

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 23 AND 24, 2006**

**Monday, October 23, 2006 - Council Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Lichter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Council members Ranker and Myhr; County Administrator, Pete Rose; and Clerk to the Council, Carolyn Morrison, were present.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS**

**10:05 a.m.** – The Council held a Staff Meeting and a general work session to discuss County business. No action was taken.

**RECESS** - At 11:38 a.m., Council Chair Lichter recessed the meeting until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006 - Council Hearing Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Lichter called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Council members Ranker and Myhr; County Administrator, Pete Rose; and Clerk to the Council, Carolyn Morrison, were present.

**CITIZEN ACCESS TIME**

Edie DeChadenedes – Regarding a request for finding a way to recycle more solid waste.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The posted Council Agenda and Discussion/Other Action Agenda were revised.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Myhr, seconded by Lichter, to approve the minutes of **October 17, 2006**. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Ranker, seconded by Myhr, to approve the **Final Consent Agenda of October 24, 2006** as follows:

**A. Correspondence:**

1. Sign the letter to the Honorable Robert C. Petersen, Chair, WA State Parks and Recreation Commission, regarding SJC support of the State Parks 2013 Centennial plan budget requests.

**B. Miscellaneous:**

1. Approve and sign the corrected Council minutes of September 11 and 12, 2006 to reflect the inclusion of an omitted section under Public Hearings/Meetings/Work Sessions.

**C. Bid Openings:**

1. Approve a revised Call for Bids for Orcas and Lopez Islands Septage Lagoon closures and remediation, San Juan County, WA with sealed bids to be received by the County Council until 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2006 and the bid opening to occur precisely at 4:15 p.m. on that date after the last call. (Clerk's Note: The legal newspaper of the County incorrectly advertised the first approved Call for Bids for this item.)

Motion carried.

## **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**RES. NO. 56-2006** - Moved by Myhr, seconded by Ranker, to adopt the resolution adopting the Public Participation Plan for the SJC Critical Areas Ordinance revisions in accordance with the Washington Growth Management Act as identified by Exhibit A attached thereto. Motion carried.

### CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

**Parking Credit Agreement** – Present: Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney. As explained in his Memorandum to the Council dated October 20, 2006, Mr. Gaylord detailed the history of this proposed agreement between the County and Eastsound Associates, LLC. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Agreement No. 06RD65** - Moved by Ranker, seconded by Myhr, to sign the agreement between SJC and Eastsound Associates, LLC, pursuant to the terms of the agreement of the Eastsound Waterfront Access Plan adopted in 1996, granting public access to the tidelands described therein, in return for compensation by the County of parking credits as noted in SJC Code 16.55.300(3)(c)(1-7) as set forth therein. Motion carried.

### PERSONNEL ISSUES:

**1. Posting of Vacant County Council Staff Position** - By Consensus of the Council, it was agreed to post the vacant staff position in the office of the County Council of Deputy Clerk/Public Hearings Specialist at Range G, Step 1, of the Unrepresented Management pay schedule.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

**1. Review of Revised Draft of an Ordinance Regarding Regulation of Dogs and Other Animals** – Present: Randall Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney. The Council reviewed all proposed modifications and discussed additional suggestions. Chair Lichter allowed comments from the audience on a few of the items being considered. After adjustments were made to wording and compensation figures, **it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the changes made and to schedule a public hearing to formally consider this ordinance.**

**2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Recommendations** – Present: Matt Zybas, Utility Manager, and Michael Kaill, SWAC Chair. Mr. Zybas reported from the information in his Staff Report dated October 18, 2006 which detailed the recommendations of SWAC regarding the results of a five-month public process to develop findings, conclusions, and their recommendation in the form of a resolution. The SWAC report recommended that the County design and construct a new transfer facility at the existing site or a new site to serve San Juan Island that would offer recycling opportunities and accept self-haul waste from individuals. After hearing the report, Councilman Myhr asked for information related to the economics of these recommendations. Mr. Zybas did not have them available to discuss but stated he will provide them as requested by Mr. Myhr. The Council thanked the SWAC for their hard work and comprehensive and professional assessment of Phase 1. The Council added that they look forward to Phase 2 recommendations regarding the best siting possibility. Chair Lichter conveyed to Mr. Zybas and Mr. Kaill that upon receipt of the final report of Phase 2, the Council would consider moving forward to a public hearing. The information is to include estimated costs. At the time of the public hearing, the Council could consider a final decision regarding the issue. Again the Council thanked the SWAC for their work on this process.

**3. Coastal Counties Comments to the Puget Sound Partnership** – Councilman Ranker presented a printout for the Council and audience regarding the Coastal Counties Elected Officials comments on the Puget Sound Partnership. He requested that the Council offer support for this project to protect and restore fresh and marine waters of the Puget Sound. Mr. Myhr indicated he would be willing to support this proposal.

