



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, March 7, 2013 – Council Chambers – Evening Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lacher 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, Felix Menjivar; and Position No. 5, Barbara Starr.

Others Present: Mayor, Carrie Lacher; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

Position No. 1, Steve Hushebeck; and Treasurer, Wendy Picinich; were not present.

Attorney, Adina Cunningham attended the closed session by telephone.

EXECUSED ABSENCE

Mayor Lacher asked if the Council wished to excuse the absence of Councilmember Hushebeck. Council unanimously excused his absence.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES

Mayor Lacher announced that the session would conclude with a closed session regarding collective bargaining.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

There were no public access items forthcoming.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sutton Road Transfer Station

At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of the County's proposal process for the Sutton Road Transfer Station. Administrator Wilson reviewed the County's process to date and listed Town's baseline objectives in respect to any future arrangement with the County for operation of the site. Those objectives include 1) retaining reasonable Town control of the property; 2) Lautenbach/Chemtec or SJC making the needed environmental and capital improvements so that packer and roll-off trucks can resume tipping at the Sutton Road site; and 3) Town will not subsidize self haul and proposed rates will be lower than costs to haul to Skagit County if Town were to resume hauling to the Sutton Road site. John Yeasting, Lautenbach representative, provided an explanation of their interests. Mr. Yeasting agreed with the recommendation by staff that self-haul rates need to be borne by the customer and that Town would receive a preferred rate because they are the land owner. Frank Mulcahy, SJC Public Works Director, provided an update regarding the contract and negotiation issues. Discussion followed regarding the lease, improvements and timeline for operation. The Mayor thanked the County and Lautenbach and affirmed that the Town is committed to cooperation.

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WORK SESSION

Town Solid Waste Management Plan

At 6:09 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of the draft Town Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Administrator Wilson and Elizabeth Anderson, Consultant, presented the key concepts of the SWMP, Chapters 8 & 9. Discussion and inquiry followed for each section reviewed. No action was taken. The next work session is tentatively scheduled April 4, 2013.

Town Vision Statement

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of draft revisions to the Town Vision Statement. The Council and Mayor discussed and edited the proposed text. No action was taken. The final draft will be presented to the Council and forwarded to the Planning Commission for public hearing.

FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were forthcoming.

CITIZEN RESPONSE

No citizen response was forthcoming.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Lacher announced that the Council would be holding a closed session regarding negotiations for the collective bargaining agreement in accordance with the provisions of 42.30.140(4)(B). Participants: Town Council, Mayor Lacher, Administrator Wilson, and Attorney Cunningham. The session ended at 7:55 p.m. for an actual session time of 50 minutes. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved on March 21, 2013. The original document is retained by the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk