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MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

09:08 AM CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. Present: Council Members Jamie Stephens, Rick Hughes and Bill Watson; County Manager Mike Thomas; Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: David Dehlendorf, Michael Durland, Juniper Maas-Mercer, Kyle Loring.

09:30 AM DISCUSSION: Community Treasures Update – Erika Shook, Director Community Development; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager

Ms. Shook and Ms. Kuller presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

10:10 AM DISCUSSION: Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule - Erika Shook, Director Community Development; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager

Ms. Shook and Ms. Kuller presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

10:25 AM DISCUSSION: Shoreline Master Program Update – Erika Shook, Director; Linda Kuller, Planning Coordinator

Ms. Shook and Ms. Kuller presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

10:30 AM ACTION: Approve Interagency Agreement between Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board – Jason Ontjes, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator

Mr. Ontjes presented the Agreement and answered council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOVED by Mr. Watson seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve an Interagency Agreement between Washington State Parks and the Recreation Commission and San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

10:45 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney

Present: Council, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Human Resource Manager James Wolf, County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council

47 Ingrid Gabriel (Prosecuting Attorney Randall Gaylord joined the session for the
48 last 3 minutes).
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50 At 10:45 AM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an
51 executive session to discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
52 estimated to last 20 minutes.
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54 The session ended at 10:57 AM for a total session time of 12 minutes.
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56 **No Action was taken.**
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58 Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had
59 ended. Ms. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session.
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61 **10:58 AM ACTION:** Acceptance of Grant Funding to Hire an Intern for Salish Seeds
62 Nursery – Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank
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64 Mr. Bormann presented the Grant and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the
65 Council took the following action:
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67 **MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to accept the grant funding to hire an**
68 **intern for the Salish Seeds Nursery under Lincoln Bormann. ALL AYES; MOTION**
69 **CARRIED.**
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71 **11:01 AM DISCUSSION:** Fiber Optic Cable – Foster Hildreth, General Manager Orcas
72 Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO)/Rock Island Communications; Gerry
73 Lawlor, Executive Vice President Rock Island Communications; Rob Griffith,
74 CenturyLink Vice-President Engineering & Construction, Northwest Region,
75 Doug Patterson CenturyLink Director of Engineering and Construction; David
76 Halloran, San Juan County Emergency Management Assistant Director, Tony
77 Harrell, San Juan County Information Technology Manager.
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79 Mr. Hildreth and Mr. Lawlor presented their concerns regarding OPALCO/Rock Island fiber
80 optic cable placement in relation to CenturyLink's cable. Tidal action has caused
81 CenturyLink's cable and OPALCO/Rock Island cable to overlap. OPALCO/Rock Island will
82 begin a major submarine cable replacement beginning approximately July 16, 2017 during the
83 "fish window" (refers to the Fish and Wildlife Timing Window – a period of time proscribed by
84 the agency during which activities can be conducted with reduced risk to fish, wildlife and
85 associated habitat) between San Juan Island and Lopez Island. The work necessitates the
86 removal of CenturyLink's cable from OPALCO/Rock Islands fiber optic casement to prevent a
87 likely break and failure in CenturyLink's landline, San Juan County 911- dispatch and Verizon
88 cell phone communications system during maintenance.
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91 Mr. Hildreth and Mr. Lawlor (OPALCO/Rock Island) requested the following from CenturyLink:
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- A firm testing of 911 voice communications in a variety of weather conditions;

