



**MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

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

09:00 AM Call to Order & Flag Salute.

Council Chair McVeigh called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh, and Justin Paulsen, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the County Sally Rogers.

Excused Absences: None.

Approval of Agenda: No changes.

Public Access Time: Lovel Pratt provided comment to Council.

09:03 AM Action: Rescind a public hearing that was set at the Council meeting on January 21, 2025, to be held on the meeting of February 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approval of an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Commercial Designations: Amending Land Use Tables Within SJCC 18.30.465. Jessica Hudson – County Manager.

Ms. Hudson requested Council rescind the public hearing for February 11, 2025 and that this topic and item is to be presented on February 11, 2025 with further information. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to rescind a previous public hearing set for February 11, 2025, to consider approval of an Ordinance Regarding Vacation Rental Permits in Eastsound Village Commercial and Lopez Village Commercial Designations; Amending Land Use Tables in SJCC 18.30.465 and SJCC 18.30.750. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

09:05 AM Discussion: OPALCO update, Vincent Dauciunas - Board of Directors- President, Foster Hildreth - General Manager, Krista Bouchey - Manager of Communications, and Jay Kimball – OPALCO Consultant.

Mr. Hildreth, Mr. Dauciunas and Mr. Kimball. briefed Council and answered their questions. County Manager Jessica Hudson spoke of a request from OPALCO to consider working with them on a micro-grid solar project on Decatur Island, to utilize the County parcel adjacent to theirs.

09:55 AM Discussion: Update on District Court’s Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Pilot Program- Judge Jewett-Platts and Trillium Swanson – Trillium Swanson Consulting.

Judge Jewett-Platts and Ms. Swanson gave a presentation and answered Council’s questions.

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50 **10:35 AM** **Discussion/Action:** 3rd touch to consider adoption of a Resolution to Submit a
51 Ballot Proposition for an April 22, 2025, Special Election Regarding the Formation
52 of a Metropolitan Park District on Lopez Island and Providing for the Election of
53 Initial Commissioners, Jessica Hudson - County Manager.
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55 Ms. Hudson presented the resolution and answered Council’s questions. Senior Deputy
56 Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain was invited to answer Council’s questions. After discussion,
57 Council took the following action:
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59 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to authorize the County Manager to work**
60 **with the County Auditor to include funding for this special election as part of the first**
61 **budget amendment package of 2025. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**
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63 **MOVED by Mr. Paulsen, seconded by Ms. Fuller to adopt a Resolution to Submit a Ballot**
64 **Proposition for an April 22, 2025, Special Election Regarding the Formation of a**
65 **Metropolitan Park District on Lopez Island and Providing for the Election of Initial**
66 **Commissioners. All Ayes, Motion Carried.**
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68 **10:55 AM** **Discussion:** Legislative Bill Review Process, Jessica Hudson – County Manager.
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70 Ms. Hudson briefed Council on the legislative bill updates and coordination to Council for
71 upcoming work session meetings from Josh Weiss - Gordon Thomas Honeywell – State Lobbyist.
72 Ms. Hudson answered Council’s questions.
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74 **11:10 AM** **Executive Session:**
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- 76 • To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW
77 42.30.110(1)(i),
- 78 • To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).
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80 Council Chair McVeigh announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session
81 followed by a 10-minute break, to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation
82 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) and to evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee
83 pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) estimated to last 1 hour and 50 minutes in total to begin at
84 11:10 AM and end at 1:00 PM followed by adjournment.
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86 [Present: Full Council County Manager Jessica Hudson, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, and
87 Interim Deputy Director of the Department of Community Development Kyle Dodd.]
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89 **Adjourn 1:00 PM**
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