



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, April 5, 2018 – Council Chambers – Evening Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ghatan called the regular session of the Town Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Position No. 2, Noel Monin; Position No. 3, Anna Maria de Freitas; Position No. 4, Tim Daniels and Position No. 5, Barbara Starr. Position No. 1, Steve Hushebeck was absent.

Others Present: Mayor, Farhad Ghatan; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; and Clerk, Amy Taylor. Treasurer Kelle' Wilson was absent.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Council unanimously excused the absence of Councilmember Hushebeck. Councilmember Daniels was excused at the conclusion of the public hearing.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ghatan conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

No public access was forthcoming.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezone Application No. 71

At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Ghatan opened the public hearing for consideration of Rezone Application No. 71, a request by Friday Harbor Medical Investors, LLC to rezone from Professional Service to Commercial.

The subject property is identified as Tax Parcel Number 351491511 and is located at 660 Spring Street, which includes a main structure of approximately 28,300 ft² on a 2.49± acre lot. The San Juan County Assessor's Office describes this parcel as NE 16 EX IMP 91541 & 91542 Sec 14, T 35N, R 3W, records of San Juan County, Washington. The property was commonly known as the Island's Convalescent Center.

Mayor Ghatan asked if any Councilmember wished to excuse themselves from participating. The Council answered in the negative. The Council stated that no conflicts of interest exist. The Council stated that they could hear the application in a fair and objective manner. Councilmember Monin and Mayor Ghatan placed communications with the public on the record.

Land Use Administrator, Mike Bertrand, entered no additional Exhibits into the record and presented the staff report.

Staff evaluation is that to support a rezone, the proposed change must bear a substantial relation to the public welfare and the change would need to be consistent with the comprehensive plan. Three basic rules apply to rezone applications: 1) they are not presumed valid; 2) the proponent of a rezone must demonstrate that there has been a change in circumstances since the original zoning; and 3) the rezone must have a substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morals or general welfare.

At 5:40 p.m., Mayor Ghatan allowed Council questions before hearing from the Applicant.

Councilmember de Freitas inquired about ancillary housing.

At 5:41 p.m., Bill Geisy, Representative, made a presentation to the Council. Mr. Geisy spoke about the current zoning and to the issue and location of the closed convalescent center.

The Council had no questions of the Applicant.

At 5:51 p.m., Mayor Ghatan opened the hearing to public testimony.

Deborah Hopkins, Director of the Visitors Bureau, provided survey information from members. Exhibit A was entered into the record.

At 5:55 p.m., hearing no other comments from the applicant, staff or audience, Mayor Ghatan closed the public testimony portion of the hearing and opened the hearing to Council deliberations.

Council discussed the merits of the application.

Administrator Wilson suggested that the hearing be continued for consideration by Councilmember Hushebeck.

At 6:20 p.m., Mayor Ghatan continued the public hearing as follows:

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Starr, to continue the public hearing for Rezone Application No. 71 to May 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., and allow written testimony. Motion passed 4-0 with Hushebeck absent.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2373

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of Resolution No. 2373 regarding the law enforcement agreement with San Juan County. Administrator Wilson described the scope of services and increase in fees associated with 3 FTE deputies. Discussion followed regarding justification for increased fees and reporting to the Council on a quarterly basis.

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Monin, to adopt Resolution No. 2373, authorizing an interlocal agreement with the San Juan County Sheriff’s Office for law enforcement services and assistance. Motion passed 3-0 with Hushebeck and Daniels absent.

Resolution No. 2374

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of Resolution No. 2374 regarding the Wellness Program. Administrator Wilson explained that the resolution authorizes adding a health club membership benefit to the Town Employee Wellness Program. No discussion followed.

Moved by Monin, seconded by Starr, to adopt Resolution No. 2374, agreeing to the use of Wellness Program funds for the employee’s choice of either a \$25 corporate membership at San Juan Island Fitness, or reimbursement of up to \$25 of a non-corporate membership at Xtreme Fitness that has been purchased on or after January 1, 2018. Motion passed 3-0 with Hushebeck and Daniels absent.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Monin, seconded by de Freitas, to affirm the payment of Payroll Warrants. Motion passed 3-0 with Hushebeck and Daniels absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 15, 2018 minutes was postponed until the April 19, 2018 session.

FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Starr requested that the Sheriff’s Office and other agencies resume quarterly reports.

CITIZEN RESPONSE

No citizen response was forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Ghatan adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved on [date]. The original document is retained by the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk