

**SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – EARLY START
COUNTY COUNCIL
April 3, 2012**

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 – Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor, WA

EARLY START – SPECIAL MEETING

9:00 AM **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** County Code 18.30 Updates (2nd Touch)
Lee McEnery, Planner III

1. Farm Stands/Stores; Recycling Centers; Technical Corrections;
Farm Composting

Ms. McEnery reviewed the prior discussion in which the Council requested additional information.

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to realign the abbreviations in the Activity Center Land Use Designations (Deer Harbor, Orcas and Country Corner) to match the other land use designations as they are proposed to be abbreviated in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 (Prov to P, D to P/C). ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld to accept the staff recommendation for the definition of agricultural activities. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to accept staff recommendation for the definition of Agritourism. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to accept a modified version of farm stand that would include 400 square feet or less in the projected roof area for the sale of agricultural products grown in the County. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED,

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, that staff prepare a line item for agricultural composting in rural farm forest, agricultural resource and forest resource, and that staff be directed to prepare a definition for agricultural composting. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Council Chair Patty Miller called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. Council Members present: Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Rich Peterson, Lovel Pratt, Jamie Stephens, and Richard Fralick; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public were present.

Excused Absences: none

New Employee Introductions: none

Approval of Minutes (March 19, 2012 & March 20, 2012):

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2012. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2012. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Consent Agenda for April 3, 2012:

A. Resolutions:

Ordinances:

B. Contracts/Agreements :

C. Budget Items:

The Auditor's office requests approval for the following warrants:

- Warrant #107883 in the amount of \$85 for Veteran's Assistance
- Warrant #108041 in the amount of \$1,559.76 for Elections Postage
- Warrants #108042-108081 in the amount of \$45,173.68 for Public Works Claims
- Warrants #108082-108093 in the amount of \$4,177.09 for VISA payments
- Warrants #108094-108113 in the amount of \$7,009.12 for Medical Reimbursements
- Warrants #108114-108205 in the amount of \$54,333.48 for County Claims
- Warrant #3142012 in the amount of \$374.37 for Parks Excise Tax EFT
- Warrant #31420122 in the amount of \$3,937.34 for Public Works Excise Tax EFT

D. Personnel:

E. Appointments

F. Correspondence:

G. Miscellaneous:

H. Bid Openings:

Moved by Mr. Rosenfeld, seconded by Mr. Fralick, to approve the Consent Agenda of April 3, 2012. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Correspondence:

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve a letter to Matthew Bennett, Chief of the North Puget Sound Section, Department of Army, Corps of Engineers, clarifying the Council's request that scoping meetings be held on San Juan, Orcas and Lopez Islands regarding the NEPA/SEPA environmental review for the proposed Gateway Terminal project. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Citizens Access: The following citizens offered comments: (from **Orcas**) Cindy Carter, Christina Orchid, Mark Smolders, Kim Secunda; (from **San Juan Island**) Cynthia Dilling, Wendy Mickle, Chuck Schietinger, William Haviland, Ryan Crawford, Pete Gandini, Lisa Michaelson, Graham Crawbuck, Asha Leyla, Samantha Swanson, Janet Alderton, Tim Seifert, Lenora Johnson, Quinn Freedman, Kay Lee, Hawk Pingree, Madrona Murphy, David Dehlendorf, Robin Jacobson, Julia Miller, Louise Nishitani, Peggy Bill, Bill Wright, Kyle Loring; (**Lopez Island**) David Dell, Ron Metcalf, Nick Jones, Judy Meyer, Liz Scranton, Linda Hudson, Aurore Marin,

11:05 AM

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. To Consider an Ordinance Revising the General Fund Reserve Policy

(Continuation of Public Hearing from January 31) – Milene Henley, Auditor
Present: Full Council, County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to cancel the General Fund Reserve Policy Public Hearing scheduled for today and reschedule when appropriate. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

11:06 AM **DISCUSSION:** Presidential Proclamation regarding national monuments Council

1. Approval of Correspondence to Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar

Council continued discussion on the approval of a letter to Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to approve a letter as amended to Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar in support of a Presidential Proclamation that protects lands in San Juan County within the Bureau of Land Management. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

11:26 PM **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS** (continued):

2. Acceptance of Cofelt Farms Conservation Easement Deed (2nd Touch) Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank

Mr. Bormann provided an update on the Cofelt Farms Conservation Easement and answered questions from the Council.

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to move this item to the Consent Agenda for April 17, 2012. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

11:34 AM 2. To Consider Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Use Application No. POPNSP-11-0013 (Posel) – Julie Thompson, Planner III
Present: Full Council, County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public

Ms. Miller asked if any member of the public was interested in testifying regarding this matter. No one indicated a wish to testify.

