



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, February 6, 2014 – Council Chambers – Afternoon Session

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Position No. 1, Steve Hushebeck; Position No. 2, Noel Monin; Position No. 3, Anna Maria de Freitas; Position No. 4, Farhad Ghatan; and Position No. 5, Barbara Starr.

Others Present: Mayor, Carrie Lacher; Treasurer, Wendy Picinich; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; Attorney, Adina Cunningham; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES

Mayor Lacher announced that Council would hold an Executive Session regarding potential litigation.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

No public access was forthcoming.

SJC UPDATE

At 12:01 p.m., SJC Councilmember Rick Hughes provided an update on the following:

- Oil Spill Prevention Program – SJC is requesting intervention status from the Canadian government to comment on international shipping through San Juan County waters.
- Friday Harbor Ferry Terminal – SJC is advocating to Legislature for a second ferry slip in Friday Harbor.
- Countywide Broadband – SJC continues to work with OPALCO to revitalize the broadband initiative.
- SJC Solid Waste Utility – The draft agreements for operation of the SJI Transfer Station should be finalized within weeks.
- Whidbey Island Naval Station – The County continues to be involved with the commenting process for Growler squadrons. **Council consensus to submit joint comment concerning increased noise and vibration from the Station.**
- Quarterly meetings – The County requested that quarterly joint meetings resume.
- Washington State Ferries – Schedules and recent meetings were reviewed.

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ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Blair Street Reconstruction Project

At 12:27 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced Tamara Nack, Gray & Osborne Consultant, to present an overview of the Blair Street Improvement Project. The presentation included the project description of improvements from Spring to Guard Street, including parking, stormwater treatment, hardscape and relocation of utilities. Construction, accessibility, duration and construction costs were reviewed. Discussion and inquiry followed regarding rain gardens, lighting standards and coordination with utility providers for future improvements. Administrator Wilson noted that some points of interest, such as use of LED lighting, should be addressed during the process for revising the Town Street Standards and other construction design documents. **Council consensus to move forward with use of the current lighting standards.** Mayor Lacher thanked Ms. Nack for her presentation.

Resolution No. 2010

At 1:06 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of draft Resolution No. 2010, *authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Atlantis Construction for sidewalk improvements on Spring Street.* Administrator Wilson explained that Town received a request to install wheelchair accessible ramps for the sidewalks located at the intersection of Argyle Avenue and Spring Street. The agreement is in the amount of \$10,937.50 with Atlantis Construction to install three ADA accessible ramps. Public Works Director, Wayne Haefele, described the benefits and challenges of improving the intersection, traffic patterns and other issues. Discussion followed regarding long-term improvements. Mayor Lacher and the Council thanked Mr. Haefele for designing improvements.

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Monin, to adopt No. 2010, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Atlantis Construction for sidewalk improvements on Spring Street. Motion passed unanimously.

Port of Friday Harbor Master Plan

At 1:18 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced Marilyn O'Connor, Port Director, to present an overview of the preliminary Port of Friday Harbor Master Plan. Ms. O'Connor explained that the Plan will allow implementation of the Port's highest priority projects while re-imagining the waterfront. The green space, parking area and Spring Street site should receive immediate attention. Ms. O'Connor distributed design sketches. Discussion followed regarding expansion of West Street Park, Spring Street site and amenities. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. O'Connor.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Monin, seconded by de Freitas, to affirm the payment of Payroll Warrants and direct deposit run of January 31, 2014; and approve the payment of Claim Warrant Nos. 38848 through 38905 in the amount of \$244,355.95. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Starr, seconded by Hushebeck, to approve the minutes of **January 9th and 16th, 2014 as submitted.** Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were forthcoming.

CITIZEN RESPONSE

No citizen response was forthcoming.

89 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

90 At 1:48 p.m., Mayor Lacher announced that the Council would be holding an executive session
91 regarding potential litigation in accordance with the provisions of RCW 42.30.110(1)(c); which was
92 estimated to last 20 minutes. Participants: Town Council, Mayor Lacher, and Attorney Cunningham.
93 The session ended at 2:50 p.m. for an actual session time of 40 minutes. No actions were taken.
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95 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the
96 meeting at 2:51 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 5:30
97 p.m.
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100 **These minutes were approved on February 20, 2014. The original document is retained by**
101 **the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday**
102 **Harbor Clerk**