

MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

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

09:02 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes, Bob Jarman. County Manager Mike Thomas, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Chair Stephens added an Executive Session to the agenda after Council Updates.

New Employee Introduction: Environmental Health Manager Kyle Dodd introduced Ethan Schmidt, Environmental Health Specialist, Health & Community Services.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: none

09:06 AM DISCUSSION: First 2016 Budget Amendment Ordinance (2nd Touch) – Milene Henley, Auditor

Ms. Henley presented the draft Ordinance and answered Council's questions.

09:10 AM DISCUSSION: Parks, Trails & Natural Area Plan – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks & Fair; Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank; Rachel Dietzman, County Engineer; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager

Ms. Wuthnow and Ms. Kuller presented the Plan and answered Council's questions.

09:51 AM DISCUSSION: Renaming of Squaw & Hicks Bay in San Juan County – Council
Council discussed the potential renaming of Squaw Bay at Shaw Island. After discussion, the Council asked the Clerk to compose a letter stating: their support of the spelling correction from "Hicks Bay" to "Hix Bay"; their support for changing the name of Squaw Bay, but having no preference for a new name.

09:29 AM DISCUSSION & UPDATES: Council, County Manager & Departments

Council directed the Clerk to draft three letters to Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office supporting the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's application for grant funding to purchase the following properties: 2.25-acre Harndon Island; 140 acres adjacent to Moran State Park (on Mt. Constitution); 134 acres adjacent to Moran State Park (at Point Lawrence).

10:05 AM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

At 10:05 AM, Mr. Stephens 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 an **Executive** Session to Evaluate of the Performance of a Public Employee **pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)** estimated to last 45 minutes in total.

Executive Session to Evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee **pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)** – **Present:** Full Council, County Manager Mike Thomas.

Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation **pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)** – **Present:** Full Council, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Director Community Development Erika Shook, Planning Manager Linda Kuller, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

The executive sessions ended at 10:50 for a total session time of 45 minutes.

No Actions were taken.

Mr. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended.

Mr. Stephens called the regular Council meeting back into session.

10:50 AM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

Mr. Jarman: Attended last week's Town of Friday Harbor Council meeting where the potential plastic bag ban issue, housing issues, were discussed; alerted Council that CenturyLink presented a new action plan to the Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC).

Mr. Hughes: Attended a recent Eastsound Planning & Review Committee meeting; attending Ferry Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday; the Stormwater Committee is touring projects on Lopez on Friday.

Mr. Stephens: Reported that the Tour de Lopez was held over the weekend; attending Biannual Legislative Steering Committee meeting in Bellingham this week; attending a Sustainable Communities Group from Whidbey Island meeting to discuss water issues; received phone call from the Islands Trust Council (British Columbia) inviting Council to meet with their Counsel General in September.

Mr. Thomas: Reported that the UTC has approved a communication plan between SJC and CenturyLink; toured Lopez looking for office space to provide planning and building services on both Lopez and Orcas Islands one day per week.

11:10 AM ADJOURN

Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting.

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These Minutes were approved and signed on May 24, 2016. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.