

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, June 16, 2014**

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

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

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 09:09 AM. Present: Council Members Bob Jarman, Rick Hughes and Jamie Stephens; County Manager Mike Thomas, Council Staff Assistant Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

Mr. Jarman suggested a change in the agenda order, to hold Council and County Manager comments till the end of the meeting.

**09:11 AM**

**DISCUSSION:** Natural Resources Department Update –Sam Gibboney, Director Community Development & Planning; Barbara Bentley, Marine Resources Committee Chair

Ms. Bentley presented a slide show on the topic of Mussel Watch, discussed two grant applications that San Juan County has applied for: EPA Environmental Ed Program and Department of Ecology Husseman Fund, that are currently pending and answered Council's questions.

Ms. Gibboney presented the Natural Resources Department Update, explaining the interrelation among the MRC (Marine Resources Committee), LIO (Local Integrating Organization) and LEAG (Lead Entity Advisory Group) and answered Council's questions.

**11:01 AM**

**DISCUSSION** (continued from June 3): A Proposed Ordinance of the San Juan County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise for Communication Facilities Authorizing Limited Use of the Public Road Right-of-Way in San Juan County, Washington, to Rock Island, Inc.(Public Hearing July 1) – Mike Thomas, County Manager

Mr. Thomas explained the language changes, regarding trenching, that were made to the proposed ordinance as a result of discussions and suggestions made at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. He answered Council's questions and requested feedback from Council. He stated that a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held on July 1, 2014.

**11:10 AM**

**DISCUSSION & UPDATES:** Council, County Manager & Departments

**Mr. Hughes:** Expressed thanks to Council members for attending the WSF session to introduce the two finalists. Mr. Hughes will send a letter of thanks to the participants that helped bring that meeting to San Juan County. He announced that the final sailing for the

Evergreen State is June 30<sup>th</sup> and requests that use of the Sheriff's boat and County boat be permitted to follow the Evergreen State on its last run. Mr. Hughes discussed some difficulties recently for ferry riders in reaching the ferry landing, leading to missed boats and impacting visitors and businesses. He has discussed issue with Anacortes mayor to try to address the impacts to Anacortes' residents and San Juan County.

Mr. Hughes attended a Tourism Master Plan meeting, NW Workforce group meeting via teleconference, Deer Harbor Plan Review Committee meeting, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting and will attend Public Facilities Financial Assistance Program screening meeting later this week.

**Mr. Stephens:** Provided a summary of water system discussions related to Lopez Island; will attend the Islands Trust Council meeting this week, along with Council member Hughes; thanked staff who attended the Odlin Park celebration; discussed senior services funding for the nutrition program, including Meals on Wheels and senior services lunch program. They will be short \$31,000 county wide. Mr. Stephens attended WSAC meeting that focused on budget and Legislative Steering Committee meeting that addressed Waters of the United States and FEMA's role in oversight. Mr. Stephens noted letter of thanks for Council's support concerning smelt fishing.

**Mr. Jarman:** Will try to attend the Northwest Regional Council meeting on Wednesday, June 18; will be off island but hopes to return for Council meeting on June 23. Mr. Jarman asked about status of Girard property on Orcas Island. Mr. Hughes suggests they bring their land use issue to Eastsound Planning Review Committee which is reviewing the sub-area plan. Mr. Hughes will phone the Girard's. Mr. Jarman reported on Stormwater Committee meeting, Town of Friday Harbor Council meeting, and Rotary Club meeting.

Mr. Jarman indicated he would like to make a motion that we put a moratorium on marijuana grow operations until we can further review potential impacts to residents where the operation may be an outdoor operation. He noted that the four applications that came to the Council and were approved are all indoor operations.

**Mr. Thomas:** Some important changes to dispatch system, radio and phone, that he hopes to address at tomorrow's Council meeting; process integration group, consisting of staff, are reviewing and suggesting changes in land use procedures. Notified Council of an email received today from Prosecuting attorney re: Farm and Ag Conservation Ordinance and suggested that will likely be an area for further discussion.

After discussion as to process in considering marijuana license applications, Mr. Hughes made the following motion:

**Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Jarman, to approve the notice of marijuana license application for a retail license by Token Herb, 837 Crescent Beach Road, Eastsound, from applicants Theron Soderlund and Irene McKinley. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

12:12 PM ADJOURN

Mr. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on July 1, 2014. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.