- 94 • An established plan and procedure in place if CenturyLink needs to move “traffic” over
95 to the OPALCO network whether due to maintenance or mishap;
96 • A plan to hand off OPALCO’s Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) customers who are using
97 CenturyLink’s DSL service back to OPALCO should the necessity arise.
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99 Mr. Patterson and Mr. Griffith (CenturyLink) agreed with Mr. Hildreth’s assessments and
100 outlined the construction process. CenturyLink is confident that all work will be completed by
101 July 16th, 2017, ahead of OPALCO.
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103 CenturyLink and OPALCO are using the same permitting, coordinating and construction
104 process and CenturyLink believes that the process will go smoothly. Mr. Patterson stated that
105 CenturyLink and OPALCO are coordinating well together.
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107 Mr. Patterson also reported that redundancies in 911-dispatch and voice traffic are in place,
108 but cannot support internet traffic via microwave. Per Council’s request, both entities agreed
109 to provide Council with a contingency plan anticipating problems that may arise. Mr. Hughes
110 also asked CenturyLink to include Verizon in contingency planning regarding cellular
111 communications (Mr. Patterson agreed).
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113 Chair Hughes asked that both providers keep the County’s Emergency Management
114 Department and the County Manager informed on progress.
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116 Mr. Patterson confirmed that set up would take place 6 weeks prior to July 16. After July 16,
117 CenturyLink predicts it will take 2 weeks to place the cable, after which operation on the new
118 fiber connection will begin. Mr. Patterson indicated that if problems with the permitting process
119 should arise, CenturyLink would know by mid-May.
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121 Mr. Hughes requested that both entities send Council a weekly status report beginning in May.
122 OPALCO/Rock Island and CenturyLink agreed.
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124 Mr. Halloran and Mr. Harrell answered Council’s questions regarding the potential effects of
125 the repairs on the Emergency Management Department. The County will be reliant on the
126 same redundancies that are provided by Rock Island to the public.
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128 **11:55 AM RECESS**

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130 **01:08 PM DISCUSSION:** Continuation of Council Retreat Projects – Council
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132 The Council continued discussion of topics from the January 13th Council Retreat.
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134 **01:37 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential
135 litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting
136 Attorney

137 Present: Council, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amy Vira, Human Resources
138 Manager James Wolf, County Manager Mike Thomas, Sheriff Ron Krebs, Brent
139 Johnson and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel
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141 At 01:37 PM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an
142 executive session to discuss current and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
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147 **No Action was taken.**

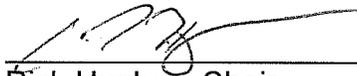
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152 **02:00 PM ADJOURN**

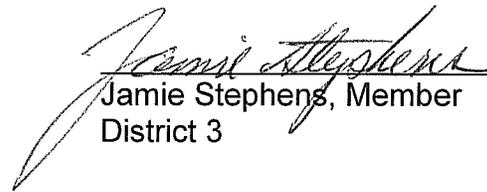
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154 Chair Hughes reconvened the regular meeting and adjourned the meeting.

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Bill Watson, Vice Chair
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Jamie Stephens, Member
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175 ATTEST: Clerk to the Council

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177 By:  2.8.17
178 Ingrid R. Gabriel Date:
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189 **No Action was taken.**

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191 Mr. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session

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193 **02:35 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

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195 **Mr. Watson:** Met with Linda Lyshall regarding the Voluntary Stewardship program;

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197 **Mr. Stephens:** Attended Salish Sea Rally at Odlin Park to support regulation on marine oil
198 transport on Monday, January 23; met with Governor Inslee in Olympia regarding Whidbey
199 Naval Air Base jet noise and Lopez clinic; spoke with Jim Baumgartner (Naval Policy
200 representative) issues regarding the Housing Trust Fund.

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202 **02:42 PM DISCUSSION:** Regarding Employee Investigation – Randall Gaylord,
203 Prosecuting Attorney; Sheriff Ron Krebs

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205 Mr. Gaylord and Sheriff Krebs outlined the details of the Investigation involving former San
206 Juan County Sheriff’s Detective Steven Parker and answered Council’s questions.

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208 **03:10 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES CONTINUED:**

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210 **Ms. Gabriel (Clerk to the Council):** Advisory Committee Appointments/ Reappointments:

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212 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stephens to appoint Margaret Payne and**
213 **Jonathan Welch to the Eastsound Planning Review Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION**
214 **CARRIED.**

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216 **MOVED by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to reappoint John Brantigan and**
217 **Deborah Hopkins to the Ferry Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

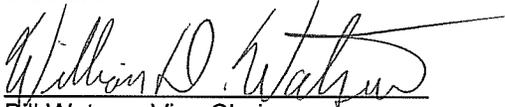
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219 **MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to appoint Faith Van De Putte to the**
220 **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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222 **03:14 PM ADJOURN**

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224 Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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233 Rick Hughes, Chair
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