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2 **MEETING MINUTES**

3 **SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
4 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
5 **TUESDAY, July 14, 2021**

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

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9 **09:10 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

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11 Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members  
12 Jamie Stephens (present in hearing room)., Christine Minney (via videoconference), and  
13 Cindy Wolf (via videoconference); County Manager Mike Thomas (via videoconference), and  
14 Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel (present in hearing room).

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16 **Approval of Agenda:** no revisions.

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18 **Approval of Minutes:** **MOVED** by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the San  
19 Juan County Council Tuesday, June 29, 2021 meeting minutes as written. **ALL AYES;**  
20 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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22 **Approval of Consent Agenda:** **MOVED** by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve  
23 the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, July 14, 2021:

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25 **Financial Items:**

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27 The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of June 21,  
28 2021:

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- 30 • Warrant #242178-242189 Facilities & Parks claims in the amount of \$4,551.63
  - 31 • EFT #190624211 ER&R claims in the amount of \$95.87
  - 32 • EFT #190524212 Parks claims in the amount of \$7,148.51
  - 33 • Warrant #242190-242191 Prosecutor & WSU claims in the amount of \$534.01
  - 34 • Warrant #242192 Person Impacted by Crime Assistance claims in the amount of \$500.00
  - 35 • Warrant #242271-242341 County claims in the amount of \$179,400.80
  - 36 Plus Use Tax in the amount of \$37.07 for a total expenditure of \$179,437.87
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38 The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants issued the week of June 28,  
39 2021:

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- 41 • Warrant #242463-242477 Facilities and Parks claims in the amount of  
42 \$44,524.67
  - 43 • Warrant #242478-242482 County claims in the amount of \$135,015.04
  - 44 • Warrant #242553-242635 County claims in the amount of \$549,242.81
  - 45 Plus Use Tax in the amount of \$4,096.58 for a total expenditure of \$553,339.39
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48 The Auditor's office requests approval of payroll expenditures and associated benefit  
49 expenditures for the pay period ending June 23, 2021.

50 PAYROLL GROSS: \$1,618,038.86  
51 EMPLOYER BENEFITS: \$ 581,2575.60  
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53 The Treasurer's office requests approval for checks issued during the month of June, 2021, in  
54 the amount of \$405,032.09.  
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56 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED**  
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58 **Public Comments (via videoconference):** Lovel Pratt and Janet Alderton provided  
59 comments to the Council.  
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61 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**  
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63 **09:15 AM To Consider a 2021 Budget Amendment Ordinance – Tara Anderson,**  
64 **Senior Budget Analyst**  
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66 **Present: 09:15 AM** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid  
67 Gabriel  
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69 Chair Stephens opened the public hearing to adopt of the Ordinances. Ms. Anderson  
70 presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.  
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72 Chair Stephens opened public testimony. The following individual offered testimony: none.  
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74 Chair Stephens closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council  
75 took the following action:  
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77 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt the Budget Amendments as**  
78 **presented with no changes. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**  
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80 **09:20 AM To Discuss Potential County Charter Amendments - Council**  
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82 **Present:** Council Members Jamie Stephens (present in hearing room)., Christine Minney (via  
83 videoconference), and Cindy Wolf (via videoconference); County Manager Mike Thomas (via  
84 videoconference), and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel (present in hearing room).  
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86 Chair Stephens opened the public hearing to discuss potential Charter amendments. Council  
87 did not bring forward any Amendments. No public testimony was offered.  
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89 **09:23 AM DISCUSSION:** Charter Review Commission's Presentation of Findings and  
90 Recommendations - Kevin Ranker, CRC Chair  
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92 Mr. Ranker presented the Findings and Recommendations and answered Council's questions.  
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94 **10:36 AM DISCUSSION:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update - Mark Tompkins, Director  
95 Health & Community Services  
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97 Mr. Tompkins reported on the status of the following:

- 98 • COVID19 Disease Activity in the State and locally;
- 99 • Healthcare system readiness.

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101 **10:50 AM DISCUSSION:** Meeting with Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) Board  
102 of Directors – OPALCO Board and Council

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104 OPALCO Executive Director Foster Hildreth presented information regarding the utility  
105 industry’s movement toward renewable energy and answered Council’s questions.

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107 **11:20 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approval of Interlocal Agreement with San Juan Island  
108 Conservation District to implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program – Denice  
109 Kulseth, Management Analyst; Paul Anderson, District Manager Conservation  
110 District

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112 Ms. Kulseth and Mr. Anderson presented the Agreement and answered Council’s questions.  
113 After discussion, the Council took the following action:

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115 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve an Interlocal Agreement with**  
116 **the San Juan Island Conservation District to implement the Voluntary Stewardship**  
117 **Program. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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119 **11:40 AM DISCUSSION:** Sheriff Update re: the Washington Association of Sheriffs and  
120 Police Chiefs (WASPC) Accreditation Process – Ron Krebs, Sheriff

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122 Sheriff Krebs presented the Update and answered Council’s questions.

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124 **12:00 PM RECESS**

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126 **12:10 PM DISCUSSION:** Recognizing June 19 as a County Holiday – Council

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128 Council is postponing discussion until the July 20 Council meeting.

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130 **12:12 PM DISCUSSION:** Update on County’s Online and Social Media Presence – Denice  
131 Kulseth, Management Analyst; Kendra Smith, Director Environmental  
132 Stewardship

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134 Ms. Kulseth and Ms. Smith presented the Update and answered Council’s questions.

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137 **01:41 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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140 **Ms. Wolf:** Congratulated the new Mayor of Eastsound, Mayor Ricky the Bearded Dragon;  
141 renovations of the Eastsound Village Green restrooms on are progressing; toured Orcas Island  
142 with the Fire Marshall.

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144 **Ms. Minney:** Reported on attendance a Northsound Ferry Alliance webinar regarding  
145 proposed ferry routes between Friday Harbor and Bellingham; toured Orcas Island with the  
146 Fire Marshall.

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148 **Mr. Stephens:** Reported on attendance at the National Association of Counties (NaCo)  
149 convention in Washington DC.

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151 **Mr. Thomas:** Signed an agreement with Housing Lopez for the Fisherman Bay housing  
152 project; reported on the Argyll lot development project with the Town of Friday Harbor;  
153 attended executive board meeting of the Washington Counties Risk Pool Board.

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155 Prior the noon recess, Council Chair Stephens announced that the Council would be holding  
156 an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment  
157 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) and a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to  
158 collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) when the Council reconvened at 1:00  
159 PM. The sessions would be followed by adjournment and no actions were expected.

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161 **11:45 AM RECESS**

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163 **01:00 PM EXECUTIVE & CLOSED SESSIONS**

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165 Present: Council, Human Resources Director James Wolf, and County Manager Mike Thomas  
166 (all via videoconference).

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168 The sessions ended at 03:15 PM or a total time of 2 hours and 15 minutes.

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170 **No Action was taken.**

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172 **03:15 PM ADJOURNED**

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174 Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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177 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
178 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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181 **These Minutes were approved and signed on July 20, 2021. The original document is retained in the**  
182 **Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, MMC Council Clerk.**

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