



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, September 20, 2018 – Council Chambers – Afternoon Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ghatan called the regular session of the Town Council to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ghatan conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

No public access was forthcoming.

PUBLIC MEETING

Amplified Sound – John O. Linde Community Park

At 12:03 p.m., Mayor Ghatan opened the public meeting regarding the request by Island Rec to have limited amplified sound at John O. Linde Community Park during sanctioned sporting events. Mayor Ghatan explained that the meeting was not a hearing to amend the current Conditional Use Permit. Instead, the meeting was advertised to seek public comment from neighboring residents that may be affected by the proposal. Following, the Town Council would consider and may authorize conditions under which School District 149 and Island Rec may amend their current Operations and Maintenance Agreement.

Administrator Wilson explained that Island Rec has been granted permission to use limited amplified sound for the upcoming three sporting events. Maddie Ovenell, Island Rec Director, explained the request, including proposed conditions in which amplified sound would be permitted.

The Town Council asked questions of staff and Ms. Ovenell. Mayor Ghatan opened the meeting to public comment from the audience. Comments included concerns that sound would disturb the adjacent neighborhoods and that the request would set a precedence (“be a gateway”) for larger and potentially more invasive requests.

Councilmembers took turns stating their opinions of the proposal for amplified sound and conditions that they would consider for approval. Administrator Wilson suggested inclusion of “sunset” and “revocation” clauses to any such amendment in order to grant Town the power to discontinue amplified sound for any reason.

Mayor Ghatan thanked the Council and audience for their thoughtful comments. **Council consensus for the Town Administrator to work with Island Rec to develop an amendment to the Operations and Maintenance Agreement to allow for limited amplified sound at John O. Linde Community Park. Said amendment will to return for Council consideration.**

WORK SESSION

Public Works Yard

At 12:42 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced the work session for a new public works yard located on Harbor Street and Tucker Avenue across from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Administrator Wilson and Public Works Director Wayne Haefele explained the proposed configuration and costs for a new “Texmo” building. Discussion followed regarding size, cost and future needs for the building.

Administrator Wilson explained that placement of the building and the future “park” is preliminary. Discussion followed regarding zoning for the parcel, placement and use of the building, and minimizing impacts to adjacent neighborhoods.

Mayor Ghatan thanked staff for the discussion. No action was taken.

2019 Town Budget

At 1:10 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced the work session for the 2019 Town Budget. Administrator Wilson and Public Works Director Wayne Haefele presented budget requests for various departments. Discussion and inquiry followed regarding individual requests. The Council did not deny any specific request.

Mayor Ghatan thanked staff for the discussion. No action was taken.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2409

At 1:50 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of draft Resolution No. 2409, *concerning the Tucker Avenue Reconstruction Project, Phase 2*. Administrator Wilson explained the particulars of Change Order Nos. 4 & 5. No discussion followed.

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Starr, to adopt Resolution No. 2409, authorizing Change Order Nos. 4 & 5 for the Tucker Avenue Reconstruction Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1648

At 1:52 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of draft Ordinance No. 1648, concerning Town water meters. Administrator Wilson explained that the purpose of Ordinance No. 1648 is to keep locations of water meters debris and obstruction free for meter reading. No discussion followed.

Moved by Starr, seconded by de Freitas, to adopt Ordinance No. 1648, amending Chapter 13.04 FHMC concerning Town water meters. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1649

At 1:53 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of draft Ordinance No. 1649 concerning reduced utility rates. Administrator Wilson explained that the purpose of Ordinance No. 1649 is to transfer oversight of the program to the Finance Office. No discussion followed.

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Starr, to adopt Ordinance No 1649, amending Chapter 13.21 FHMC concerning reduced utility rates for low income senior and disabled citizens. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

At 1:58 p.m., Administrator Wilson presented the Town Council with an update of the following:

- Purple Light Nights – Town has been requested to allow “Purple Light Nights”. The outcome of Purple Light Nights® is to increase the awareness of domestic violence issues.
- Union negotiations – Negotiations with Local 1849F continue.
- Fire District 3 – The District hired a new chief to replace retiring Chief Creesy.
- Lodging Tax – LTAC have met to discuss grant applications. Recommendations will be presented October 4th.
- Budget Requests – Requests from outside agencies will be presented October 4th.
- Intersection closure – The Spring/Argyle intersection will be closed overnight on September 20th for construction.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Monin, seconded by de Freitas, to approve the payment of Claim Warrant Nos. 44596 through 44645 in the amount of \$523,247.16. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Starr, to approve the minutes of **September 6, 2018 as corrected**. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were forthcoming.

CITIZEN RESPONSE

No citizen response was forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Ghatan adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 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