



**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

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

9:05 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE.

Council Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Present: Council Members Jane Fuller, Christine Minney and Cindy Wolf, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Clerk to the Council Sally Rogers.

Approval of Agenda:

No changes.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf to approve the San Juan County Council August 27, 2024, meeting minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the Consent Agenda of Tuesday, September 17, 2024, as presented. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

New Employee Introductions:

- Superior Court Administrator Jane Severin introduced Eleanor Bennett White, Legal Specialist III.
- Director of Superior Court Services Linnea Anderson introduced Danica Wallace, Probation Counselor.

Public Comments: Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, Frank Lacey, Scott Sluis, Suzanna Smith, Danny Sherrard, David Jenkins, Aidrian Kilpatrick, Lizzy Herbert, Elise Cope, and Maria Michaelson offered comments in person; Siri Thorson, Dimitri Stankevich, Peter Fisher, Betsy Sharp, Marcy Montgomery, and Patricia Miller offered comments via telephone conference.

Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation, proclaiming September 15, 2024 to October 15, 2024, was read by Chair Fuller.

10:00 AM Discussion: Council follow-up to Code Revision Project presented on 8/27/2024, Amy Vira – Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Vira reviewed the project with Council and answered their questions.

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10:20 AM **Discussion/Action:** Shoreline & Infrastructure Resiliency Framework, Kendra Smith – Director of Environmental Stewardship.

Ms. Smith presented the draft framework to Council and answered their questions. After discussion, Council took the following action:

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the Sea Level Rise (SLR) Managed Retreat Framework as written and to release Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment findings. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

11:10 AM **Discussion/Presentation:** Economic Development and Workforce Initiatives – Victoria Compton – Economic Development Council (EDC.)

Ms. Victoria Compton, Ms. Gail Schnee, Ms. Marti McConnell, and Ms. Lara Braithwaite gave a presentation and answered Council's questions.

11:35 **Discussion:** Eastsound Planning Review Committee lighting recommendation discussion.

Council Member Wolf's check-in with Council to pursue more information on the Eastsound Planning Review Committee's recommendation regarding the ordinance for Eastsound Lighting that was formerly presented as 1st touch. After discussion, Council gave direction to the County Manager Jessica Hudson to work with staff to bring back the Eastsound Lighting topic to a future meeting agenda.

11:40 AM **New Business:**

Ms. Minney acknowledged the many public comments from supporters of the Arts Initiative, and discussed with Council and the County Manager to pursue the Arts Initiative topic and bring the initiative back to a future Council meeting agenda.

11:45 AM **Council Member, County Manager & Clerk Updates:**

Ms. Wolf: Attended a Marine Resources Committee (MRC) and the Department of Ecology meeting.

Ms. Minney: Attended the following: SWISS Quarterly meeting, and a County internal staff meeting regarding Lodging Tax.

To attend: Washington State Counties Association (WSAC) and Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Board of Directors meeting.

Ms. Fuller: Attended the following: SWISS subcommittee meetings: Broadband and Transportation, and Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting.

Future event: Economic Development Council luncheon as a keynote speaker,

Ms. Hudson: Briefed Council regarding the following: Commerce CBO grant, meeting with

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Josh Weiss (lobbyist), attended the State Fair and an update from WSAC on technical assistance applications for broadband.

Ms. Rogers: Gave the dates of upcoming Council meetings, September 30th, October 1st, 21st and 22nd, 2024.

Advisory Committee Appointments:

- Clean Water Advisory Committee – to consider Laura Pitts for a 4-year term starting 9/17/2024 - 12/31/2028,
- Noxious Weed Board – to consider James Frampton for a 4-year term starting 9/17/2024-12/31/2028,
- North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization- to consider Mary Uri starting 9/17/2024 -12/31/2027,
- Veterans Advisory Board – to consider Thaddeus Bishop for a 2-year term starting 9/17/2024-12/31/2026,
- Deer Harbor Planning Review Committee – to consider Welsey Heinmiller for a 2-year term starting 9/17/2024-12/31/2026,
- Deer Harbor Planning Review Committee – to consider Steve Kyle for a 2-year term starting 9/17/2024-12/31/2026,
- Deer Harbor Planning Review Committee – to consider Pamela Kyle for a 2-year term starting 9/17/2024-12/31/2026.

MOVED by Ms. Minney seconded by Ms. Wolf, to approve the appointments as presented by Clerk to the Council Ms. Rogers. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

12:00 – 2:15 PM RECESS

2:15 PM Executive Session:

- To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i);

Council Chair Fuller 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) estimated to last 1 hour and 5 minutes in total to begin at 2:15 PM and end at 3:20 PM followed by adjournment. [Present: Full Council, County Manager Jessica Hudson, and Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira.]

The session ended at 3:20 PM. No action was taken.

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ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

Signed by:
By: Sally Rogers
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Date:

Minutes approved by San Juan County Council on October 22, 2024.