

**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
February 7, 2012**

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – Outlook Inn, 171 Main St, Eastsound, Orcas Island

**9:53 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss real property acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Prior to the meeting, the Council held an **executive session** to discuss real property acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c); Present: Full Council; County Administrator Pete Rose and Council Clerk Ingrid Gabriel. The session ended at 9:57 for a total session time of 4 minutes.

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the meeting room and announced that the session had ended.

**No Action was taken.**

**10:00 AM CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING**

Council Chair Patty Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Council Members present: Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Rich Peterson, Lovel Pratt, Richard Fralick, and Jamie Stephens; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public were present.

**Excused Absences:** none

**New Employee Introductions:** none

**Approval of Minutes (January 30, January 31, and February 2, 2012):**

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2012. VOTE: 5-0 (Pratt abstained) MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the Minutes of January 31, 2012 as amended. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2012. VOTE: 5-0 (Pratt abstained) MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Consent Agenda for February 7, 2012:**

**A. Resolutions:**

**Ordinances:**

**B. Contracts/Agreements:**

**C. Budget Items:**

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants:

- Warrants #106093-106138 in the amount of \$24,160.09 for County Claims

**D. Personnel:**

**E. Appointments**

**F. Correspondence:**  
**G. Miscellaneous:**  
**H. Bid Openings:**

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to approve the Consent Agenda of February 7, 2012. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Correspondence:**

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve a letter to John Veentjer, Chair of the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee, requesting that Dr. Todd Hass be made a “local government” representative on the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**Citizens Access:** The following citizens offered comments: Errol Speed, Stu Stephens, Janet Alderton, Ron Mourning, Rick Hughes, Ethan White, Charlie Brady, George Post, Fred Klein, Kyler Townsend

**10:26 AM PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Ordinance Adopting Voting Precincts – Milene Henley, Auditor

**Present:** Full Council, County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public

Ms. Henley explained the necessity of establishing precinct boundaries. Ms. Miller opened for public testimony, and comment was offered Cindy Carter. Public testimony was closed with the right to reopen. After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to repeal San Juan County Precincts in San Juan County Code Chapter 1.08 and adopt nineteen new Voting Precincts. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**11:17 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

1. Consideration to Fund Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney’s Staff Requests – Council

Mr. Rose gave the background information on the request for funding from the Sheriff’s Department and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Department. Sheriff Nou reported on the need for the fifth deputy sheriff on Orcas Island. Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord reported on the funds needed to support a deputy prosecutor position.

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to reinstate the Sheriff’s Department and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Department positions that were included in the final cuts prior to the adoption of the 2012 budget; these positions are to be funded from the savings generated from the new benefits plan and if needed the cash balance in the amount of \$60,000 for the Sheriff’s budget and \$21,000 for the Prosecuting Attorney’s**

**budget; further, that the County FTE chart be revised to include these positions and included for approval on the next consent agenda. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**10:43 AM**                    2. Washington State Ferries Update – Jim Corenman, or Co-Chair Ferry Advisory Committee

Mr. Corenman gave the Council an update on the FAC composition, schedules, ferry operating budget, capital needs, current projects and studies including reservations, LNG and the fare media study. Mr. Rosenfeld introduced Larry Vandermay new member of the FAC.

3. Conveyance of Clapp Modified Conservation Easement, Deer Harbor (2<sup>nd</sup> Touch) – Land Bank Director Lincoln Bormann

Mr. Rose gave background information on the Clapp Conservation Easement. Mr. Bormann explained the acceptance of an amended conservation easement deed for the Clapp property and the acceptance of a conservation easement deed for the Orclair LLC Property, Orcas Island.

**4. Odlin Park Residence Repair funding – County Administrator Pete Rose**

Mr. Rose outlined the need for capital improvement funding for major repairs to the Odlin Park residence/office building. After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) appropriation of up to \$21,000 for major repairs to Odlin Park resident/office to solve identified health and safety issues and to include this in the next emergency appropriation. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**12:14 PM                    RECESS FOR LUNCH**

**1:08 PM                    DISCUSSION:** Solid Waste Update – Frank Mulcahy, Director Public Works

Ms. Miller introduced the discussion and gave background information.

