’s and Shipyard Cove Marinas as a
80 Master Plan Resort Activity Center;
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- 82 2. Public Facilities Finance Assistance Program (PFFAP) 2019 grant scope modification;
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- 84 3. Interlocal Agreement for SJC Public Works services;
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- 86 4. Federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant – possible joint
87 Port / SJC application
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89 **10:31 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Resolution to Renew Moratorium on Marijuana Update;
90 Schedule Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 24 at 9:15 AM – Linda Kuller,
91 Planning Manager
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93 Ms. Kuller presented the Update and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, the
94 Council took the following action:
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96 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to schedule a public hearing**
97 **Resolution to Renew the Moratorium on Marijuana for Tuesday, March 24 at 9:15 AM.**
98 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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100 **10:33 AM DISCUSSION:** Urban Land Use Issues – Adam Zack, Planner III; Linda Kuller,
101 Planning Manager
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103 Mr. Zack and Ms. Kuller presented the Issues and answered Council’s questions.
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105 **12:00 PM RECESS**
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107 **01:28 PM ACTION:** Acceptance of Conservation Deed on Ritchie Property (Lopez Island)
108 – Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank
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110 Mr. Bormann presented the Deed and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, the
111 Council took the following action:
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113 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to accept a Conservation Deed on**
114 **Ritchie Property; that the sellers shall be paid \$300,000 from the conservation area**
115 **fund, and; that the Land Bank Director shall be authorized to execute all documents**
116 **necessary to affect the purchase of the Conservation Easement Deed and any other**
117 **necessary closing documents including the real estate contract (Lopez Island). ALL**
118 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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120 **01:38 PM DISCUSSION:** 4th Quarter Financial Update – Milene Henley, Auditor
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122 Ms. Henley presented the Update and answered Council’s questions.
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124 **02:12 PM DISCUSSION:** Resolution on Climate Change – Council and Kendra Smith,
125 Environmental Resources Manager
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127 Ms. Smith presented the draft resolution and answered Council’s questions. Ms. Smith will
128 revise the resolution for Council action at an upcoming Council meeting.
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130 **02:38 PM ACTION:** Approve a Resolution to Place a Measure on the Ballot regarding the
131 Town of Friday Annexation into Fire District #3 – Mike Thomas, County Manager
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133 Mr. Thomas presented the Resolution and explained the timeline that necessitates an
134 additional Council Meeting. Council will meet on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM to
135 take action.
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137 **02:40 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**
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139 **Mr. Hughes:** Reported on attending a series of five committee meetings; commented on the
140 possible privatization of ferry service to Sidney, which is in very early stages of discussion.
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142 **Mr. Stephens:** Reported on a request by an attorney for a support letter from Council pursuing
143 Naval Air Station Whidbey Island fighter jet noise litigation.
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145 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to allow Mr. Stephens to draft a letter**
146 **of support. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**
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148 **03:12 PM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential
149 litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Evaluation of the Performance of
150 a Public Employee **pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)**
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152 At 3:12 PM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive
153 session to litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Evaluation of the Performance of a
154 Public Employee **pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)** estimated to last 20 minutes in total.
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156 Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Human Resource Manager James Wolf and
157 Council Staff Assistant Sue Kollet.
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159 **No Action was taken.**
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161 Ms. Kollet stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive sessions had
162 ended. Chair Hughes adjourned the executive sessions and reconvened the regular meeting.
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164 **03:30 PM ADJOURN**
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166 Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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172 **These Minutes were approved and signed on February 18, 2020. The original document is retained in the**
173 **Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**
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