



## SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, February 5, 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. 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 (Acting) Clerk, Julie Greene.

### FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES

No announcements were forthcoming.

### PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

Peter DeLorenzi, American Legion Post 163, thanked the Council for their reconsideration of Conditional Use Permit No. 69 and importance of the Post in the community.

### ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Ordinance No. 1557

At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of draft Ordinance No. 1557, *establishing interim development regulations as authorized by the Growth Management Act relating to the sign code*. Administrator Wilson explained that the ordinance imposes interim regulations to prevent the installation of oversized "murals" for 6 months while the Town Attorney develops permanent regulations. The Planning Commission will be tasked with review of Title 14, FHMC. No discussion followed.

**Moved by Starr, seconded by de Freitas, to adopt Ordinance No. 1557, establishing interim sign regulations.**

35 Settlement Agreement

36 At 5:38 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of the Settlement Agreement between the Town and  
37 American Legion Post 163. Administrator Wilson explained that the agreement was negotiated between  
38 staff and representatives of the Legion as a means to dismiss the pending Land Use Petition Act Appeal  
39 regarding Conditional Use Permit No. 69. Administrator Wilson reviewed the terms of the agreement.  
40 Ordinance No. 1557 would not apply to Conditional Use Permit No. 69. The Council thanked the Legion  
41 for seeking amicable settlement of the matter. No discussion followed.

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43 **Moved by Ghatan, seconded by de Freitas, to adopt the settlement agreement and release**  
44 **between the Town of Friday Harbor and American Legion Post 163. Motion passed**  
45 **unanimously.**

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47 **Moved by Starr, seconded by Ghatan, to withdraw the denial and accept Conditional Use**  
48 **Permit No. 69 as originally presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

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50 **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

51 At 5:44 p.m., Administrator Wilson presented the Town Council with an update of the following:

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- 53 • FH Arts Commission – The Arts Commission held their first meeting. Discussion followed regarding  
54 ideas that emerged during that meeting.
  - 55 • Island Rec – A public hearing is scheduled on February 19, 2015 to consider whether to support  
56 Island Rec’s levy proposition.
  - 57 • Sunshine Alley Urban Plan – Town requested to keep the contract open for future work since an  
58 unused balance remains. Discussion followed regarding potential improvements. **Moved by**  
59 **Hushebeck, seconded by Monin, to move forward with negotiating an easement**  
60 **and/or lease with Nichols Walk for public enjoyment. Motion passed unanimously.**  
61 **Moved by Ghatan, seconded by Monin, to accept the Sunshine Alley Urban Plan.**  
62 **Motion passed unanimously.** Council requested a work session for review of the Sunshine  
63 Alley Urban Plan.
  - 64 • Tourism Plan – The Branding Committee continues to meet. Roger Brooks will gathering all of  
65 the preliminary findings in mid-March.
  - 66 • FH Gravel Pit – The County maintains a water meter at the Friday Harbor Gravel Pit. Town plans  
67 on granting Island Rec request for a line for a drinking fountain/hose spigot.
  - 68 • School Zone Lights – The quote from Western Systems was provided to the School District to fix  
69 the school zone lights.
  - 70 • Garbage Cans – Fourteen additional cans are needed in the downtown. The company is offering  
71 free shipping this month. Discussion followed regarding the color of the cans.
  - 72 • Excise Tax – SJC receives the least amount of return-on-investment for various taxes paid to the  
73 State.
  - 74 • Public Art – Better lighting was suggested for the whale-tail sculpture on A Street. Discussion  
75 followed regarding the aesthetics of up lighting the sculpture.
  - 76 • Memorial Park – The GFI at the park gets tripped during rain events. Town is tracking the  
77 problem.
  - 78 • Landmark Ordinance – The ordinance will be presented at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
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80 **WORK SESSION**

81 Seasonal Lighting

82 At 6:29 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced the work session regarding street and seasonal lighting.

- 83 • Memorial Park – Town will continue to light the trellises year round.
- 84 • Snowflakes – Will be removed after President’s Day weekend. Pre-spring banners were  
85 suggested. Banners will be hung in first week of May.

- 86 • Memorial Park – Up lighting will be considered for the trees.
- 87 • Street Lights – OPALCO will retrofit the existing lamps with LED bulbs. Discussion followed
- 88 regarding cost. The topic was added to the Council retreat in April.
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90 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

91 Administrator Wilson stated that a letter is being delivered to local businesses regarding the loading area  
92 at Nichols Walk.

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94 Councilmember Hushebeck provided an update on the hiring for the SJI Chamber Director.

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96 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**

97 No citizen response was forthcoming.

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99 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the meeting  
100 at 7:06 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

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103 **These minutes were approved on February 19, 2015. The original document is retained by**  
104 **the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday**  
105 **Harbor Clerk**