

1 **MEETING MINUTES**

2 **SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**
3 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
4 **MONDAY,**
5 **MARCH 23, 2020**
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7 **Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

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9 **09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

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11 Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Bill Watson
12 and Jamie Stephens (via Skype); County Manager Mike Thomas; Human Resource Manager
13 James Wolf (via Skype); and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.
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15 **Public Access:** The following individuals addressed the Council – Sharon Kivisto
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17 **09:03 AM DISCUSSION:** COVID19 Update – Marks Tompkins, Director Health &
18 Community Services; Kyle Dodd, Manager Environmental
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20 Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Dodd discussed the status of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC),
21 the financial cost to date and the economic impact due to COVID19.
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23 **10:10 AM DISCUSSION:** Community Recovery Framework – Mike Thomas, County
24 Manager
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26 Mr. Thomas discussed with Council future public access to County services, buildings,
27 grounds and parks. Additionally, Mr. Thomas presented potential adjustments in the County
28 workplace to limit employee contact (i.e., working from home). After discussion, the Council
29 took the following actions:
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31 **Motion 1: MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to close all County**
32 **buildings to public access allowing the exceptions as identified by staff,**
33 **and close camping at County parks immediately through the end of May.**
34 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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36 **MOTION 2: MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to suspend all boards**
37 **and advisory committee meetings except for those that are required as is**
38 **necessary to continue business and mandate that if they are held, they**
39 **have to be held using tele-technology, meeting the requirements of the**
40 **Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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42 **MOTION 3: MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens that the County Council**
43 **request that the San Juan County Health Officer close all of the short-term**
44 **vacation and transient lodging rentals within San Juan County until the end**
45 **of May. This is not applicable to essential services as it relates to anything**
46 **that goes on for a period of time to deal with COVID-19 (i.e., road projects,**
47 **emergency response). ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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51 **MOTION 4: MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to direct the County**
52 **Health Officer (via the Board of Health) to close transient moorage at all**
53 **County marinas, both public and private, if we have the legal authority to**
54 **do so until the end of May. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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56 **MOTION 5: MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to direct the County**
57 **Health Officer (via the Board of Health) to close camping at airports for off-**
58 **island pilots, within San Juan County, if we have the legal authority to do**
59 **so until the end of May. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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61 **12:15 PM RECESS**

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63 **01:15 PM DISCUSSION CONTINUED: Community Recovery Framework**
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65 **01:25 PM DISCUSSION: Resolution Calling for the Election of a Charter Review**
66 **Commission, Selecting the Number of Members and Determining Residency**
67 **Requirements – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney**
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69 Mr. Gaylord (attending via Skype) presented the Resolution and answered Council's
70 questions.
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72 After discussion the Council took the following actions:
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74 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to pick 18 candidates for the next**
75 **Charter Review Commission allocated 9, 6 and 3 to San Juan, Orcas/Waldron and**
76 **Lopez/Shaw. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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78 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve a Resolution Calling for**
79 **the Election for the Second Charter Review Commission and Setting the number of**
80 **commissioners to 18, distributed as 9 for District 1 (San Juan Island), 6 for District 2**
81 **(Orcas Island and Waldron Island), and 3 for District 3 (Lopez Island and Shaw Island).**
82 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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84 **01:40 PM DISCUSSION: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Ordinance [1st touch] -**
85 **Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney**
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87 Mr. Gaylord (attending via Skype) presented the and answered Council's questions.
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89 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve moving forward on an**
90 **Ordinance Prohibiting Growing Genetically Modified Organisms in San Juan County/**
91 **Initiative Measure 2012-4 as presented today. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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93 **02:05 PM ADJOURN**

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95 Vice Chair Watson adjourned the meeting.
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SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

These Minutes were approved and signed on April 7, 2020. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.