



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, September 2, 2021 – 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), Tim Daniels (Position No. 4) and Barbara Starr (Position No. 5). Anna Maria de Freitas (Position No. 3) was absent.

Mayor, Farhad Ghatan; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; Finance Director, Bethany Berry; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Council consensus to excuse the absence of Councilmember de Freitas.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ghatan conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

Mayor Ghatan accepted public access regarding the proposal to mandate Covid-19 vaccinations for employees and volunteers. The following residents spoke against the mandating the vaccine as a condition of employment (not reflective of whether the individual was pro- or anti- vaccine.) Kelle' Wilson, Laura Nibler, Justin Nibler and Mark Heckle.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legislative Update

At 12:09 p.m., Mayor Ghatan welcomed Washington 40th District Representatives Alex Ramel and Patty Lovelett to provide a legislative update. Topics included public health infrastructure, HB1069 Stimulus Package, pending legislation for childcare and education, rental assistance, and Washington State Ferries. The Council thanked Representatives Ramel and Lovelett. No action was taken.

Friday Harbor Arts Commission

At 12:41 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced Teresa Smith as the new candidate to volunteer on the Friday Harbor Arts Commission. No discussion followed.

Moved by Starr, seconded by Monin, to affirm the appointment of Teresa Smith to the Friday Harbor Arts Commission. Motion passed 4-0 with de Freitas absent.

Covid-19 Vaccination Mandate

At 12:43 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion concerning Covid-19 vaccination mandates. Administrator Wilson explained that the State and San Juan County recently mandated that employee receive the vaccination as a condition of employment. Administrator Wilson explained that the Council may also opt to mandate vaccinations and that issues relating to such a policy are mitigated through the union negotiations. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of such policies. No action was taken. **[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Starr**

45 ***stated favor for the policy, while Councilmembers Monin, Hushebeck and Daniels declined to entertain at this time.***
46 ***No motion was made.]***

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48 Resolution No. 2662

49 At 1:05 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of draft Resolution No. 2662 regarding carbon filter media.
50 Administrator Wilson explained that Calgon Carbon submitted a responsive bid for sole-source carbon filter media
51 supply and recharging. No discussion followed.

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53 **Moved by Hushebeck, seconded by Starr, to adopt Resolution No. 2662, authorizing the Mayor to execute an**
54 **agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation for sole-source supply of activated granulated carbon for the Water**
55 **Treatment Plant. Motion passed 4-0 with de Freitas absent.**

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57 **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

58 At 1:15 p.m., Administrator Wilson presented the Town Council with an update of the following:

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- 61 • Crosswalk Request – Town received a request to install a crosswalk near Tucker Avenue and University
 - 62 • Sewer ULID – The Port, Buck Family and Home Trust are negotiating a cost sharing agreement for a
 - 63 • Spring Street Rain Gardens – The demonstration garden will cost approximately \$5,000 to replant this
 - 64 • Water Treatment Filter – The sand filter at the water treatment plant has been repaired.
 - 65 • Water Systems Manager – Mike Deegan has submitted his notice of retirement effective October 1, 2021.
 - 66 • ARPA Funding Requests – Town received another round of ARPA requests that will be presented during
 - 67 • Local 1849F – Union negotiations for the next collective bargaining agreement have started.
 - 68 • New Employee – Town hired Emily Bayuk to fill the Sewer Department position.
 - 69 • 9/11 Ceremony – Town will participate in the September 11th Remembrance Ceremony at Memorial Park.
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74 **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

75 Moved by Monin, seconded by Starr, to affirm the payment of Payroll Warrants and approve the payment of
76 Claim Warrants as enumerated below. Motion passed 4-0 with de Freitas absent.

77 Presented at Council Meeting: September 02, 2021

78 Approval of 2021 Claim Warrants

- 79 • Warrant Number: 48178-48224
- 80 • ACH Number:
 - 81 • Amount: \$201,603.35
 - 82 • Dated: 09/02/21
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84 Approval of August 2021 Payroll Warrants

- 85 • Warrant Number: 17407-17417
 - 86 • ACH Number: 60-62
 - 87 • Amount: \$ 331,791.30
 - 88 • Dated: 08/31/21
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90 Approval of MONTH 2021 Treasurer Checks

- 91 • Warrant Number: 10143-10151
 - 92 • ACH Payments: 1
 - 93 • Amount: \$ 9,310.46
 - 94 • Dated: August 2021
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96 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
97 Moved by Starr, seconded by Daniels, to approve the minutes of August 19, 2021 as submitted. Motion passed 4-
98 0 with de Freitas absent.

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100 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
101 Councilmember Monin requested that traffic calming be addressed or additional enforcement at the new
102 roundabout.

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104 Mayor Ghatan stated that the FHAC is focusing on bringing art to Spring Street.

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106 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**
107 Howard Rosenfeld commented on the proposed vaccine mandates and suggested offering a monetary incentive.

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109 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Ghatan continued the meeting at 1:36
110 p.m. The continued meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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113 **These minutes were approved by motion of the Town Council . The original document is retained by the Clerk in**
114 **the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk**