



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, August 16, 2018 – Council Chambers – Afternoon Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ghatan called the regular session of the Town Council to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Steve Hushebeck (Position No. 1), Noel Monin (Position No. 2), Anna Maria de Freitas (Position No. 3) and Tim Daniels (Position No. 4). Barbara Starr (Position No. 5) was absent.

Others Present: Mayor, Farhad Ghatan; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Council unanimously excused the absence of Councilmember Starr.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ghatan conducted the flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SCHEDULE CHANGES

Mayor Ghatan announced that Council would hold a closed session for labor negotiations.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

No public access was forthcoming.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ed Warbass Sculpture

At 12:01 pm, Mayor Ghatan introduced Gareth Curtiss, sculptor, to describe the commissioned piece of artwork. The Ed Warbass Way Sculpture is a bronzed depiction Ed Warbass and his dog “Bob” sitting on a bench. Mr. Curtiss described the materials and process for creating a bronze cast. Discussion followed regarding bonding for the contract. The Council and Mayor thanked Mr. Curtiss. No action was taken.

John O. Linde Fields – Amplified Sound

At 12:12 pm, Mayor Ghatan introduced Maddie Ovenell, Island Rec Executive Director, to make a request for limited amplified sound at John O. Linde Fields during sanctioned sporting events. Ms. Ovenell requested that amplified sounds be allowed at events as follows:

- Sound at events will only be allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. for a duration of 15 minutes per event.
- Sound will only be played on Island Rec equipment preset with a maximum volume level in the park.
- Island Rec would reserve the right to approve or deny sound with any event.
- Island Rec would reserve the right to deny future requests if rules are not followed.

Discussion followed regarding the “neighborly” policy and if approved, re-evaluating the request within one year.
Council consensus to consider the request pending review by the Community Development Department and a public meeting.

Rock Island Communications – Memorandum of Understanding

At 12:36 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of a request by Rock Island Communications (RIC) to install certain improvements within the Town to increase access to broadband. Administrator Wilson explained that RIC wants to install equipment and facilities based at the WWTP and other strategic locations improve fiber optic. RIC proposes to hook up the WWTP, Town Shop and Water Plant in exchange for use of the locations. Discussion followed regarding the proposed route. No action was taken.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

At 12:45 p.m., Administrator Wilson presented the Town Council with an update of the following:

- Renaming request – A request was received to rename the Breezeway to honor former Mayor Jones. **Council consensus to find an alternative location (with more grandeur) such as the planned fire museum or a future park.**
- Sunshine Alley Restroom – The Consultant has provided preliminary designs. Discussion followed regarding industrial panels for the ease of cleaning.
- Closed Session – Town is in the process of negotiating with Local 1849F for the new bi-annual collective bargaining agreement. The Town Council will be holding closed sessions as needed.
- Ordinance No. 1647 – **Moved by Monin, seconded by de Freitas, to adopt Ordinance No. 1647, authorizing an interfund loan to provide interim financing for certain improvements to the Town’s wastewater treatment plant. Motion passed 4-0 with Starr absent .**
- Property Transfer – The Town is working on the property transfer located on Harbor Street between the WWTP and PW departments.
- Street Closure – Argyle Avenue will be partially closed on August 17th while the sub-base on Nichols is prepared.
- Microsoft 365 – Email migration is complete. Instructions for syncing devices were distributed.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Monin, seconded by de Freitas, to approve the payment of Claim Warrant Nos. 44503 through 44552 in the amount of \$497,434.80. Motion passed 4-0 with Starr absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Hushebeck, to approve the minutes of **August 2, 2018 as corrected.** Motion passed 4-0 with Starr absent.

FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were forthcoming.

CITIZEN RESPONSE

No citizen response was forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Ghatan adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

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These minutes were approved on [date]. The original document is retained by the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk