



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, July 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. 1, Steve Hushebeck; 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; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

Attorney Paul Elsner was on-call. Position No. 2, Noel Monin, was absent. Councilmember Starr was excused to leave at 2:00 p.m.

EXECUSED ABSENCE

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

Gordy Elliot, local Falun Gong Buddhist Sect, distributed information and a requested that the Council consider a resolution in support of humanitarian movement in China.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Spring Street Water Sewer Replacement Project

At 12:08 p.m., Public Works Director, Wayne Haefele, requested a motion to specifically approve Change Order No. 3 to the Spring Street Water Sewer Improvement Project. Mr. Haefele explained that it was combined with the closing documents that accepted the project. Staff requires a motion to distribute funds. No discussion followed.

Moved by Hushebeck, seconded by de Freitas, to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Spring Street Water Sewer Improvement Project. Motion passed 4-0 with Monin absent.

Public Works

At 12:10 p.m., Public Works Director, Wayne Haefele, reported on activities of the Public Works Department, including status of the Mullis Street Pedestrian Improvement Project, chip seal of streets, and Blair Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project. Mr. Haefele provided status of projects recently completed by the Town Crew and projects in planning. Discussion and inquiry followed regarding stormwater conditions adjacent to Linder Street. Mayor Lacher thanked Mr. Haefele. No action was taken.

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45 Resolution No. 2044

46 At 12:43 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of draft Resolution No. 2044, *accepting a right-of-*
47 *way dedication deed from Browne Lumber, Inc.* Administrator Wilson explained that one issue remains
48 to be negotiated, however the Browne family has authorized the Town to proceed with the easement
49 needed to construct Blair Avenue improvements. No discussion followed.

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51 **Moved by Ghatan, seconded by Starr, to adopt Resolution No. 2044, accepting a right-of-**
52 **way dedication deed from Browne Lumber, Inc. Motion passed 4-0 with Monin absent.**

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54 SJC Update

55 At 12:47, SJC Councilmember Rick Hughes, presented the Council with an update on issues of mutual
56 concern. Items included I-502, greenhouse structures, SJC Building Advisory Committee, SJC Board of
57 Health, and Washington State Ferries. Councilmember Hughes stated that the SJC Council voted to
58 approve the speed reduction at 500 Roche Harbor Road. Discussion followed regarding border
59 protection at the airport for dedicated flights from Canada. The Council thanked Mr. Hughes. No
60 action was taken.

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62 Presentation – Sunshine Alley

63 At 12:54 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced Boyd Pratt to discuss Sunshine Alley. Mr. Pratt presented a
64 detailed history of the original settlement of the Nichols homestead and the people, trends and events
65 that influenced Sunshine Alley as we know it today. Discussion followed regarding publication of Mr.
66 Pratt’s findings. Mayor Lacher and the Council thanked Mr. Pratt. No action was taken.

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68 Waterfront Interpretive Signage

69 At 1:24 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced Sandy Strehlou, Historic Preservation Coordinator, to present
70 the proposed Town Waterfront Interpretive Signage. Ms. Strehlou distributed presentation materials
71 with sample wording and photographs at selected locations. Discussion followed regarding the need
72 for the project to compliment Sunshine Alley Urban Planning and Tourism Master Planning. Ms.
73 Strehlou will bring the final proposal to Council in August. No action was taken.

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75 Town Treasurer

76 At 1:40 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of the appointment of Town Treasurer.
77 Administrator Wilson explained that Kelle’ Wilson was the successful applicant for the Finance Director
78 position and inquired if the Council was inclined to appoint her to the position of Town Treasure. No
79 discussion followed.

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81 **Moved by Ghatan, seconded by de Freitas, to appoint Kelle’ Wilson to the office of Town**
82 **Treasurer for the remainder of its unexpired term; and direct staff to prepare the**
83 **necessary documentation. Motion passed 4-0 with Monin absent.**

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85 Transportation Benefit District

86 At 1:47 p.m., Mayor Lacher recessed the session for a meeting of the Friday Harbor Transportation
87 Benefit District. The Town Council reconvened at 2:07 p.m. [*Clerk’s Note: Minutes of the Friday*
88 *Harbor Transportation Benefit District are available.*]

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90 Resolution No. 2044

91 At 2:07 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of draft Resolution No. 2024, *approving an interlocal*
92 *agreement with the Friday Harbor Transportation Benefit District, providing for the coordination of*
93 *efforts in maintaining and preserving streets and related transportation infrastructure within the Town*
94 *of Friday Harbor.* Administrator Wilson explained that subject to certain restrictions and limitations, the

95 Friday Harbor Transportation Benefit District is authorized to collect vehicle license fees, dedicated
96 sales tax revenue and other revenues to fund certain transportation improvements. The agreement
97 allows District funding to be deposited in a fiduciary fund under the custody of the Town. The Town
98 will provide financing for the design and construction. The District will reimburse the Town for eligible
99 projects with monies collected. No discussion followed.

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101 **Motion passed de Freitas, seconded by Ghatan, to adopt Resolution No. 2044, approving**
102 **an interlocal agreement with the Friday Harbor Transportation Benefit District, providing**
103 **for the coordination of efforts in maintaining and preserving streets and related**
104 **transportation infrastructure within the Town of Friday Harbor. Motion passed 3-0 with**
105 **Monin and Starr absent.**

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107 **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

108 Postponed until the evening session.

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110 **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

111 Moved by Ghatan, seconded by de Freitas, approve the payment of Claim Warrant Nos. 39386 through
112 39453 in the amount of \$361,686.67. Motion passed 3-0 with Monin and Starr absent.

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114 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

115 Moved by Freitas, seconded by Ghatan, to approve the minutes of **June 26th and July 3rd, 2014 as**
116 **submitted.** Motion passed 3-0 with Monin and Starr absent.

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118 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

119 Mayor Lacher requested that the suggestion to rename West Park be added to a future agenda.

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121 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**

122 No citizen response was forthcoming.

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124 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the
125 meeting at 2:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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128 **These minutes were approved on August 7, 2014. The original document is retained by**
129 **the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday**
130 **Harbor Clerk**