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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

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, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf (all via videoconference); County Manager Mike Thomas (via videoconference), and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel (present in hearing room).

Approval of Agenda: no revisions

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf. to approve the San Juan County Council Monday, February 8 and Tuesday, February 9, 2021 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, February 23, 2021:

Financial Items:

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of February 1, 2021:

- Warrant #237448-237452 Auditor claims in the amount of \$4,071.92
 - EFT #190204212 IT claims in the amount of \$220.00
 - EFT #190204213 IT claims in the amount of \$1,907.72
 - Warrant #237588-237601 Facilities & Parks claims in the amount of \$23,818.08
 - Warrant #237602 Auditor claims in the amount of \$260.00
 - Warrant #237603-237686 County claims in the amount of \$174,159.81
- Plus Use Tax in the amount of \$17.12 for a total expenditure of \$174,176.93

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of February 8, 2021:

- Warrant #237690 Auditor claims in the amount of \$464.94
 - Warrant #237731-237746 Facilities and Parks claims in the amount of \$5,769.91
 - EFT #190212211 Land Bank claims in the amount of \$5000.00
 - Warrant #237747-237855 County claims in the amount of \$314,265.49
- Plus Use Tax in the amount of \$9.98 for a total expenditure of \$314,275.47

The Auditor's office requests approval for the interfund transfers issued October 2020.

51 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**

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53 **Public Comments (via videoconference):** none

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55 **09:07 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Washington State Department of Transportation
56 (WSDOT) Consolidated Grant Ranking for Proposed San Juan County
57 Human Services Transportation Programs - Mark Tompkins, Director Health
58 & Community Services; Richard Uri, Orcas Program Coordinator

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60 Mr. Uri and Mr. Tompkins presented the Programs and answered Council's questions. After
61 discussion, the Council took the following action:

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63 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to accept the rankings as determined by**
64 **local stakeholders related to the Washington Transportation Department of**
65 **Consolidated Grants. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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67 **09:11 AM ACTION:** Schedule a Public Hearing on a Resolution to Dispose of Surplus
68 County Personal Property by Public Auction for Tuesday, March 16 at 9:00 –
69 Kendra Smith, Environmental Resources Manager

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71 After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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73 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to schedule a public hearing for a**
74 **Resolution to Dispose of Surplus County Personal Property by Public Auction for**
75 **Tuesday, March 16 at 9:00 AM. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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77 **09:14 AM ACTION:** Approve a Resolution to Acquire and Accept a Statutory Warranty
78 Deed for the Lopez Community Land Trust Property (Lopez Hill Addition) –
79 Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank

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

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84 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve a Resolution to Acquire and**
85 **Accept the Statutory Warranty Deed for the Lopez Community Land Trust Property**
86 **(Lopez Hill Addition). ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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88 **09:20 AM PUBLIC HEARING:** To Approve a Resolution Amending Resolution 03-21
89 Enacting a Moratorium on Vacation Rentals of Residences or Accessory
90 Dwelling Units Adding Findings of Fact, a Work Plan, and Extending the
91 Moratorium through January 12, 2022 – Erika Shook, Director Community
92 Development

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94 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira
95 and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel

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97 Chair Stephens opened the public hearing to approve the Resolution. Ms. Shook and Ms. Vira
98 presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions.

99 Chair Stephens opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Brian
100 Wiese, Brent Lyles, Jim Nelson, Bob Gamble, Norris Palmer, Robert Mullin, Caitlin Leck,
101 Beverly Carlton, Michelle Seidelman, Karen Speck, Jan Scilipoti, Johannes Krieger, Linda
102 Danavan, Suzanne Olson, Nancy Ebert, Brad Brown, Eleanor Hoague, Diane Berra, Judy
103 Smith, Debbie Center, John Clark, Judy Scott, Kate Hansen, Leslie Brazeau, Margot Shaw,
104 Mike Carlson, Rhea Miller, Samantha Greiner, William Shields, Emily Scofield, Caitlin Hardy,
105 Greg Ayers, Andrew Fleming, Vickie Leimbeck, Alexandra Gayek, Jayson Schmidt, Caroline
106 McGowan, Howard Barbour, Sheila Gaquin, Pete Ancich.

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108 **11:55 AM RECESS**

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110 **1:00 PM Public Comment Continued:**

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112 Tawny Martel, Wolf Krieger, Toby Cooper, Michael Linehan, Susan York, Mark Baute, Koshi
113 Holt, Wes Edholm.

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115 Chair Stephens closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council
116 took the following action:

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118 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to continue the public hearing to March 9**
119 **at 9:15 to further discuss the current vacation rental moratorium. ALL AYES; MOTION**
120 **CARRIED.**

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122 **01:00 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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124 **Ms. Minney:** Visiting various islands sites and properties with Public Works and the Lopez
125 transfer station; reported on a recent Community Collaboration Committee meeting and a Solid
126 Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

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128 **Ms. Wolf:** Visited Coffelt Farm with the Land Bank steward; attended a Public Works workshop
129 and attending a public records class in March; attending a meeting targeted at aging in place.

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131 **Mr. Stephens:** Participated in vaccination clinics on Lopez Island; thanked Public Works for
132 efficient snowplowing on Lopez; reported on current state legislative activities; attending
133 Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) meeting and a San Juan Leadership meeting.

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135 **Mr. Thomas:** Attending Charter Review Committee (CRC) meeting to give a presentation on
136 County operations; meeting with the Town of Friday Harbor to discuss the status of the Argyle
137 Street lots and affordable housing.

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139 **02:22 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential
140 litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

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142 Chair Stephens announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to discuss
143 with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) estimated to
144 last approximately 30 minutes in total followed by adjournment.

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146 **Present (via videoconference):** Full Council, Assessor John Kulseth, Deputy Prosecuting
147 Attorney Amy Vira, Director of Community Development Erika Shook and County Manager
148 Mike Thomas.

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150 The session ended at 02:51 PM for a total executive session time of 29 minutes.

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152 **No action was taken.**

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154 **02:51 PM ADJOURNED**

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158 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
159 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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161 **These Minutes were approved and signed on March 9, 2021. The original document is retained in the**
162 **Council’s permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, MMC Council Clerk.**

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