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**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**

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

09:03 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:03 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Jane Fuller and Christine Minney; County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council, Tuesday, January 10, 2023 agenda as amended, to include the items added from the January 9, 2023 Retreat Meeting that were not covered. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County Council, December, 13, 2022 meeting minutes as written. **VOTE: 2.0 (Fuller abstained.) MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County Council, January 10, 2023 Consent Agenda as written. **VOTE: 2.0 (Ms. Fuller abstained.) MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comments: The following people provided public comment via telephone: Sharon Abreu and Kathleen Lewis.

09:10 AM DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve a Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements for HVAC Replacement at 520 Spring Street.

Council Members discussed the requested approval of a Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements for HVAC Replacement at 520 Spring Street. MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the resolution as presented. **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

45 09:12 AM **DISCUSSION:** Transportation Project Ranking for Washington State
46 Department Grant – Richard Uri, Behavioral Health Specialist – Health &
47 Community Development, Mark Tompkins, Director of Health & Community
48 Services.

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50 Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Uri presented the Transportation Project Ranking for Washington State
51 Department Grant and answered Council’s questions. **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by**
52 **Ms. Fuller to approve the Transportation Project Ranking for Washington State**
53 **Department Grant as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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55 09:36 AM **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Approve a Resolution for the 2023 Legislative
56 Priorities.

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58 A Resolution for the 2023 Federal and State 2023 Legislative Priorities was discussed by
59 Council. **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the resolution as**
60 **amended. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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62 09:46 AM **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Grant Pursuit Request for Composting Infrastructure,
63 Kendra Smith, Environmental Stewardship Director, by Katie Fleming - Solid
64 Waste Program Coordinator • Environmental Stewardship.

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66 Ms. Fleming presented a Grant Pursuit Request for Composting Infrastructure and answered
67 Council’s questions. **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve Grant**
68 **Pursuit Request for Composting Infrastructure. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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70 09:50 AM **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Set Public Hearing for Conveyance of a Utility
71 Easement at Coffelt Farm, Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director.

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73 Mr. Bormann requested approval to set a public hearing and answered Council’s questions.
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75 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to Set Public Hearing for Conveyance of**
76 **a Utility Easement at Coffelt Farm ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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78 09:55 AM **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Set Public Hearing for Conveyance of Lease at
79 Coffelt Farm, Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director.

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81 Mr. Bormann requested approval to set a public hearing and answered Council’s questions.

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83 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to Set Public Hearing to**
84 **Set Public Hearing for Conveyance of Lease at Coffelt Farm. ALL AYES; MOTION**
85 **CARRIED.**

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87 09:56 AM **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Set Public Hearing for Conveyance of Conservation
88 Easement Deed for Lopez Hill Addition Project, Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank
89 Director.

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91 Mr. Bormann requested approval to set a public hearing and answered Council’s questions.

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93 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to Set Public Hearing for Conveyance of**
94 **Conservation Easement Deed for Lopez Hill Addition Project, Lincoln Bormann. ALL**
95 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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97 10:15 AM

98 Continuation of the items from the January 9, 2023, Workshop Agenda.

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100 9. Road Levy Ballot Measure, Take II

- 101 a) What We Think Happened
- 102 b) An Approach to Figuring Out What Will Work
- 103 c) Implications

104 Staff: Mike Thomas, Colin Huntmer, Erin Wygant presented the items and answered
105 Council's questions.

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107 10. Discussion – GMA Required Critical Areas Ordinance Update

- 108 a) SJC is overdue in updating its CAO per WA State Commerce.
- 109 Update will require a robust staff and consultant effort.

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111 Staff: Dave Williams, presented the items and answered Council's questions.

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113 11. Discussion – Land Use Code and Building Code Updates

- 114 a) Overview of Important Code Updates Now That Comp Plan is Done

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116 Staff: Dave Williams, presented the items and answered Council's questions.

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118 **12:00 PM RECESS**

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120 **01:07 PM** Continuation of the items from the January 9, 2023, Workshop Agenda.

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122 12. Discussion – Communications

- 123 a) Review of Communication Resources found on the Intranet
- 124 b) How We Communicate as One Organization

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126 Staff: Erin Wygant, Mike Thomas presented the items and answered Council's questions.

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128 13. Discussion - Parks and Trails

- 129 a) Opportunity to Acquire Land for a New San Juan Island Campground
- 130 b) Multi-departmental Trail effort
 - 131 I. Zylstra Lake Trail - \$5.28m in federal funding, timing

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133 Staff: Brandon Cadwell, presented the item and answered Council's questions.

134 Mike Thomas presented the item and answered Council's questions.

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136 14. Discussion – Major Environmental Planning Efforts

- 137 a) Sea Level Rise Risk Assessment – Managed Retreat
- 138 b) Climate Action Plan

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140 Staff: Mike Thomas, Kendra Smith, presented the items and answered Council's questions.

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142 **02:40 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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144 **Ms. Minney:** Attended a SWISS legislative lunch regarding upcoming legislative priorities and
145 attended a recent Land Bank Retreat. Attended the Washington State of Counties (WSAC)
146 Legislative Steering Member Committee orientation, will be attending their meetings for the
147 next four months involving weekly travel, may be conflicts for other meeting schedules. Will
148 forward updates of WSAC meetings/Hot Sheets. Attended official ceremonial swearing last
149 week.

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151 **02:46 PM**

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153 15. Discussion – Air Quality Monitoring & Response – Joining Northwest Clean Air Agency

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155 a) SJC was but is no longer a member of NCAA and thus lacks the ability to
156 monitor and enforce air quality standards. WA Dept. of Ecology can no
157 longer provide SJC with assistance. SJC has opportunity to re-join
158 NCAA.

159 Staff : Kyle Dodd presented the items and answered Council's questions.

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161 **03:00 PM COUNCIL MEMBERS & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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163 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the elected official's swearing in and elected official training.
164 Acknowledged excitement to work with current Council Members and thanked former Council
165 Member Jamie Stephens for guidance. Reported that office, computer and phone is set up,
166 has had opportunity to visit some of the County offices and some staff. Has arranged for office
167 rental on Lopez. Council has received a letter from Shaw Island residents expressing concern
168 for postal services and would like to draft a response to consider. Appreciated yesterday's
169 Retreat Meeting. Invited to a meeting next week organized by Jay Kimball and
170 Vince/OPALCO, Marianna Hannahfeld from public Department of Transportation Division of
171 Washington State for high level discussion regarding local transport that could be more
172 environmentally sound, Angela and Kendra will be attending this meeting.

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174 **Ms. Wolf:** Thanked Council and is looking forward to serving as Chair this year. Announced
175 upcoming Town Hall Meet Newley Elected Officials Meetings to be held on Saturdays on San
176 Juan Island, Orcas Island and Lopez Island.

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178 **Ms. Rogers:** Confirmed the next scheduled Council Meetings for January 23rd and January
179 24th.

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181 **Mr. Thomas:** Will be helping OPALCO with a grant they are seeking with Ecology for an
182 exploratory 3rd power cable from the mainland to the islands

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184 **03:12 PM ADJOURN**

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186 Chair Wolf adjourned the meeting.

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**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Christine Minney
District 1

Cindy Wolf
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Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: _____ 5/2/2023
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on May 2, 2023.