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**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 July 22, 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, August 6, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence: Critical Areas/Comprehensive Plan Period Update Letter from Ecosystem Coordination Board, a Puget Sound Partnership Board was discussed. The letter has been forwarded to the Department of Community Development staff for planning and updating the Comp Plan.

New Employee Introductions: Sheriff Peter introduced Patrick Hafner (Dispatcher) and Gilbert Venegas (SJI Deputy). Jessica Nye – Manager of Health & Community Services introduced Michael Bitterman (Public Health Social Worker.)

Public Comments: Present for comment: Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, Andrew Anderson, Anthony Anderson, David Pass, Laura Saccio, David Jenkins, Maria Michaelson, Katie Rissi, Casey Raegan, Pat Holahan, Nate Finn, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Herbert, Cozette Ellis, and comments made via telephone: Richard Track, Anthony Rovente, provided comments to Council.

9:15 AM PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC TESTIMONY ACCEPTED

- 1) To adopt an Ordinance Regarding the Noxious Weed Control Board's Voting Member Map and Membership Makeup; Amending SJCC 2.42.020 and 2.42.030. Jason Ontjes – Noxious Weed Program Coordinator.

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

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47 Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Ontjes presented the Ordinance
48 and answered Council's questions.

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50 Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: none.

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

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55 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt an ordinance Regarding the**
56 **Noxious Control Board's Voting Member Map and Membership Requirements,**
57 **Amending San Juan County Code 2.42.020 and 2.42.030. ALL AYES; MOTION**
58 **CARRIED.**

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60 2) To adopt six Resolutions to Approve Transition of 1000 Acres from Designated Forest
61 Land to Agricultural Open Space. Colin Maycock – DCD Planner IV.

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

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65 Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to adopt six Resolutions. Mr. Maycock introduced
66 Mr. Konrad Liegal, the representative for the applicant Orcas Sound LLC, and presented the six
67 Resolutions for approval for applications LANDUSE-20-156 through 0161. Mr. Maycock answered
68 Council's questions, and addressed the concerns raised by Council Member Wolf on July 8, 2024,
69 for an error of the Public Benefit Rating score of 47.2 points for Application No. LANDUSE-20-0159,
70 Mr. Maycock recommended the Public Benefit Rating score be corrected to 52.0 points. Mr. Maycock
71 recommended the Resolutions be approved as presented, and amended (five as presented, and one
72 as amended.)

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74 Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Mr. Liegal offered
75 comments to Council.

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77 Chair Fuller closed public testimony with the right to reopen.

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79 Chair Fuller opened the public hearing, opened public testimony, closed public testimony and
80 closed the public hearing separately for each of the Resolutions.

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82 No public testimony was provided for the six separate public hearings.

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84 After discussion, the Council took the following actions:

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86 **No 1:**
87 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution approving the**
88 **request in LANDUSE-20-0156, to move 244.20 acres from the Designated Forest Land**
89 **Tax Program to the Open Space Tax Program. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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92 **No 2:**
93 **MOVED** by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution approving the
94 request in LANDUSE-20-0157, to move 161.54 acres from the Designated Forest Land
95 Tax Program to the Open Space Tax Program. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

96 **No 3:**
97 **MOVED** by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution approving the
98 request in LANDUSE-20-0158, to move 153.20 acres from the Designated Forest Land
99 Tax Program to the Open Space Tax Program. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

100 **No 4:**
101 **MOVED** and **AMENDED** by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution
102 approving the request in LANDUSE-20-0159, to move 149.24 acres from the Designated
103 Forest Land Tax Program to the Open Space Tax Program. ALL AYES; MOTION
104 CARRIED.

105 **No 5:**
106 **MOVED** by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution approving the
107 request in LANDUSE-20-0160, to move 121.62 acres from the Designated Forest Land
108 Tax Program to the Open Space Tax Program. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

109 **No 6:**
110 **MOVED** by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney to adopt a Resolution approving the
111 request in LANDUSE-20-0161, to move 87.95 acres from the Designated Forest Land Tax
112 Program to the Open Space Tax Program. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

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114 3) To adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Multi-Year Lease of the Argyle Lots Property on
115 San Juan Island for Affordable Housing Purposes. Ryan Page – Affordable Housing
116 Coordinator

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118 **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally
119 Rogers.

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121 Chair Fuller opened the public hearing to adopt the ordinance and approve the resolution. Mr.
122 Page presented the resolution and answered Council's questions. Senior Deputy Prosecuting
123 Attorney Jon Cain was present and answered Council's questions.

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125 Chair Fuller opened public testimony. The following individuals offered testimony: Amanda Lynn.

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

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130 **MOVED** by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve a Resolution Authorizing a
131 Multi-Year Lease of the Argyle Lots Property on San Juan Island for Affordable Housing
132 Purposes. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

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134 **10:50 AM** **Discussion:** Quarter 2 Financial Review, Molly Foote – Budget Analyst

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136 Ms. Foote gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. Auditor Natasha
137 Warmenhoven was present and answered questions from Council.

