



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, June 5, 2014 – 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. 1, Steve Hushebeck; Position No. 2, Noel Monin; Position No. 3, Anna Maria de Freitas; and Position No. 4, Farhad Ghatan.

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

Councilmember Starr was not present.

EXECUSED ABSENCE

Mayor Lacher asked if the Council wished to excuse the absence of Councilmember Starr. Council unanimously excused her absence.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proclamation – Treasurer Picinich

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Lacher wished Wendy, and her husband David, the very best retirement on behalf of her coworkers and the citizens of Friday Harbor and proclaimed that the meeting would adjourn in her honor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Shoreline Master Program Updates

At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public hearing regarding updates to the Town Shoreline Master Program. Mayor Lacher and Council answered in the negative to direct communication regarding the proposal; and affirmative to hearing the matter in a fair and objective manner.

Mayor Lacher asked Land Use Administrator, Mike Bertrand, to present the staff report. Mr. Bertrand introduced Derek Koellman, consultant, to provide additional information. Mr. Koellman explained that updates to the body of the document were made to provide consistency with the language used by the Department of Ecology. One notable change to the document is that the current 20 foot buffer would be increased to 25 foot. Staff had nothing more to add.

At 5:40 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public hearing for testimony. Marilyn O'Connor, Port Director, requested that the hearing be continued to allow the Port Commission to provide comment. Ms. O'Connor stated that the Port had no specific issue with the document, however in light of other port business, they have not had an opportunity to formally review and comment.

At 5:41 p.m., hearing no other comments from staff or the public, Mayor Lacher closed the public testimony portion of the hearing and opened the hearing to Council questions. Hearing none, Mayor Lacher opened the hearing to Council deliberations. The following action was taken.

46 **Moved by Hushebeck, seconded by Ghatan, to direct staff to prepare a final ordinance for**
47 **consideration and continued the public hearing to June 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., for the**
48 **purpose of hearing additional testimony, if needed. Motion passed 4-0 with Staff absent.**
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50 **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

51 Greenway Park

52 At 5:49 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public meeting to discuss proposed improvements to Greenway
53 Park. Administrator Wilson described the improvements which include park bench and additional
54 landscaping. Mayor Lacher requested comments from the audience. Hearing none, Mayor Lacher
55 opened discussion by the Council. Discussion followed regarding additional amenities at the park.
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57 **Council consensus to move forward with the proposal as described.**
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59 2015 LTAC Grant

60 At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of funding for the 2015 Hotel Motel Excise Tax Grant
61 Program. Administrator Wilson explained that the grant cycle is coming up in July and described the
62 anticipated level of funding. Discussion followed regarding sales and excise tax trends to date.
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64 **Council consensus to call a meeting of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to recommend**
65 **funding for the 2015 grant cycle.**

66 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

67 Moved by Ghatan, seconded by de Freitas, to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014 as submitted.
68 Motion passed 4-0 with Starr absent.
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70 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

71 No future agenda items were forthcoming.
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73 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**

74 No citizen response was forthcoming.
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76 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the
77 meeting at 6:42 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.
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80 **These minutes were approved on June 26, 2014. The original document is retained by the**
81 **Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday**
82 **Harbor Clerk**