



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024**

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

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE.

Council Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf, Interim County Manager Mark Tompkins, Interim Assistant County Manager Brandon Andrews, Administrative Coordinator Aiden Haines, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers (via video conference).

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, July 9, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments: Present for comment: Roger Ellison, Steve Ulvi, Amanda Lynn, Marilyn O'Conner, comments via telephone: Tom Cowan (at the Lopez Island Library with 22 citizens), Sandi Friel, provided comments to Council.

9:20 AM Discussion/Action: First Touch Budget Amendment, and set a public hearing date, Molly Foote – Budget Analyst.

Ms. Foote gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. Auditor Natasha Warmenhoven was present and answered questions from Council. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to set a public hearing date for August 27, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. to consider two ordinances to amend the 2024 Budget for Emergency Appropriations and Supplemental Appropriations. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:15 AM Discussion/Action: Conservation Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) Reauthorization Resolution and Ballot Language, Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director.

Mr. Bormann presented the resolution to Council. After discussion a review of the resolution with Mr. Bormann and Prosecutor Amy Vira, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to accept a resolution regarding extending the duration of the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) for acquiring and maintaining conservation areas and approving placing the proposition of the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

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10:45 AM **Discussion/ Presentation:** Mid-year review of Council Retreat, Mark Tompkins – Interim County Manager.

Mr. Tompkins gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions.

11:25 AM **Discussion/Action:** Land Use designation for TPN 262932006000 on Shaw Island Colin Huntmer – Public Works Director

Mr. Huntmer gave a presentation to Council and answered their questions. Sophia Casam, Planner III • Department of Community Development joined the discussion to answer Council's questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to accept the land use designation change requested for TPN 262932006000 on Shaw Island as requested by the Director of Public Works. Amended motion to include direction the Department of Community Development (DCD) to add this to the 2024 work plan. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:40 AM **Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:**

Ms. Wolf: Announced that Eastsound has elected a new Mayor (Alfie a large fluffy white dog.) Attended the following: The Opportunity Council meeting, Veterans Advisory Board meeting, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) roundtable, Salmon Recovery Council meeting, July Fourth parade, festivals, fireworks, celebrations on Orcas Island, and met Representative Larsen on Orcas Island and arranged a meeting with the Port of Orcas to share the preliminary results of the Sea Level Rise Study results.

Ms. Minney: Attended the following: Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) general membership meeting, met with San Juan Island Visitor's Bureau staff and board, and Noxious Weed Board meeting.

Future meetings: Public Works and State local programs for funding parameters for the federal earmark, Northwest Regional Council Governing Board meeting, and Washington State Auditor's entrance meeting (County's annual audit),

Shared with Council that Skagit County is acting on their seismic study to remove the 3rd floor of their courthouse. They received a grant from the Washington State Historic Preservation Office and forwarded the information to Facilities Director Greg Sawyer.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: met with Aiden, Mark and Sally regarding fine tuning the application process for Public Facilities Financing Assistance Program (PFFAP), participated in a follow WSF task force meeting, ongoing meetings with Grant Carlton on transportation, broadband and passenger ferries, and participated in a signature verification training.

Mr. Tompkins: Briefed Council of a schedule and plans for the incoming County Manager Jessica Hudson. Spoke to Council that the July Board of Health meeting is canceled.

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Committee Appointments/Reappointments:

Ms. Haines presented advisory board and committee appointments and reappointments.

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, appoint Gail Leschine-Seitz to the Northwest Regional Council Senior Advisory Board for a 3-year term from 7/9/2024 – 12/31/2027. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Ms. Wolf seconded by Ms. Minney, to nominate for reappointment Kailey Genther, Lovel Pratt and Beth Tate to the Marine Resources Committee each for 4-year terms from 7/9/2024- 12/31/2028. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Recess 12:20 – 1:30 PM

1: 30 PM Executive Sessions:

- To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i);
- To consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b),
- To evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

Council Chair Fuller announced that the Council would be holding an Executive Session, to consider site selection or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and to evaluate the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) estimated to last 1 hour and 30 minutes in total to begin at 1:30 PM and end at x. 3:00 PM

[Present: Full Council], Interim County Manager Mark Tompkins, Interim Assistant County Manager Brandon Andrews, Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Deputy, and Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain, Facilities Director Greg Sawyer, Director of Human Resources Angie Baird.

3:00 PM Regular meeting reconvened.

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to authorize the County Manager to pursue a real estate transaction with a \$10,000 in earnest money. VOTE: 2:0 (Council Member Wolf abstained). MOTION CARRIED.

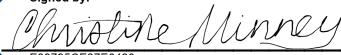
MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf in regard to permit processing within Department of Community Development (DCD) that we authorize the County Manager to move forward with the plan as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

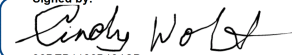
Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting, ADJOURN 3:05 PM

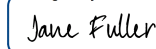
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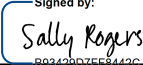
COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Signed by:

Christine Minney
District 1

Signed by:

Cindy Wolf
District 2

Signed by:

Jane Fuller
District 3

ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

By: 
Sally Rogers
Date: 12/16/2024

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on July 23, 2024.