Ms. Thompson reviewed the recommendations from the Planning Commission with the Council and answered questions. Ms. Miller opened for public testimony, and none was offered. Public testimony was closed with the right to reopen. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Fralick, to approve the Posel Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Current Use Application No. POPNSP-11-0013. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

3. To Consider an Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Current Use Application (Arzarian & Wahl) No. POPNSP-11-0010 – Lee McEnery, Planner III

Present: Full Council, County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public

Ms. McEnery reviewed the recommendations from the Planning Commission with the Council and answered questions. Ms. Miller opened for public testimony, and none was offered. Public testimony was closed with the right to reopen. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the Arzarian & Wahl (Tax Parcel No. 463634002) Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Land Current Use Application No. POPNSP-11-0010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

4. To Consider an Open Space Current Use Application (Ellis) No. POPNSP-11-0012 – Lee McEnery, Planner III

Present: Full Council, County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public

Ms. McEnery reviewed the recommendations from the Planning Commission with the Council and answered questions. Ms. Miller opened for public testimony, and none was offered. Public testimony was closed with the right to reopen. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the Ellis (Tax Parcel No. 252422002) Open Space Current Use Application No. POPNSP-11-0012. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

5. To Consider the Solid Waste Level of Service (LOS) Ordinance – Frank Mulcahy, Director Public Works; Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney

Present: Full Council, County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public

Mr. Mulcahy gave background information on the Ordinance and answered questions from the Council. Ms. Miller opened for public testimony, and none was offered. Public testimony was closed with the right to reopen. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to adopt an Ordinance for the Level of Service for the Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials in San Juan County as amended. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

12:31 AM **DISCUSSION:** Approval of Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC)
Agenda for April 11 – Linda Lyshall, AOC Coordinator

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to authorize Council representatives on the Accountability Oversight Committee to approve the recommendations of the Implementation Committee for the Action Agenda Oversight Group to fund the following proposals: 1) Oil Spill Readiness and Response, 2) Restoration Project Cultivation, 3) Derelict Vessels. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

12:35 PM **RECESS FOR LUNCH**

1:35 PM **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS (continued):**

3. Solid Waste Debt Long-Term Funding (1st Touch) – Pete Rose,
County Administrator

Mr. Rose led the discussion regarding a bond ordinance that would enable a sale to fund the Solid Waste program debt. Mr. Rose answered questions from the Council.

Discussion followed on Program Budget prepared by County Administrator Pete Rose.

Moved by Mr. Fralick, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to direct the County Administrator to prepare a 2013 Budget sorted by program. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

1:15 PM **DISCUSSION:** Solid Waste

1. Lease for The Exchange – Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney;
Frank Mulcahy, Director Public Works

Mr. Gaylord referred to a letter from George Post representing Orcas citizens wishing to maintain a solid waste facility called The Exchange. Mr. Gaylord suggested that Council treat the Exchange as any other bidder or RFP process which will examine the qualifications of the bidder.

2. Lopez Site Strategy – Frank Mulcahy, Director Public Works; Randall
Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney

Discussion followed on the options for sites on Lopez Island.

2:56 PM **PRESENTATION:** Transportation Issues – Tom Cowan, Governor's
Appointee to the Washington State Transportation Commission

Mr. Cowan gave an overview of the State Transportation Committee and provided statistics on numbers of passengers and vehicles on ferries each year. He described their twenty year plan and gave an overview of operations and capital needs, and upcoming fare box changes.

3:28 PM **DISCUSSION:** Update on Current Use Program – Charles Zalmanek, Assessor

Mr. Zalmanek gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided the definitions of farm and agricultural land as well as providing slides of properties in the farm and agricultural current use.

1. Consider appointment of an Advisory Committee

Discussion continued on whether the Council should appoint an Advisory Committee in regard to the current use program. They decided to get input from the Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC).

4:05 PM Ms. Pratt left the meeting.

3:30 PM **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Ferries/FAC/Intermodal: Mr. Rosenfeld reported that the supplemental budget was passed and it was to provide the first ongoing dedicated funding to ferries. Unfortunately that section was removed from the bill. We are only guaranteed the level of funding through the next 2 years. It may be that we will not be threatened with ferry cuts for the next five years. The Sidney ferry celebration was very pleasant and festive.

The Ferry Community Partnership meeting was held in Bremerton. Jim Corenman and Howie Rosenfeld attended by SKYPE.

There was an Executive Committee of the Ferry Advisory Committee on Thursday, March 29 that included the Washington State Ferries (WSF). Mr. Rosenfeld will email his notes to the Council from that meeting.

The WSF public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 5-7 pm in the Council Chambers. The meeting will be live-streamed and videoconference will be available at the Orcas and Lopez libraries. There will be an additional meeting on the 2:00 Interisland ferry to provide others a chance to meet with WSF staff. The FAC is expecting lots of interest in this meeting, especially since reservations will be one of the topics of the meeting. Brian Churchwell, Reservation Coordinator, will be in attendance.

Summer schedule is being finalized and will be similar to last summer

Budget Subcommittee: Mr. Fralick had nothing to report at this time.

General Government Subcommittee (GGS): Mr. Peterson reported that that the GGS did meet. The draft ordinance on Council Rules of Procedure was sent to the Prosecuting Attorney and is awaiting his approval as to form.

Solid Waste Subcommittee: Ms. Miller reported that the subcommittee will meet this Thursday, April 5, at 9:30 am.

Additional Updates & Discussion Items:

Mr. Peterson reported that the .03% Sales Tax Committee meeting has been scheduled for April 13 at 8:30 am. The Committee is looking at a ballot measure for the August primary.

4:55 PM CLERK UPDATE & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Ms. Gabriel reminded the Council that the next meeting will be a Special Meeting on April 16 that includes a scheduled wetlands fieldtrip, followed by a regular meeting on April 17.

Ms. See gave a committee report. There was a discussion regarding the requirements for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Review Agendas:

Ms. Miller reviewed future agendas with the Council.

Review Council Calendar Items: none

5:20 PM ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

These Minutes were approved and signed on April 17, 2012. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.