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139 **11:25 AM** Discussion: 2024 Second Touch 2 Budget Amendment, Molly Foote – Budget
140 Analyst.

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142 Ms. Foote gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. Treasurer Rhonda
143 Pederson gave a presentation to Council to request a 1.0 FTE position in the 2024 Second
144 Amendment, and Director of Human Resources provided information and was present to
145 support the request. Auditor Natasha Warmenhoven gave comments to Council at the end of
146 the presentation.

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148 **12:20 PM** Discussion/ Action: Extension of Sales and Use Tax for Public Facilities
149 (PFFAP). To set a public hearing for 9/10/2024 at 9:15 a.m. to adopt an
150 ordinance to allocate and set procedures for distribution of the .08% sales and
151 use tax collected against state tax for purpose of financing public facilities, Jon
152 Cain - Senior Deputy Prosecutor and Aiden Haines – Council Administrative
153 Coordinator.

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155 Ms. Haines gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. Mr. Cain provided
156 answers to Council regarding the ordinance to expire. After discussion, Council took the
157 following action:

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159 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney, to set a public hearing for September 10,**
160 **2024, to adopt an ordinance to allocate and set procedures for distribution of the .08%**
161 **sales and use tax collected and credited against state tax for purpose of financing**
162 **public facilities. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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164 **12:25 Recess**

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166 **1:05 PM** Discussion/Action: Briefing on the Planning Commission's Recommendations
167 regarding a draft ordinance amending SJCC 18.30.690 Exterior Lighting
168 Standards in the Eastsound Subarea, and, to set a public hearing for the
169 proposed ordinance on August 27, 2024, at 9:15 a.m., Sophia Cassam - Planner
170 III.

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172 Ms. Cassam gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. After discussion,
173 Council took the following action:

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175 **MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney, to set a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. on**
176 **September 10, 2024, to adopt an ordinance amending SJCC 18.30.690. ALL AYES;**
177 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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179 **1:25 PM** New Business: Being as multiple people have come back to make comment
180 and have interest in access for art funding, Ms. Wolf discussed the idea of
181 revisiting access for art funding this year. Council discussed the capacity of the
182 workload with County staff and the Prosecutor's Office to implement an art
183 program and funding. County Manager Jessica Hudson offered to have staff

184 come back at a later meeting to present the information (tentatively September
185 17th.)

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187 **1:30 PM Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:**

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189 **Ms. Minney:** Attended the following: Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC)
190 meetings (Legislative Steering Committee and Board of Directors), and San Juan County
191 Entrance Interview for the State Auditor’s Annual Audit.

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193 **Ms. Wolf:** Highlights were: Visit from Representative Ramel to tour the Orcas Recycling
194 Center/Exchange, attended Marine Resources Committee (MRC) meeting (various topics
195 including a islands map showing crab pots in the ferry lanes) , and met briefly with Colin
196 Huntmer, Makenzie Sims and Jeff Sharp for conversation about the trail site on San Juan
197 Island.

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199 **Ms. Fuller:** Shared the news of an informal launch of the groundbreaking for the Lopez Island
200 Pool, ongoing work for Lopez Parks & Rec. Met with Lopez Island Solid Waste Disposal
201 District, had a meeting with Grant Carlton for a handover discussion of some of the issues in
202 process, had an interview with the State Auditor, and substantial time spent on ferry and
203 transportation discussions and meetings.

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205 Council discussed ferry transportation reliability, scheduling, walk on travel, barge
206 transportation, and the collection of data/information to continue with requests to the
207 Governor’s Office.

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209 **Ms. Hudson:** Sent a message to Communications Coordinator Erin Andrews to post the
210 islands map of crab pots. Is concluding the orientation process with departments and staff, met
211 with Victoria Compton of Economic Development Council, and met with representatives of
212 OPALCO.

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214 Future meetings: Introductory meeting with the Town Administrator, will be attending the
215 Eastsound Planning Review Committee, work with Jane on broadband for a meeting with Rock
216 Island, and 2025 Legislative Priorities need further development.

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218 **Ms. Rogers:** Gave the upcoming Council meeting dates, specifically the OPMA training on
219 September 16th for Council and Committees to attend.

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221 Chair Fuller announced the September 17th meeting scheduled as a joint meeting with the
222 Town of Friday Harbor is going to be a regular Council meeting instead of a joint meeting.

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224 **2:10 PM Executive Sessions:**

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- 227 • To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW
42.30.110(1)(i);
 - 228 • To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
229 (CLOSED SESSION)

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Council Chair Fuller 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 discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) (CLOSED SESSION) estimated to last 1 hour and 20 minutes in total to begin at 2:10 PM and end at 3:30 PM. followed by adjournment.

[Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, Director of Superior Court Services Linnea Anderson, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Deputy, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mason Wiley, and Director of Human Resources Angie Baird.]

No action was taken.

ADJOURN 3:30 PM

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Christine Minney
District 1

Cindy Wolf
District 2

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: _____
Sally Rogers Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on September 10, 2024.