



SAN JUAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
LEGISLATIVE HEARING ROOM, 55 SECOND STREET, FRIDAY HARBOR, WA

1 **09:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

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3 Council Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Cindy
4 Wolf, Jane Fuller (via video conference), Christine Minney, County Manager Mike Thomas,
5 and the Council Sally Rogers.

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7 **Approval of Agenda:** no changes.

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9 **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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11 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda as**
12 **written of Tuesday, December 5, 2023. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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14 **Approval of Minutes:**

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16 **MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the San Juan County Council**
17 **meeting minutes for October 2, 3, 10, 16, 17, 2023 as written. ALL AYES; MOTION**
18 **CARRIED.**

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20 **Public Comments:** Rami Amaro (in person) and Malea Kirkpatrick (via phone conference)
21 provided comments to the Council.

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23 **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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25 **09:15 AM To consider adopting the 2024-2025 Biennial Budget as amended. [Continued**
26 **from Public Hearing on November 28, 2023.] Molly Foote – Ph. D Budget**
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29 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally
30 Rogers.

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32 Chair Wolf opened the public hearing to consider the proposed 2024-2025 San Juan County
33 Biennial Budget. Ms. Foote and County Auditor presented the proposed budget as amended
34 and answered the Council's questions. County Manager, Mike Thomas provided information
35 and a recap regarding the budget to Council.

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37 Chair Wolf opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Lisa
38 Henderson, County Clerk.

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40 Chair Wolf closed public testimony with the right to reopen. After discussion, the Council took
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43 **MOVED by Chair Wolf, of amending the budget as presented to accept the decision**
44 **package increasing the Courthouse Facilitator to a 0.4 FTE (Full Time Employee),**
45 **seconded by Ms. Minney, ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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MOVED by Chair Wolf, to accept the decision package No. 182, for Appointment of Petitioners seeking Civil Protection, vote: 1:0, MOTION IS NOT CARRIED.

09:30 AM To consider approving a resolution for the 2024 Annual Capital Improvement Plan, A 2025 Annual Capital Improvement Plan and a Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan. [Continued from the Public Hearing on November 28, 2023.]
Natasha Warmenhoven- Auditor.

Present: Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Chair Wolf opened the public hearing to consider a resolution approving the 2024 Annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), A 2025 Annual Capital Improvement Plan and a Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Warmenhoven presented the proposed CIP plans as amended And answered the Council’s questions. Ms. Warmenhoven made the recommendation to Council to continue the hearing until December 12, 2023 for adoption of the Capital Improvement Plans.

Chair Wolf opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: none.

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

Continue the public hearing to approve the Resolution adopting the 2024 Annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), A 2025 Annual Capital Improvement Plan and a Six Year Capital Improvement Plan, for Tuesday, December 12, 2023, as recommended by Ms. Warmenhoven.

09:55 AM **Discussion:** 2nd touch for an ordinance Cancelling Prior Years Unclaimed Accounts Payable Warrants. Natasha Warmenhoven- Auditor and Alyssa Slagle – Auditor Office Admin Specialist.

Ms. Slagle and Ms. Warmenhoven presented the proposed ordinance Cancelling Prior Years Unclaimed Accounts Payable Warrants to Council and answered their questions.

10:00 AM **Discussion/Action:** Request to approve a one-year extension for the Lopez Solid Waste District for contract Agreement 13CC.001, Kendra Smith – Director of Environmental Stewardship.

Ms. Katie Fleming, Solid Waste Program Coordinator • Environmental Stewardship and Ms. Smith presented the extension request to Council and answered their questions.

MOVED by Ms. Minney, seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve a one-year extension for the Lopez Solid Waste District for contract Agreement 13CC.001. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:05 AM **COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES:**

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Ms. Fuller: Have continued to work on the 2024 Legislative asks. Meeting and preparations for the upcoming visit from Senator Lovelett to organize meetings school district stakeholders, FAC representatives, Board of the Friends of the Lopez Island Pool, and to have a open public meeting with Lopezians, working with a community member for the first meeting for creation of the a Parks and Recreation for Lopez Island, emails with constituents regarding the hunting incident on Lopez Island, and discussion with Brie Chartier about the Monument Advisory Committee and the need for its Charter to be updated and renewed.

Upcoming meeting: Islands Trust Council Meeting in Victoria.

Discussed with Council the follow-up Ms. Fuller is doing to find out if a response from the Governor's Office to the letter that was sent regarding the ferry situation.

Ms. Minney: Attending the following: Board of Health meeting, several constituents and staff meetings, and was part of an off-island small group meeting for Legislative Steering Committee to discuss legislative priorities.

Ms. Wolf: Attended the following: Special Finance Committee Meeting to meet on the purchase of the Banner Bank building, Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting, found out Council has authority to swear in other elected officials and the honor to swearing two new commissioners for the health district on Orcas Island.

Upcoming meeting: Islands Trust Council Meeting in Victoria.

Briefed Council on a few ongoing issues on Orcas Island; trash being left in public places and the sinking of the El Capitan. Put forward a request to have staff give Council a briefing regarding the sinking of the El Capitan in an upcoming meeting. Mr. Thomas will follow up with staff for a future briefing.

Ms. Rogers: Next scheduled meeting; December 12th.

11:00 AM Chair Wolf read the 2024 Employee Milestones to recognize County employees, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years and 30 years of service.

11:30 AM **2023 Employee Appreciation Celebration at the SJI Grange:**
Beginning at 11:30 ending at 1:30 p.m.

1:45 PM **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

Chair Wolf announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and to evaluate the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) estimated to last 1 hour in total to begin at 1:45 PM and end at 2:45 PM followed by adjournment. At 2:45 PM the session was extended to last until 3:25 PM, Ms. Rogers announced the session would last until 1:00 PM followed by adjournment from the chamber doors,

141 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Senior
142 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, and Human Resources Director Angie Baird.]

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144 The session ended at 3:25 PM. No action was taken.

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146 **ADJOURN 3:25 PM**

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181 Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on January 23, 2024.