

**MEETING MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
COUNTY COUNCIL
November 2, 2010**

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 - Council Hearing Room, Legislative Building, Friday Harbor

10:04 AM CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Richard Fralick called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Council members present: Vice-Chair Lovel Pratt, Howard (Howie) Rosenfeld, Gene Knapp, Bob Myhr, and Rich Peterson; County Administrator Pete Rose, Clerk to the Council Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See, and interested members of the public were present.

Mr. Fralick reminded the public that video recordings of Council meetings held in the Council Legislative Hearing Room are available for on-line viewing the day after the meeting. The videos will be archived for the three previous months and can be accessed by going to the San Juan County website www.sanjuanco.com and selecting the County Council tab.

Downloads from which to burn DVDs of meetings as well as attached documents are now available by ordering directly from the website. A sheet with directions is available on the back table.

Because of the demands on our staff's time, we ask that you please take advantage of the online service if at all possible. For those who are unable to download and burn due to technological limitations, our staff has a limited capacity to produce copies of the video on USB memory sticks. The cost is \$20 each.

New Employee Introductions: Charles Zalmanek introduced Phillip Majarucon, a new Appraiser in the Assessor's office.

Superior Court Judge Don Eaton explained that November 19 is National Adoption Day. He thanked the Council for the Proclamation supporting this designated day which helps to raise awareness in the community about children needing adoption.

Citizens Access: The following citizens submitted comments: Bob Levinson

10:15 AM Clerk Update and Administrative Matters – Clerk Ingrid Gabriel, Deputy Clerk Maureen See

Ms. Gabriel reminded the Council that there will not be a meeting the following Tuesday, November 9. The next date available for a public hearing is November 30, and it will start at 9:00 am.

Committee Update: Ms. See gave a committee update. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Myhr, to reappoint Josephine Banks to the San Juan County Fair Board. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to reappoint Amanda Azous to the Land Bank Commission. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2010:

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Review Agendas:

The Council is waiting for dates and time for a Solid Waste meeting that includes Dan Leidecker of San Juan Sanitation.

Review and Approve Consent Agenda:

A. Resolutions:

Ordinances:

B. Contracts/Agreements :

C. Budget Items:

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

- Warrants #86507-86564 in the amount of \$66,107.09 for County Claims
- Warrants #86565-86607 in the amount of \$250,184.86 for Public Works Claims

D. Personnel:

E. Appointments

F. Correspondence:

G. Miscellaneous:

Proclamation of November 19th as National Adoption Day

H. Bid Openings:

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the Consent Agenda of November 2, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Review Council Calendar Items:

Mr. Rosenfeld reported that he will be unable to attend the November 17 Board of Health meeting because he will be in Anacortes on Washington State Ferry business.

10:25 AM COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ferries/FAC/Intermodal: Mr. Rosenfeld asked for Council approval of a letter to the Governor regarding ferry rate proposals, and another letter supporting recommendations to Washington State Ferries from the Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee.

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to send Governor Gregoire a letter regarding the proposed ferry rate increases. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to send a letter in support of recommendations made by the Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee on ferries. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

The next Ferry Advisory Committee will be held on November 10, 11:30-1:30 pm at the Orcas

Landing (Orcas dock).

Mr. Rosenfeld also reported that Bob Distler will not be reappointed to the State Transportation Commission. Discussion followed on the feasibility of the FAC nominating a replacement.

Budget Subcommittee: Mr. Fralick reported that the committee has been looking at additional budget requests. The requests will be discussed later today.

General Government Subcommittee: Mr. Knapp updated the Council on the committee's task of defining what constitutes "unexcused absences." It was the committee's contention that the definition remains obscure due to the variety of possible absences. The committee would like the Prosecuting Attorney's opinion regarding absences on advisory boards/committees.

Mr. Peterson briefed the Council on a current situation regarding the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to declare that the Contributor position once held by a Lopez citizen on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to be vacant and that it must be reassigned. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Legislative Priorities: Ms. Pratt reported that she spent two days in Tacoma last week representing counties on the Puget Sound Partnership's Cross-Partnership Oil Spill Work Group. At these meetings Ms. Pratt received invitations to tour the BP Cherry Point Refinery and a tanker vessel, which she extended to the rest of the Council.

Additional Updates & Discussion Items:

1. Briefing to Council on Cannon at Odlin Park Mini-Initiative (1st Touch) – Karen Vedder, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Ms. Vedder explained Charter provisions regarding mini-initiatives. A public hearing on the ordinance is needed by mid-December. Ms. Vedder further explained that the Council is charged with accepting or rejecting the initiative.

Report on Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) by Mr. Peterson:

Mr. Peterson updated the Council on the recent LTAC meeting in which the members voted 5-4 not to shift \$5,000 to the Fair Department from a withdrawn grantee project. Members actively considered the tiered reserve plan proposal presented by the Auditor.

