



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, November 6, 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; Position No. 4, Farhad Ghatan; and Position No. 5, Barbara Starr.

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

The Town Attorney was on-call.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

Rene' Levee, thanked the Council for considering the creation of an Arts Commission.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Hearing – Vacation Application No. 23

At 5:32 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public hearing to consider Vacation Application No. 23, a petition by Reid and Denise Stafford to vacate a portion of the Vine Street right-of-way.

Mayor Lacher asked if any Councilmember wished to excuse themselves from participating. Council answered in the negative. The hearing was legislative in nature and the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine does not apply.

Administrator Wilson made opening remarks to the Council that they should always consider the long-term usefulness of the public right-of-way.

Mayor Lacher asked Land Use Administrator, Mike Bertrand to present the staff report. Mr. Bertrand explained that the subject property is a portion of an unopened and unimproved public right-of-way along the northerly side of Nelson Street. The portion is approximately 8,000 square feet in size. The subject property has a steep slope starting at the Nelson Street intersection, but then levels off to the north near Franck Street. Overall it would not be considered desirable for roadway construction.

Mr. Bertrand entered Exhibit A – Staff Report dated October 28, 2014, into the record. Mr. Bertrand explained that pursuant to RCW 35.79.030, staff recommendation is that Vacation Application No. 23 be approved based on the following:

- Staff does not foresee the need to open this right-of-way due to its terrain and location; and
- The vacation should be conditioned that the applicant grant Town a utility easement over the existing sewer line location; and
- If granted, the applicant should acquire an appraisal for an appropriate compensation to the Town; and

- 47 • If granted, the applicant shall apply for a boundary line adjustment with the Town to show the
48 new lot lines and legal descriptions of all affected parcels.
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50 William Weissinger, Agent for the Petitioners, explained the basis of the request. Mr. Weissinger described
51 the steepness and grade of slope. The Applicants are the sole owners of the three lots, together
52 comprising 100% of the ownership of all lots abutting the one block of Vine Street which Petitioners are
53 asking the Town to vacate. Mr. Weissinger noted that the Applicants are agreeable to the conditions
54 recommended by staff.
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56 Mayor Lacher opened the hearing to questions.
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58 Administrator Wilson requested that Mr. Bertrand described the terminus of Vine Street and proposed
59 easement.
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61 At 5:46 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public hearing to audience comments. Hearing none, Mayor
62 Lacher opened to Council questions.
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64 Councilmember Ghatan inquired about the appraised value of land. Councilmember Ghatan inquired if
65 Staff was agreeable to the appraiser selected, and if not, suggested that a second appraisal be sought.
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67 Mayor Lacher closed the public input portion of the hearing, reserving the right to reopen if needed, and
68 opened Council deliberations. Councilmembers took turn expressing their views of the application.
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70 **Moved by Hushebeck, by seconded Starr, to adopt the staff report dated October 28, 2014**
71 **and approve Vacation Application No. 23, a request to vacate a portion of Vine Street right-**
72 **of-way, subject to the conditions contained in the Staff Report. Motion passed unanimously.**
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74 **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

75 Ordinance No. 1546

76 At 5:52 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced draft Ordinance No. 1546, creating a Friday Harbor Arts
77 Commission and Municipal Arts Fund. Administrator Wilson reviewed comments received from the public
78 and noted minor revisions intended for the draft. Discussion followed regarding the proposed
79 membership, selection of art and ensuing steps.
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81 **Moved by Ghatan, seconded by Hushebeck, to adopt Ordinance No. 1546 as revised, creating**
82 **a Friday Harbor Arts Commission and Municipal Arts Fund. Motion passed unanimously.**
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84 **Council consensus to form an appointment committee consisting of Councilmember Monin,**
85 **de Freitas (alternate) and Mayor to interview candidates.**
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87 **WORK SESSION**

88 2015 Town Budget

89 At 6:15 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the work session for the 2015 Town Budget. Administrator Wilson
90 and Treasurer Wilson, presented the Sewer and Stormwater Utility Funds. Discussion followed regarding
91 future capital improvements and line items of interest. Treasurer Wilson noted that the Finance
92 Department will be arranging for the ability to accept online payments.
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94 Mayor Lacher closed the work session. No formal action was taken.
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97 Time Limited Parking
98 At 6:50 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the work session regarding locations for additional four hour or long
99 term designated parking. The Council reviewed the time-limited parking map. Additional 4-hour parking
100 was suggested for the upper portion of Second Street and 8-hour parking for upper portion of Spring
101 Street.

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103 Mayor Lacher closed the work session. No formal action was taken. Staff will present an Ordinance for
104 consideration of changes.

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106 **COUNCIL UPDATES**

107 No future agenda items were forthcoming.

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109 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**

110 No citizen response was forthcoming.

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112 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the meeting
113 at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

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116 **These minutes were approved on November 20, 2014. The original document is retained**
117 **by the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday**
118 **Harbor Clerk**