

**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**COUNTY COUNCIL
August 8, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, August 8, 2011 – Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor, WA

8:46 AM SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chair Lovel Pratt called the special meeting to order at 8:46 am. Council Members present: Vice-Chair Patty Miller, Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Richard Fralick, Jamie Stephens and Rich Peterson; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public.

Chair Pratt opened the meeting, and turned it over to Solid Waste Subcommittee Chair Patty Miller for discussion on Alternative Solid Waste Services if a user charge is not approved.

Ms. Miller stated that today's Workshop focus is on what happens if the ballot measure fails. Ms. Miller asked the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) representatives to join the discussion. Sam Jacobson, Chair of SWAC, Calvin Den Hartog, San Juan Sanitation, Steve Alexander, Solid Waste Manager, and Allen Rosenberg all answered questions from the Council.

Ms. Miller led a discussion on system elements and overview, including route collection of garbage and recycling, drop off locations for collection of garbage and recycling, other recyclables, legacy and on going costs. Further discussion included Council policy decisions needed.

10:16 AM BREAK

10:36 AM RESUME

Discussion continued regarding service delivery method and rates associated with primary elements of solid waste (garbage and recycling) and secondary system elements (reuse facilities, hazardous waste, appliances/TVs/electronics, metal, motor oil/coolant, medical waste).

Council further discussed drop off locations for collection of garbage and recycling to address the questions of who will be responsible for holding the solid waste and storm water management permits required to operate these facilities and who will bear responsibility for the necessary capital investments.

Recommendations for the future organizations of the reuse facilities on Orcas (The Exchange) and Lopez (Neal's Mall) were briefly discussed. Discussion followed on legacy and on-going costs outlining how the Solid Waste Utility may fund its continued obligations to: pay off historical debt, repay existing loans, monitor legacy landfill, cover the portion of the hazardous waste program not covered by state grants, fund minimal staff necessary; fund requirements to cover costs of disposal for litter, beach watchers and disposal of noxious weeds.

The Council agreed that policy decisions on "Plan B" would be considered in future meetings

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

12:02 ADJOURNED

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These Minutes were approved and signed on August 16, 2011. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.