10:55 AM

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: Timber Current Use Application for Landon Quetin and Robin Ross Quetin – Julie Thompson, Associate Planner; Karen Vedder, Deputy 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. Fralick noted that this is a continued Public Hearing on the Current Use Application. Public testimony was opened at the prior Public Hearing on October 26, at which time testimony was received, and public testimony was closed with the right to reopen. Ms. Vedder gave an overview of the legal parameters of the Council's decision with regard to the application.

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to approve the Timber Current Use Application PTOSOP-100002. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

11:14 AM **DISCUSSION:** Adoption of a Resolution to support the establishment of a National Conservation Area (NCA) on Bureau of Land Management Lands in San Juan County **(PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED)** – Tom Reeve, Committee for the National Conservation Area (CNCA) Member

Mr. Reeve thanked Council for addressing this issue, and he reiterated that the goals of CNCA are to institutionalize and make more permanent the existing Bureau of Land Management lands. Mr. Fralick asked for public comment, and none was offered. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Ms. Pratt, to approve a Resolution to Support the Establishment of a National Conservation Area on Bureau of Land Management Lands in San Juan County. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

11:18 AM **DISCUSSION:** Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Plan (2nd Touch) – Dona Wuthnow, Director Parks & Recreation; Lincoln Bormann, Director Land Bank; Shannon Wilbur, Transportation Planner

Ms. Wuthnow gave an introduction to the components of the plan, and explained how the process was conducted. After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to direct the staff to prepare a resolution to adopt the San Juan County Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Plan 2011-2016, to be scheduled for November 20, 2010 at 9:45 am. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

11:23 PM **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve John Manning as Administrator Pro-Tem for the period November 3 through November 5, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Myhr, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve David Kelly as Administrator Pro-Tem for the period of December 10 through December 21, 2010. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

1. Amendment to San Juan County Code 18.90, Criteria and Procedures for Legislative Actions and Site Specific Redesignations (2nd Touch) – Colin Maycock, Senior Planner

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to have staff bring forward the option of having the enactment date three times a year instead of once a year. Vote 5-1(Myhr opposed) MOTION CARRIED

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Knapp, that we move the UDC Amendment proposals forward without San Juan County code 18.90.010 and San Juan County code 18.90.030 to Public Hearing on December 7, 2010 at 10:45 am. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to direct staff to prepare language regarding public notice that provides flexibility given potential changes to State legislation. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

12:07 PM 2. Appointments to Citizens Salary Commission – Pete Rose, County Administrator

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to appoint Laura Tuttle to serve in the legal Professional Position on the Citizens’ Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials for a term to expire December 31, 2011. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Ms. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to appoint James Wolf to serve in the Personnel Management Professional position on the Citizens’ Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials for a term to expire December 31, 2013. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

12:10 PM 3. Discussion of Amendment to the Mulno Cove Conservation Easement Deed (2nd Touch) – Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director

Ms. Pratt recused herself from the discussion.

4. Discussion of Acceptance of a Trail Easement Deed on the Smith/Weil Property, San Juan Island (2nd Touch) - Lincoln Bormann, Land Bank Director

12:15 PM 5. 2011 Staffing, Pay and Benefits Plan and Public Works Organizational Chart Resolution (1st Touch) – Pamela Morais, Human Resources Manager

12:23 PM **RECESS FOR LUNCH**

1:22 PM 6. Amendment to Personnel Rules for Emergency Closures (1st Touch) – Pete Rose, County Administrator

Mr. Rose introduced the proposal to amend personnel rules for emergency weather procedures.

1:30 PM **DISCUSSION:** Third Quarter Financial Review – Milene Henley,

Auditor

1:57 PM **DISCUSSION:** 2011 Levy Lift Allocations – Milene Henley, Auditor

2:10 PM **DISCUSSION:** Current Revenue Projections – Milene Henley,
Auditor

2:22 PM **DISCUSSION:** 2011 Preliminary Budget – Council Discussion
1. Solid Waste 3-Station 2011 Budget Presentation – Jon Shannon,
Director Public Works

A majority of the Council directed the Administration to move the three station model forward. Richard Fralick objected.

3:10 PM 2. Discussion of Unfunded Requests –

Mr. Rose introduced unfunded budget requests. Auditor Milene Henley was available for questions.

The following offered additional information regarding additional budget requests:
Stan Matthews, Jack Yelverton, Assessor Charles Zalmanek, Sheriff Bill Cumming,
Charlie Silverman, Victoria Compton

After discussion, the following action took place:

Moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Rosenfeld, to roll over the \$5,000 that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee awarded to a project that withdrew its grant, to the Fair & Events Dept. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

4:53 PM **ADJOURN AND SIGN DOCUMENTATION**

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

These Minutes were approved and signed on November 16, 2010. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file. Attest: Ingrid Gabriel, Council Clerk.