**4. Final Recommendations of the Oil Spill Advisory Council** – Councilman Ranker presented local government representatives' comments to the Governor regarding the work of the Oil Spill Advisory Council. The letter he copied for the Council and audience was signed by himself; Mike Dougherty, Clallam County Commissioner; and Maura Brueger, Senior Advisory for Federal Relations from the Office of King County Executive Ron Sims. Councilman Myhr asked where other people could comment, why only the three of them had signed the letter, and why SJC Public Works logo had been used. Mr. Ranker explained that the three signatories were the only ones that were to respond as they served on the Advisory Council. After discussion, It

was suggested that there should be consideration of a consistent SJC County Logo as there are currently several different ones being used by various departments.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS**

**11:00 a.m.** – (Commenced at 11:06 a.m.) County Administrator Council Briefing. Also present: Ron Henrickson, Community Development and Planning (CDPD) Director; available members of the SJC Marine Resources Committee (MRC); and interested parties.

**1. Request to Consider Funding WRIA 2 / Salmon Recovery Coordinator and MRC Coordinator from Contract Employees to FTE County Employees** – Mr. Rose explained that this matter has been under consideration for some time because it was determined that these two positions can no longer function as outside contractors. The current funding levels provide for 0.75 time for each position through grants, but both contractors have been working 40 hours per week. Mr. Rose stated that this issue would normally not be considered until after the budget was completed, but that a decision on this matter was required for resolving the proposed 2007 Budget. He asked the Council for a commitment today. It was noted that because the MRC Coordinator is leaving the County, Shireene Hale, CDPD Senior Planner, is doing this work at the present time. Mr. Henrickson noted this is a drain on staff time. Kit Rawson, Chair of the MRC, spoke for the nine members present in offering support for the proposal to make these positions full time. **It was the unanimous consensus of the Council to go forward with these two positions as presented for the 2007 budget; and to agree to post the MRC coordinator position due to the upcoming vacancy.**

**2. Updates** – Mr. Rose reported he was impressed with the Salmon Recovery Retreat he attended yesterday; that he also attended emergency management training; that a work session had been booked for the Council and Matt Zybas to discuss stormwater structure and fees; and that the bond sale closed today.

**3. Posting of Council Vacant Third Staff Position** – Councilman Myhr noted he had asked Mr. Rose to bring this item up in session so that the Council can go forward with posting a vacant staff position. Mr. Rose noted that he gave his blessing on posting the position. (See PERSONNEL ISSUES for details of Council consensus.)

**11:30 a.m.** - A work session was held for Presentation of the Proposed San Juan County 2007 Budget for Juvenile Court and Superior Court. Present: Mike Merringer, Superior Court Administrator; Tom Kearney, Juvenile Court Administrator; Pete Rose, County Administrator; and Charlotte Dye, Chief Deputy Auditor. Mr. Rose began with a prelude to the budget process. He noted that he had taken a conservative approach to the 2007 budget, including a proposal for sharing of staff. The County Current Fund is not sustainable and he recommended retooling prior to the 2008 Budget process. He concluded by adding that he is merging with Administrative Services. Councilman Ranker stated his appreciation for the budget book that had been presented and thanked all staff members who had worked on this project, including Debbie Emery, Kandy Hirschel, Amy Taylor, Barbara Wright, and Charlotte Dye. The Council noted that there would be no decisions today, but questions would be asked on each budget presented. Mr. Merringer went first. He had one new program request for a third Superior Court Judge. Mr. Kearney presented his budget and Councilman Myhr requested the statistical information on the court's caseload. No action was taken.

**1:30 p.m.** - A work session was held for Presentation of the Proposed San Juan County 2007 Budget for the Financial Group Consisting of the Auditor, Assessor, and Treasurer. Present: Paul Dossett, Assessor; Kathy Turnbull, Treasurer; Pete Rose, County Administrator; and Charlotte Dye, Chief Deputy Auditor. The three budgets were presented and questions of the Council were answered. No action was taken.

**2:30 p.m.** - A work session was held for Presentation of the Proposed San Juan County 2007 Budget for the Administrative and Legislative Group Consisting of the County Administrator, Administrative Services, and the County Council. Present: Pamela Morais, Human Resources Manager; Dave Zeretzke, Administrative Services Director; Pete Rose, County Administrator; Carolyn Morrison, Council Clerk/Office Manager; and Charlotte Dye, Chief Deputy Auditor. Mr. Zeretzke thanked Ms. Emery, Ms. Wright, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Dye for their work on preparing the budget books. Each office presented their proposed budget for 2007 and answered questions of the Council. No action was taken.

**3:45 p.m.** - A work session was held for Presentation of the Proposed San Juan County 2007 Budget for the San Juan County Parks Department and County Fair Department. Present: Donna Wuthnow, SJC Parks Superintendent; available members of the Park Board; Christine Miller, SJC Fair Coordinator; available members of the Fair Board; Pete Rose, County Administrator; and Charlotte Dye, Chief Deputy Auditor. Ms. Wuthnow

began with a Power Point presentation and answered the questions of the Council concerning the Parks Budget. Ms. Miller presented the Fair Budget and also answered questions of the Council. No action was taken.

At the end of the presentations of the day, it was noted that some of the information provided in the Budget Book needed adjustment. Notations were made for necessary corrections.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion carried. At 4:40 p.m. Chair Lichter adjourned the meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 30, 2006, and the next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

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**These minutes were approved and signed on October 31, 2006. The original document is retained in the Council's permanent proceedings file dated October 23 and 24, 2006. Attest: Carolyn K. Morrison, Clerk.**