1. Orcas Request for Proposals (RFP)

Ed Hale, Utilities Manager, opened discussion on the Orcas site and the division of it into parcels. George Post offered suggestions regarding the plan. Ms. Miller opened the discussion to public comment. Comments were offered by: Sharon Abrem, Michael Hurwicz, Bill Griswold, Frank Stratton, Janet Alderton, Fred Klein, Errol Speed, John Bric

2. Solid Waste Plan

Elizabeth Anderson introduced the Review Draft of the San Juan County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Ed Hale provided a timeline of the review phases.

3. Request for Proposal (RFP) Criteria

**2:00 PM**                    **DISCUSSION:** Final Council Comments on Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda – Scott Williamson, Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator

Ms. Miller directed the Council to the language on page 4 of the Action Agenda in the San Juan Islands. After discussion, the following action took place:

**Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld to approve the Action Agenda in the San Juan Islands as presented (Action Agenda –Draft, December 9, 2011). ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

**2:15 PM**                    **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Legislative Priorities:** Ms. Pratt asked Mr. Stephens to give an update on the National Conservation Area (NCA) designation. Mr. Stephens reported on the legislative priority to protect in perpetuity the BLM properties in San Juan County through a NCA designation. Mr. Stephens reported that the legislation introduced in the House of Representatives has not been given a hearing. The Senate Committee could consider it as early as April but that is very uncertain in the current political climate. Mr. Stephens is planning a trip to Washington, DC with members of Islanders for the San Juan Islands (INCA) NCA to promote the NCA and learn more about the obstacles the legislation is facing.

Ms. Pratt reported on her trip to Olympia on February 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> (a full report and additional materials are available in the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) read file in the Council office) which included: meetings with Representatives Morris and Lytton; testifying at the Senate Transportation Committee hearing in support of SB 6518; a WSAC LSC meeting with Secretary Mary Selecky of the Department of Health, Secretary Robin Arnold-Williams of the Department of Social & Health Services, and Doug Porter, Director of the Health Care Authority; the WSAC LSC meeting and the Coastal Counties Caucus meeting.

**Ferries/FAC/Intermodal:** Mr. Rosenfeld reported that there will be an FAC meeting on Wednesday February 8 in the Council Large Conference Room. The Committee is trying to do more with public outreach. The recent letters signed by the Council were helpful and supportive. The governor's bill has been stripped of the barrel fees and what remains of the bill has been incorporated into the supplemental bill. One of the components of the supplemental bill are license fees.

**Budget Subcommittee:** Mr. Fralick had nothing to report at this time.

**General Government Subcommittee:** Mr. Peterson had nothing to report at this time.

**Solid Waste Subcommittee:** Ms. Miller reported nothing to report at this time.

**Additional Updates & Discussion Items:**

**Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to add a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on the draft wireless amendments hearing on February 27, at 1:00 pm. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Stephens reported that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee has made some changes to the Master Plan including adding a reserve of 10% for the funding of new projects.

Ms. Pratt asked if the contract with the VB is coming up for renewal and what the review process is.

Mr. Rosenfeld reminded the public and Council to look at the FAC website for information. The Ferry Community Partnership has a website [4FCP@yahoo.com](mailto:4FCP@yahoo.com) where people can join and learn more about the ferry issues.

**3:00 PM CLERK UPDATE & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

Ms. Gabriel reminded the Council that there would be no meeting the Week of February 14 or February 21. There will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 27, and a regular meeting on February 28.

Ms. See reported that there was no reportable committee activity at this time.

**Review Agendas:**

The next meeting is a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on February 27, 2012, followed by a regular meeting on February 28. There will be a Council meeting on Lopez Island on March 20

March 12 is not workable for a wetlands field trip

Committee appointments will be made on March 28 and there will be a discussion of the RFP Criteria for solid waste.

**3:13 PM ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION**

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on February 28, 2012. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.**