



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 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; Treasurer, Kelle' Wilson; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

Position No. 2, Noel Monin, was not present. The Council unanimously excused his absence.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

Becky Day, SJI Chamber of Commerce Director, thanked the Council for their financial support of the July 4th fireworks. Ms. Day reported that they were able to meet their 2015 budget with the help of the Town, Valmark and community donations.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Friday Harbor Fields

At 12:04 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced Bryan Brown, President of the FH Fields Board, to provide an update regarding the Fields. Mr. Brown listed accomplishments to date and reported that completing Phase I will cost approximately \$70,000. The Board is planning to fundraise for development of Phase 2. Discussion followed regarding reconstruction of Field 1 and future auxiliary fields. Mayor Lacher and the Council thanked Mr. Brown. No action was taken.

SJC Council Update

At 12:16 p.m., SJC Councilman Bob Jarman provided an update on issues of mutual concern. Issues included commercial greenhouses, funding for the Tucker Avenue Reconstruction Project, Turn Point/Pear Point Connector Road, lobbying, Mt. Grant, and Washington State Ferries. Discussion followed regarding joint projects. Administrator Wilson thanked the County for their cooperation on Tucker Avenue and for granting 2016 PFFAP funding for the Spring Street. No action was taken.

Tucker Avenue Reconstruction Project

At 12:26 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion regarding the Tucker Avenue Reconstruction Project. Administrator Wilson and Public Works Director, Wayne Haefele, provided an update on the status of application and design. Director Haefele described design elements including sharrows and new style of light standards. Mayor Lacher thanked the County and Town Public Works for their diligent work. No action was taken.

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Mural Ordinance

At 12:32 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of the draft mural ordinance. Administrator Wilson explained that the FHAC and HPRB have had an opportunity to comment and the draft will receive further revision. Historic Preservation Coordinator, Sandy Strehlou and FH Arts Commission member, Lori Stokes, presented their respective recommendations to the Council. Mayor Lacher invited Whale Museum Director, Jenny Atkinson, to comment on the process since their proposed mural was being used as an example. Ms. Atkinson commented that she appreciated the thoughtful process. Discussion followed regarding the recommendations presented. No action was taken.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Moved by Ghatan, seconded by Starr, to affirm the payment of Payroll Warrant Nos. 16566 through 16582 and direct deposit run dated August 4, 2015 in the amount of \$260,286.11; and approve the payment of Claim Warrant Nos. 40670 through 40712 in the amount of \$128,333.14. Motion passed 4-0 with Monin absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Ghatan, to approve the minutes of **July 16, 2015 as corrected**. Motion passed 4-0 with Monin absent.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

At 1:44 p.m., Administrator Wilson presented the Town Council with an update of the following:

- Nichols Walk Sidewalk – The cost for removing and replacing the current curb cut is approximately \$2,000. **Council consensus to remove and install the driveway curb cut located at Nichols Walk at the expense of the Town.**
- Recycling and Yard Waste Pickup – A new schedule was presented for recycling and yard waste pickup.
- Recycling Costs – Lautenbach has requested to renegotiate tipping fees due to their increased costs. Town currently tips at a rate of \$70 per ton. The topic will be scheduled for a work session.
- Marguerite Place Sidewalk Restoration Project – Two bids were received. The low bid is being contested. Discussion followed. **Council consensus to hold an executive session to seek advice from the Town Attorney before making a decision.**
- Hillview Terrace Water Station – Various emergency electronics and equipment has been located to its own outbuilding at the expense of third-parties sharing the location.
- Water Main Flushing – Town is attempting to recycle the water that will be flushed from certain mains to Strider Construction for the Cattle Point Road Project.

ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no further business and no objection and losing quorum, Mayor Lacher adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

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These minutes were approved on August 20, 2015. The original document is retained by the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk