



## SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

**Thursday, April 17, 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. 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; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; Clerk, Amy Taylor; and Attorney Elsner.

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

### **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**

No announcements were forthcoming.

### **PUBLIC ACCESS TIME**

No public access was forthcoming.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### FH Landfill Lease

At 12:01 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public hearing to consider a facility lease for the transfer station located on Sutton Road between the Town and the County, and the operating agreement between the County and Lautenbach. Administrator Wilson provided background of the request.

The Town historically has leased a portion of the FH Landfill site to the County for use as a solid waste and recyclable materials handling facility and uses portions of the property for Town operations. The proposed lease would supersede the existing rental agreement dated 1994. Contemporaneously with the lease, the County is executing an operations agreement with Lautenbach Industries for the provision of solid waste services relating to the facility and the premises. The lease is written for a term of 10 years, with amortized buyout compensation to the operator for improvements in the event of early termination. The rental rate is \$1,300 per month plus amiable terms such as the fixed tipping fees. Staff anticipates that the proposed rates will stabilize the operational costs for refuse utility for at least ten years.

Attorney Paul Elsner explained that the Operational Agreement has been drafted to be neutral for the Town and reviewed the adoption schedule.

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48 At 12:10 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public hearing for public comment.  
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50 John Easting, representative for Lautenbach, thanked the Council for their diligence and collaboration  
51 in drafting the agreements.  
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53 Mike Thomas, SJC Administrator, thanked the Council for partnering with the County.  
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55 At 12:16 p.m., hearing no other comments from the Council, staff, or public, Mayor Lacher closed the  
56 public hearing.  
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58 **Moved by Ghatan, seconded by de Freitas, to direct staff to prepare a resolution**  
59 **authorizing the Mayor to execute said documents at the evening session of April 17, 2014.**  
60 **Motion passed 4-0 with Hushebeck absent.**  
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## 62 **WORK SESSION**

### 63 Town / SJC Joint Meeting

64 At 12:22 p.m., the Town Council held a joint session with the San Juan County Council to discuss  
65 issues of mutual concern. The County Council called their meeting to order. Issues discussed included:  
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- 67 • Discussion of the SJC Solid Waste Utility;
- 68 • Update regarding the Turn Point / Pear Point Connector Road;
- 69 • Update regarding the Water Transmission Line Replacement Project;
- 70 • Update regarding the SJC Roads / Town Streets Chip Seal Schedule;
- 71 • Update regarding the Whidbey Island NAS Growler EIS;
- 72 • Update regarding the Washington State Ferries;
- 73 • Update regarding the SJC Tourism Master Plan;
- 74 • Update regarding the SJC Hotel Motel Excise Tax Grant Program; and
- 75 • Update regarding the upcoming Islands Trust

76 The County Council adjourned at 1:16 p.m. No action was taken.  
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## 78 **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

79 Moved by Monin, seconded by de Freitas, to approve the payment of Claim Warrant Nos. 39107  
80 through 39154 in the amount of \$129,872.29. Motion passed 4-0 with Hushebeck absent.  
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## 82 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

83 Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Starr, to approve the minutes of **April 3, 2014 as submitted.**  
84 Motion passed 4-0 with Hushebeck absent.  
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## 86 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

87 Mayor Lacher asked if Councilmembers would be attending the annual AWC Conference in June.  
88 Councilmembers Monin and Ghatan responded that they would attend.  
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90 Councilmember Monin asked if any of the other Councilmembers wanted to participate in reviewing the  
91 annual State Audit materials with the Finance Department. The Council declined.  
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## 93 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**

94 No citizen response was forthcoming.  
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96 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the  
97 meeting at 1:24 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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**These minutes were approved on May 1, 2014. The original document is retained by the Clerk in the Town Council's permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk**