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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020**

**[VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE]**

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

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

Vice Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens (via videoconference), Bill Watson, and Rick Hughes (on a teleconference with Islands Trust); County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the San Juan County Council Tuesday, June 9, 2020 meeting minutes as written. VOTE: 2:0:1 (Hughes excused); MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** none

**Public Access (via videoconference):** Kathy Larson and Don Neiman provided public comment via email.

**Approval of Correspondence:**

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to send a letter to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island expressing our request for sound monitoring devices to be placed in San Juan County, particularly on the south end of Lopez Island. VOTE: 2:0:1 (Hughes excused); MOTION CARRIED.**

**09:10 AM** Vice Chair Watson recessed the meeting until 9:30 to allow time for Mr. Hughes to rejoin the meeting.

**09:30 AM** Vice Chair Watson reconvened the Council meeting.

**09:25 AM DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update – Kyle Dodd, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Incident Commander; Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community Services

Mr. Tompkins (via videoconference) and Mr. Dodd (via videoconference) reported on the status of both outreach and operational efforts, including:

- Current local/state COVID-19 (coronavirus) statistics;
- Statewide phases of reopening;
- Testing for coronavirus;
- Mask distribution;

- 51       • Senior meal program.

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53 County Health Officer Dr. Frank James (via videoconference) presented his analysis  
54 regarding the Phase 3 reopening of the County, balancing the health and safety of SJC  
55 residents and economic well-being.

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57 (Chair Hughes rejoined the meeting at 09:45 AM.)

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59 **10:18 AM     DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Home Fund 2020 Funding Round: Approve Notice of  
60 Funding Available Release – Ryan Page, Housing Program Coordinator

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62 Mr. Page presented the Funding status and answered Council’s questions. After discussion,  
63 the Council took the following action:

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65 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve release of the Notice of**  
66 **Funds Available for the 2020 Home Funding round. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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68 **11:01 AM       DISCUSSION:** Radio Communications Project and Bond Ordinance (2<sup>nd</sup>  
69 touch) – Rhonda Pederson, Treasurer, Mike Thomas, County Manager

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71 Ms. Pederson and Mr. Thomas presented the Project and proposed Ordinance. Mr. Halloran  
72 and Allan Smith (Rock Island consultant) discussed the technical capabilities of the system,  
73 agreements and scope of work. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23.

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75 **12:08 PM       ACTION:** Schedule Joint Public hearing on Shoreline Master Program  
76 Periodic Update Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Update the Shoreline  
77 Master Program Regulations; Amending San Juan County Code (SJCC)  
78 18.20.020, 18.20.140, 18.20.190, 18.50.020, 18.50.030, 18.50.040,  
79 18.50.050, 18.50.450, 18.50.540, 18.50.550, 18.50.600, 18.80.110 AND  
80 15.12.030 for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 9:15 AM – Erika Shook, Director  
81 Community Development

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83 After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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85 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to schedule a Joint Public hearing**  
86 **on Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update Public Hearing on an Ordinance to**  
87 **Update the Shoreline Master Program Regulations; Amending San Juan County Code**  
88 **(SJCC) 18.20.020, 18.20.140, 18.20.190, 18.50.020, 18.50.030, 18.50.040, 18.50.050,**  
89 **18.50.450, 18.50.540, 18.50.550, 18.50.600, 18.80.110 AND 15.12.030 for Tuesday, July 28,**  
90 **2020 at 9:15 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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92 **12:10 PM     RECESS**

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94 **01:10 PM     DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Vacant Positions – Mr. Thomas, County Manager

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96 Mr. Thomas and Council discussed filling vacant position with department heads (via  
97 videoconference). After discussion, the Council took the following actions:

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99 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the replacement of the**  
100 **Parks Administrative position, the Auditor’s replacement position, Public Health Nurse**  
101 **in Health and Community Services position. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**  
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103 **01:41 PM DISCUSSION:** Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Resolution – Council  
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105 Council discussed a proposed resolution that outlines the County’s approach to social justice  
106 issues.  
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108 **02:00 PM ACTION:** Schedule a public hearing on an Ordinance Regarding Amending  
109 Official County Road Speed Limit Map District 1; for Tuesday, July 7 at 9:15 –  
110 Colin Huntmer, County Engineer  
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112 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to schedule a public hearing to**  
113 **adopt an Ordinance Regarding Amending Official County Road Speed Limit Map District**  
114 **#1 for Tuesday, July 7 at 9:15. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**  
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116 **02:03 PM DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 Budget Impact - Council  
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118 Mr. Thomas provided a brief summary on the budget impact and encouraged a budget  
119 exercise to review changes.  
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121 **02:15 PM CLOSED SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**  
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123 At 2:15 PM, Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session  
124 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)  
125 and a Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW  
126 42.30.140(4)(b) estimated to last approximately 2 hours in total followed by adjournment.  
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128 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
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130 Present (via videoconference): Council, Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord, Deputy  
131 Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Human Resource  
132 Manager James Wolf, and County Manager Mike Thomas estimated to last 90 minutes in total.  
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134 **CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW  
135 42.30.140(4)(b) 30.  
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137 Present (via videoconference): Council; Human Resource Manager James Wolf, County  
138 Manager Mike Thomas and Council Clerk Ingrid Gabriel.  
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140 The sessions ended at 04:10 PM for a total executive/closed session time of 1 hour and 55  
141 minutes.  
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143 **No action was taken.**  
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147 **04:10 PM      ADJOURN**

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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on June 23, 2020. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**

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