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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

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

09:03 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 09:03 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 Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County Council Tuesday, October 5, 2021 meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda: none

Public Comments (via videoconference): none

09:10 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION: To Consider an Ordinance Cancelling Prior Years Unclaimed Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants; Schedule Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 2 at 9:15 – Michelle Novak, Payroll Deputy

Ms. Novak presented the proposed Ordinance and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, November 2 at 9:15 to consider an Ordinance Cancelling Prior Years Unclaimed Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

09:15 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2021 Home Fund Round Applications Funding Decision - Ryan Page, Housing Program Coordinator

Mr. Page presented the proposed Applications and answered Council’s questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the 2021 Home Fund Round Applications in their entirety. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

09:20 AM ACTION: April’s Grove and Orcas Montessori School Community Development Block Grant Project Close-outs; Schedule Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 2 - Ryan Page, Housing Program Coordinator; Mark Tompkins, Director Health & Community Services

50 Mr. Page presented the Grant and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the
51 Council took the following action:

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53 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday,**
54 **November 2 at 9:15 to close-out April's Grove and Orcas Montessori School Community**
55 **Development Block Grant Project. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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57 **09:25 AM DISCUSSION:** Legislative Advocacy for Washington State Ferries – Jamie
58 Stephens, Council Chair

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60 Representative Alex Ramel and Senator Liz Lovelett joined the meeting (via videoconference)
61 and provided an update on ferry service. Council continued discussion regarding a localized
62 response.

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64 **10:30 AM EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSIONS**

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66 Council Chair Stephens announced that the Council would be holding executive/closed
67 sessions estimated to last 60 minutes in total:

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 - **Executive Session** to discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW
70 42.30.110(1)(i)

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72 Present: Council, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, County Manager Mike
73 Thomas, Administrative Analyst Denise Kulseth, Deputy Manager Mark Tompkins.

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 - **Closed Session** to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW
76 42.30.140(4)(b)

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78 Present: Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Human Resource Manager James Wolf;
79 Administrative Analyst Denise Kulseth, Deputy Manager Mark Tompkins

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 - **Executive Session** to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment
82 or to review the performance of a public employee. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

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84 Present: Council, Human Resource Manager James Wolf, County Manager Mike Thomas,
85 Administrative Analyst Denise Kulseth, Deputy Manager Mark Tompkins

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87 The session ended at 01:30 PM for a total executive/closed session time of 2 hours.

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89 **No Action was taken.**

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91 Chair Stephens adjourned the executive/closed sessions, reconvened the regular meeting and
92 continued the meeting.

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98 **01:30 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**
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100 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the Town of Friday Harbor Council meeting last week; meeting with
101 John Vezina (Director of Government Relations at Washington State Ferries) and
102 Representative Alex Ramel on Lopez to discuss ferry issues; attended a town hall relating to
103 property taxes.
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105 **Ms. Wolf:** Testified at the State Redistricting Commission meeting; attended ethics committee
106 and a tax town hall meeting; attended a State Criminal Justice Account meeting.
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108 **Mr. Stephens:** Attended Ecosystem Coordinating Board meeting; attending National
109 Association of Counties (NaCo) Western Regional Meeting in Salt Lake City;
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111 **Mr. Thomas:** Prune Alley construction bid opening is on Wednesday; the open Fire Marshall
112 position has been filled by Chad Kimple.
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114 **01:55 PM ADJOURN**
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116 Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting.
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119 **COUNTY COUNCIL**
120 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**
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123 **These Minutes were approved and signed on October 19, 2021. The original document is retained in the**
124 **Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, MMC Council Clerk.**
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