



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, May 7, 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; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

Treasurer, Kelle' Wilson; and Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson, were absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

No public access was forthcoming.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Relay for Life Events

At 5:31 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced Gretchen Staehlin, 2015 Relay for Life Coordinator, to update the Council on upcoming events. Ms. Staehlin provided background on the American Cancer Society and services they provide. Ms. Staehlin invited the Council to attend the Islands-for-Hope fundraiser on May 19, 2015. The Relay Walk event will be held in September. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Staehlin.

PUBLIC HEARING

SSDP No. 99 – Cask & Schooner Restaurant

At 5:37 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the public hearing for Shoreline Substantial Development Permit No. 99 and adopted SEPA No. 133, a request to occupy and use the existing private walkway space adjacent to Front Street and Spring Street on the property known as Town Square. Both private areas to be used for food and beverage service for the restaurant known as Cask & Schooner. This proposal also includes enclosing an area to expand the trash area within their property lines; and enclosing an area under their stairway for storage purposes.

Mayor Lacher asked if anyone objected to hers or any Councilmember's participation. No objection was heard. Councilmembers answered in the negative regarding personal gain and ex-parte communications regarding the proposal; and in the affirmative regarding hearing the matter in a fair and objective manner.

At 5:40 p.m., Mayor Lacher asked the Applicant, Alex Salie, to make a presentation. Mr. Salie deferred to Town staff.

At 5:42 p.m., Mayor Lacher asked Land Use Administrator, Mike Bertrand, to present the Staff Report dated April 16, 2015 and staff recommendation.

47 The subject parcel is identified as Tax Parcel No. 351350402 and located at 1 Front Street. The subject
48 property is located within the shoreline. The existing building is currently occupied by 2 restaurants and
49 an attorney’s office. The proposed area is located on private walkway space owned by the building.

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51 Mr. Bertrand explained that the planned use was allowed under current regulations but restricted from
52 using the proposed seating area from a previous shoreline permit in the 1990’s. The reasoning at the
53 time was due to heavy pedestrian traffic at certain times of the year from ferry traffic and jazz festival.
54 Since then the conditions have changed or no longer exist.

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56 Staff recommendation is that addition of outdoor seating on the two sides of this property is allowed by
57 Town regulations and should add to the ambiance and experience of the waterfront. The expansion of
58 the trash enclosure will also provide a safer and aesthetic solution to this area. Staff also recommends
59 that when and if the applicant ever applies for a license to use a portion of the Front Street ROW that is
60 currently there, that it be allowed under this permit.

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62 At 5:47 p.m., Mayor Lacher asked the Applicant if they had anything to add. Hearing no comments,
63 Mayor Lacher opened the hearing to Council questions.

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65 Councilmember Ghatan asked if the proposed area could be described as being from the building’s posts
66 inward to the wall. Mr. Bertrand agreed.

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68 Councilmember Hushebeck asked if the tables would be removed at any point. Mr. Bertrand stated that
69 the owners had discussed removing the tables during non-business hours and would be removed during
70 the off season.

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72 At 5:50 p.m., Mayor Lacher opened the hearing to public testimony. Hearing none, Mayor Lacher closed
73 public testimony reserving the right to reopen if needed, and opened the hearing to Council deliberations.

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75 At 5:51 p.m., hearing no discussion from the Council, Mayor Lacher closed the public hearing.

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77 **Moved by Hushebeck, seconded by Ghatan, to approve Shoreline Substantial Development**
78 **Permit Application No. 99 and direct Staff to prepare findings of fact, conclusions of law and**
79 **decision for consideration. Motion passed unanimously.**

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81 **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**
82 Moved by Monin, seconded by Starr, to authorize the Finance Office to issue monthly prewrites to
83 CenturyLink in an amount up to \$2,000 for payment of telephone services. Motion passed unanimously.

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85 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
86 No future agenda items were forthcoming.

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88 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**
89 No citizen response was forthcoming.

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91 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the meeting
92 at 5:54 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

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95 **These minutes were approved on May 21, 2015. The original document is retained by the**
96 **Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor**
97 **Clerk**