

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017**

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

**09:01 AM    CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Council Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:01AM. 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: George Hestad, Linda Voroluk, Mike Rust, Leslie Quenell, Fred Weedon, Janet Alderton, Stephanie Buffum, Sally Reeve.

**09:40 AM    DISCUSSION:** County Sustainable Energy – Bill Watson, Council Vice Chair

Mr. Watson presented the discussion. Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) Board Member Vince Dauciunas, San Juan Islands Conservation District Energy Program Manager Ryan Palmateer and San Juan county Facilities Manager Greg Sawyer contributed to the discussion.

**10:21 AM    DISCUSSION:** MacKaye Harbor Road Relocation Feasibility Study Update – Shannon Wilbur, Senior Engineer

Ms. Wilbur, Salmon Recovery Lead Entity Coordinator Byron Rote and Planner Julie Thompson presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

**11:23 AM    DISCUSSION:** Tiny House Update – Building Advisory Council

Building Advisory Council Chair Jack Cory and BAC Member Richard Russell presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

**12:00 PM    RECESS**

**01:00 PM    DISCUSSION:** Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Information Technology (IT) Update – Tony Harrell, IT Manager

Mr. Harrell and GIS Program Coordinator Nick Peihl presented the Update and answered Council's questions.

**01:32 PM    ACTION:** Set Public Hearing for Transfer of Orcas Trestle on Monday, June 26 at 9:15– Colin Huntemer, County Engineer

Mr. Huntemer and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain presented the details of the Transfer and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to set a Public Hearing to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of the Orcas Island Ferry Landing to the State of Washington on Monday, June 26 at 9:15. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**01:36 PM ACTION:** Approve Resolution Accepting Easements for the Orcas Village Park and Ride Project – Colin Huntemer, County Engineer

Mr. Huntemer and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jon Cain presented the Resolution and answered Council's questions. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

**MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Watson to Approve a Resolution Accepting Easements for the Orcas Village Park and Ride Project. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**01:40 PM DISCUSSION:** San Juan Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan – Marta Green, Local Integrating Organization (LIO) Coordinator

Ms. Green presented the Plan and answered Council's questions.

**MOVED by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve full Council support of the San Juan Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan and to give Mr. Stephens the authority to move forward with it. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

**02:23 PM COUNCIL MEMBER & COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES**

**Mr. Stephens:** Noted that the Ecosystem Coordinating Board (ECB) is becoming more active in implementation of policy. Reported that the Head of the National Monument Chris White said that in one of his areas in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) they had implemented an eco-certification program to educate commercial operators regarding a whale protection zone – Mr. Stephens will follow-up to consider local participation.

**Mr. Watson:** Scheduled to attend an Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) Board of Directors' meeting on June 23; attended a Town Council meeting and reported that the Town is having issues supplying water to vacation rentals in the County – currently, Town water policies do not allow for vacation rental use and litigation is expected. Reported that Homes for Islanders has made offers on the Fox Hall lots to build affordable housing.

**Mr. Hughes:** Reported on the issues discussed at the recent Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) conference including unfunded State mandates; Assistant Secretary for Ferries Amy Scranton will be attending the ribbon-cutting at the Orcas Ferry landing on July 11; thanked Council for support in his efforts to expand international service to Friday Harbor airport. Mr. Hughes requested scheduling a Special Meeting on Orcas in October.

Council decided to cancel the scheduled Monday, July 24 meeting.

**Mr. Thomas (County Manager):** Reported on concerns with diminished State funding; the Request for Proposals on the campus plan was issued and advertised last week. Met with Greg Winters of the Opportunity Council to discuss his interest in developing affordable housing. Starting to work on the County's capital budget and asked for Council's suggestions.

Meeting with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Sheriff's Guild for negotiations at the end of June.

**03:00 PM      CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)  
**Present:** Council, County Manager Mike Thomas and Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel.

At 3:00 PM, Council Chair Hughes announced that the Council would be holding an executive session to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) estimated to last 30 minutes.

The session ended at 3:29 PM for a total session time of 29 minutes.

**No Action was taken.**

Ms. Gabriel stepped out of the hearing room and announced that the executive session had ended. Mr. Hughes called the meeting back into regular session and then adjourned the meeting.

**03:30 PM      ADJOURN**

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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**These Minutes were approved and signed on July 12, 2017. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid R. Gabriel, Council Clerk.**