



## SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 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. 4, Farhad Ghatan; and Position No. 5, Barbara Starr.

Position No. 3, Anna Maria de Freitas, and Treasurer, Kelle' Wilson; were not present. Council unanimously excused her absence.

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

### FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES

No announcements were forthcoming.

### PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

No public access was forthcoming.

### WORK SESSION

#### San Juan Island Park and Rec - Joint Meeting

At 5:32 p.m., Mayor Lacher welcomed the San Juan Island Park and Recreation Board (Island Rec) to discuss topics of mutual concern. Issues brought forth for discussion by the Island Rec Board, Town Council, Mayor and Staff were as follows:

- District Funding – Island Rec described how the error occurred and impacts of the current levy payback. The 2015 levy measure will be a complicated issue for the voters.
- 2015 Special Levy – Island Rec reported on adoption of Resolution 15-01, a resolution authorizing a request to the San Juan County Auditor to put before the Voters a Proposition on the April 28, 2015 Special Election. The proposition will ask voters for an annual property tax of \$0.38 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the six years beginning in 2016 for programs and services. The Council expressed that they wanted to consider public support of the Proposition. Administrator Wilson described the process for doing such. **Council consensus to hold a public hearing to consider whether to support the proposition.**
- Friday Harbor Fields – Island Rec described key points of the Operations and Maintenance agreement that was recently executed by Island Rec and the School District for Friday Harbor Fields. Island Rec described their vision for development of the facility. Administrator Wilson expressed maintenance concerns. Administrator Wilson requested that while under development the Fields be locked when not in use; and loose dirt be kept from entering the stormwater system.
- Gravel Pit – Island Rec requested to use Town water at the Pear Point Gravel Pit property for potable drinking water. **Council consensus for staff to consider the feasibility of the request.**
- "Know Your Island Walks" – Friday Harbor Fields will be added to Walks.

- 47 • Misc. Park Improvements - Councilmember Monin suggested that Frisbee golf be incorporated at  
48 one of the Fields or parks; and need for a larger covered play area similar to the one at the  
49 Elementary School. Mayor Lacher described improvements to Sunken Park. Sally Thomsen  
50 suggested that a play area be installed at the Fields and Pickle Ball Courts at Cahail Park. The  
51 Council described development ideas for the Tucker Street Property.
- 52 • Cooperative Opportunities – The Council and Island Rec discussed possible partnerships for  
53 annual events. The Council expressed that they would be open to the use of hotel motel excise  
54 tax funding as long as the expenditures were appropriate. Mayor Lacher suggested that Island  
55 Rec and Town could engage the public for support in caring of local parks, ie “Friends of Sunken  
56 Park”. **Council consensus that Island Rec should present a general profile of what’s  
57 needed (in terms of advertising events, maintenance and development of parks, and  
58 possible events that could be appropriate uses of HM or other Town funding.)**
- 59 • Misc. Suggestions – Ms. Thomsen provided a brief history of Island Rec. Mayor Lacher suggested  
60 a newspaper article describing “then and now”. The Council asked what Island Rec thought of  
61 expanding the Island Lights Festival.

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63 Mayor Lacher and the Council thanked the Island Rec Board and Ms. Thomsen for attending.

#### 64 65 **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

66 At 7:23 p.m., Administrator Wilson presented the Town Council with an update of the following:

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68 • TVI Investments – Time Valued Investments is a broker which works with the broker-dealer  
69 known as Pro-Equities. They have identified low-risk income investment strategies that are  
70 appropriate for the Town. Discussion followed regarding the advantages of investing outside of  
71 the Local Government Investment Pool. **Council consensus to prepare the necessary  
72 documents with TVI and KeyBank to open an account.**

#### 73 74 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

75 Mayor Lacher passed along an invitation from the Spring Street School for Councilmembers to speak to  
76 the classes regarding how federal politics affect local government.

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78 Mayor Lacher stated that appointment of Traci Wilson (Administrator Wilson’s wife) to the Friday Harbor  
79 Arts Commission did not constitute nepotism because the committee is advisory in nature.

#### 80 81 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**

82 No citizen response was forthcoming.

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85 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the meeting  
86 at 7:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

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89 **These minutes were approved on February 5, 2015. The original document is retained by**  
90 **the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday**  
91 **Harbor Clerk**