



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

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

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE.

Council Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda: no changes.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to approve the San Juan County Council August 6, 2024 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, September 10, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments: Charles Toxley, Laura Saccio, Tracie Merrill, Brian Goodremont, Shanda Stone, Gary Franklin, Paul Hopkins offered comments in person; and Jason Bradshaw, Becki Day and Anthony Razinski offered comment via telephone conference.

Proclamation: Chair Fuller read the proclamation Proclaiming September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

9:45 AM Public Hearing: To adopt an ordinance Regarding the Extension of the Sales and Use Tax for Public Facilities; Amending SJCC 3.26.070 (PFFAP), Aiden Haines – Council Administrative Coordinator.

Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Haines presented the Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individual offered testimony: none.

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

46 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an Ordinance Regarding the**
47 **Extension of the Sales and Use Tax for Public Facilities; Amending SJCC 3.26.070. ALL**
48 **AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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50 **9:50 AM** **Discussion/Action:** Destination Marketing Organization, Brandon Andrews –
51 Interim Assistant County Manager/Director of Parks & Fair.
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53 Mr. Andrews presented Destination Marketing Organization information, comparisons, data
54 and displayed the Destination Marketing Services Agreement between the County and the San
55 Juan Island Visitor’s Bureau to propose changes for a new agreement. After discussion,
56 Council gave direction to Mr. Andrews to proceed with providing the Lodging Tax
57 Advisory Committee (LTAC) of the proposed changes from Council for consideration, including
58 but not limited to, a flat fee, 3-year term, and modifications to the scope of work. Mr. Andrews
59 is to return to Council at a later meeting date with recommendations from LTAC.
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61 **11:30 AM** **Discussion:** Legislative Priorities, Josh Weiss, State Lobbyist – Gordon Thomas
62 Honeywell Government Relations.
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64 Mr. Weiss gave a presentation “San Juan County Preparing for the 2025 Legislative Session”
65 and answered Council’s questions.
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67 **12:35 PM** **Recess**
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69 **1:20 PM** **Discussion:** Annual Construction Program (ACP) and Transportation
70 Improvement Program (TIP), 1st touch. Jeff Sharp – Public Works Engineering
71 Manager & Deputy Director.
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73 Mr. Sharp presented the 2025 Six-Year TIP and answered Council’s questions.
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75 **1:40 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Environmental Stewardship’s Capital Program. Kendra
76 Smith, Director of Environmental Stewardship.
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78 Ms. Smith presented the Solid Waste Capital Improvement Program 2025-2030, Clean Water
79 Capital Improvement Program 2025-2030, Marine Resources Capital Improvement
80 Program 2025-2030 and answered Council’s questions.
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82 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to advance the Clean Water, Solid Waste**
83 **and Marine Program Capital Improvement Projects into the County-wide CIP with the**
84 **exception of the Weeks Point Way Restoration Project. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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86 **2:10 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Attorney General Opinion on Coroner Services, Jessica
87 Hudson-County Manager.
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89 Ms. Hudson gave an update regarding the Attorney General’s Opinion response to Prosecutor
90 Amy Vira on appointment of Coroner Services for Washington State counties with a population
91 less than 40,000 in effect on January 2025. Ms. Hudson answered Council’s questions and
92 will return to Council with additional information and options for consideration.
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94 **2:20 PM** **Discussion/Action:** To Approve a Resolution to Purchase and Accept a Deed
95 for Real Property at 531 Fern Street TPN 271454206000 on Orcas Island, Greg
96 Sawyer – Director of Facilities.
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98 Mr. Sawyer presented the Resolution and answered questions. After discussion, Council took
99 The following action:
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101 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to approve a Resolution to Purchase and**
102 **Accept a Deed for Real Property at 531 Fern Street TPN 271454206000 on Orcas Island.**
103 **ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**
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105 **2:40 PM** **Discussion/Action:** Set a public hearing for October 1, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. to
106 approve a resolution to consider the sale of real property at 62 Henry Road,
107 Eastsound WA on Orcas Island. Tax parcel #271412022000. Greg Sawyer –
108 Director of Facilities.
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110 Mr. Sawyer briefed Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the
111 following action:
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113 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Minney to set a public hearing for October 1,**
114 **2024, at 9:15 a.m. to approve a resolution to consider the sale of real property at 62**
115 **Henry Road, Eastsound WA on Orcas Island. Tax parcel #271412022000. ALL AYES;**
116 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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118 **2:50 PM** **New Business:**

- 119 • Ms. Wolf requested a briefing from Director of Facilities Greg Sawyer regarding
- 120 the County's share of votes for Eastsound Water Users Association.
- 121 • Ms. Wolf discussed Washington State Department of Commerce Community-
- 122 Based Organization Public Participation Grant supported with funding from
- 123 Washington's Climate Commitment Act.
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125 **3:20 PM** **Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:**
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127 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the following: Canvassing Board recount for Commissioner of Public
128 Land, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) meeting, Washington State Association of
129 Counties (WSAC) By-Laws meeting, and Island Oil Spill Association (IOSA) Board meeting.
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131 To attend: Skagit Whatcom Island Snohomish and San Juan (SWISS) all member
132 meeting.
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134 **Ms. Wolf:** Attended the following: Eastsound Planning Review Committee (EPRC), Agricultural
135 Resources Committee (ARC) meeting, and Emergency Response Towing Vessel (ERTV)
136 update discussion.
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138 **Ms. Fuller:** Attended the following: Employee Staff appreciation event, and Council Special
139 meeting Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB.)
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141 Future meetings and events: CNN interview for the 32 Hour Work Week, continued work on

142 Lopez Island Parks & Recreation formation, School District Summit on Orcas Island, and Ferry
143 Advisory Meeting (FAC).

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145 **Ms. Hudson:** Attended the following: Employee Staff appreciation event, Lopez Island Fire
146 District visit, Town Council meeting, and invited to Marine Resources Committee (MRC)
147 Salmon Recovery meeting.

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149 To attend monthly meetings with Town Administrator.

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151 **Ms. Rogers:** Gave the dates of upcoming Council meetings, September 16, 17, 30th and
152 October 1st.

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154 **3:40 Executive Sessions:**

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- 156 • To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW
157 42.30.110(1)(i);
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 - 159 • To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
160 (CLOSED SESSION).

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162 Council Chair Fuller announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session to
163 discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); **and**
164 a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW
165 42.30.140(4)(b) estimated to last 1 hour and 5 minutes in total to begin at 2:40 PM and end at
166 3:45 PM followed by adjournment.

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168 [Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, Prosecuting Attorney
169 Amy Vira, and Human Resources Director Angie Baird.]

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171 The session ended at 4:15 PM. No action was taken.

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173 **ADJOURN 4:15 PM**

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