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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
January 19, 2010**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010 - Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**8:30 AM      WORKSHOP:** to discuss Solid Waste Funding Options

Council Chair RICHARD FRALICK called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Council Members Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, Bob Myhr, Lovel Pratt, and Rich Peterson, County Administrator, Pete Rose; Clerk to the Council, Ingrid Gabriel and interested members of the public were present.

Mr. Rose outlined that the purpose of the meeting was further discussion to prepare for the February 9, 2010 Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Adopting a Fee Ordinance for Solid Waste Services provided by the San Juan County Public Works Department.

Mr. Peterson articulated his outline of the Workshop discussion:

1. Bringing the Solid Waste program into compliance with the Department of Ecology water quality program;
2. Financing of the solid waste system;
3. Controlling self-haul to make the transfer site adequate.

Ed Hale, Public Works Utility Manager, and Steve Alexander, Solid Waste Manager answered questions directed to them by the Council.

Mr. Fralick asked for further information on the compliance schedule and the time required for completion.

Mr. Fralick called for a recess at 8:55 so that up to three Council Members could participate in a legislative conference call. The meeting reconvened at 9:27 and the Chair asked for a show of hands of members of the public who wanted to address the Council.

Mr. Hale continued discussion on the volatility of tipping fees and asked Council to define a stable source of revenue.

Mr. Alexander addressed compliance issues, their costs and the time line required to complete them. The transfer stations at San Juan and Orcas must have all operational and structural improvements to control sources of storm water contamination in place by July of 2010. Changes must be within the confines of the permit – cover on tipping floor and trailer bay and assurance that storm water doesn't mix with "process water" touching garbage or recycling materials. Storm water samples must be taken quarterly and will indicate if more measures are needed to achieve compliance.

Compliance costs are around .5 million (trailer bay and tipping floor cover and storm water improvements) on San Juan Island with additional funds needed for improvements; \$250,000 on Orcas. \$45,000 is the annual cost for storm water controls, assuming debt is used to pay the compliance improvements.

Ms. Pratt asked for clarification of how much of the estimated costs are new capital costs. Staff answered that old debt and site monitoring is \$258,000.

53 The variance to operate on San Juan is in effect until April, 2010. Mr. Hale noted that the County  
54 cannot effectively borrow money to come into compliance unless we show a revenue rate that will allow  
55 paying back the loan. Therefore, Council needs to make a funding decision.  
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57 **10:03 AM** Mr. Fralick opened public discussion and limited time to 5 minutes or less. The following  
58 Citizens addressed Council.  
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60 Robert Miller  
61 Calvin Den Hartog  
62 Fred Perez  
63 Lee Brooks  
64 Sharon Kivisto  
65 Helen Venada  
66 Dave Dysart  
67 Allan Rosenberg  
68 Jack Cory  
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70 **10:31 AM** Public discussion ended.  
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72 Mr. Alexander said that procurement laws require that designing and building must be under separate  
73 contracts.  
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75 Council continued and discussed fee structures.  
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77 Ms. Pratt suggested looking at exemption for affordable housing developments when considering a  
78 new development fee. Mr. Peterson responded that there is current state legislation under  
79 consideration that exempts affordable housing from impact fees. Mr. Myhr suggested a combined can  
80 fee and a gate fee eliminating the weighing re: Hybrid 2.  
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82 Ms. Pratt suggested that the Council look at each of the operating and capital expenses and discuss  
83 what the appropriate funding source should be in each case. Ms. Pratt also requested that staff return  
84 with modified funding models, and suggests further discussion on tipping fees.  
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86 King Fitch, Administrator Town of Friday Harbor, addressed Council to explain how the Town handles  
87 solid waste and recycling at the County transfer station and the basis for fees.  
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89 Recommendations from the Council will go to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on January 26<sup>th</sup>  
90 2010 and to Public Works for the public hearing set on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Mr. Rose suggested that  
91 Council be clear on the options it wants staff to cost out before the next meeting.  
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93 Ms. Pratt wanted more information on tipping fees for commercial v. self-haul as well as why fees for  
94 San Juan Sanitation and the Town of Friday Harbor are different. Mr. Rose said fees are based on  
95 cost of service analysis.  
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97 **Mr. Peterson moved to direct staff to create a draft ordinance that includes all of the**  
98 **elements reflected on hybrid number two, but adding the \$1000 new development fee**  
99 **except for affordable housing projects and the inclusion of a gate fee of \$2.00.**  
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101 **Mr. Myhr seconded the motion.**  
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103 **Ayes – Fralick, Peterson, Myhr, Knapp, Rosenfeld; Nay – Pratt**  
104 **Motion passed 5-1**

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106 **11:43 PM** Mr. Fralick adjourned the meeting.

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108 **COUNTY COUNCIL**  
109 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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114 ATTEST: Clerk of the Council

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118 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
119 Ingrid Gabriel, Clerk Date

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117 Richard Fralick, Chair  
118 District 4, Orcas West/Waldron

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121 Lovel Pratt, Vice Chair  
122 District 1, San Juan South

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125 Rich Peterson, Member  
126 District 2, San Juan North

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129 Howie Rosenfeld, Member  
130 District 3, Friday Harbor

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133 Gene Knapp, Member  
134 District 5, Orcas East

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137 Bob Myhr, Member  
138 District 6, Lopez/Shaw

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