



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, Date, 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), Anna Maria de Freitas (Position No. 3), Tim Daniels (Position No. 4) and Barbara Starr (Position No. 5).

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ghatan conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

Public Access was accepted from the following individuals concerning the proposed vaccine mandates: Lora Nibler, Kelle' Wilson, Sandy Strehlou, Mike Carlson, Alison Posenjak, Debbie Sandwith and David Rothenson.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID-19 Vaccination Mandates

At 12:23 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of mandating COVID-19 vaccinations as a condition of employment. SJC Health Officer Frank James commented on safety. Administrator Wilson explained that the purpose of the conversation was to allow members who were not present on September 2nd comment. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of the proposed mandate and audience comments.

Moved by Starr, seconded by de Freitas, to direct staff to prepare a policy for consideration that would include incentives and exemptions. Motion passed 3-1 with Daniels opposed and Hushebeck abstained.

Ordinance No. 1732

At 1:18 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of draft Ordinance No. 1732 relating to Town Fire Marshal. Administrator Wilson explained that the Town unintentionally repealed the fire marshal position when it abolished the fire department years ago. No discussion followed.

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Starr, to adopt Ordinance No. 1732, adopting Chapter 2.13 FHMC relating to Fire Marshal. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire & Town Marshal Appointment

At 1:20 p.m., Mayor Ghatan requested that Council affirm his appointment of Ryan Ericson to the position of Marshal and Fire Marshal for the Town of Friday Harbor. No discussion followed.

Moved by Starr, seconded by Hushebeck, to affirm the appointment Community Development and Planning Director Ryan Ericson to the position of Marshal and Fire Marshal for the Town of Friday Harbor. Motion passed unanimously.

47 HPRB Appointment

48 At 1:21 p.m., Mayor Ghatan requested that the Council affirm his appointment of Karl Eberhard to the vacant
49 position on the Historic Preservation Review Board. Mr. Eberhard introduced himself and spoke about his
50 credentials.

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52 **Moved by Starr, seconded by de Freitas, to affirm the appointment of Karl Eberhard to the Historic Preservation
53 Review Board. Motion passed unanimously.**

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55 Resolution No. 2669

56 At 1:22 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of draft Resolution No. 2669 concerning 1000 Guard Street.
57 Administrator Wilson explained that SJC has exercised its right to request a six-month renewal on their current
58 lease. No discussion followed.

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60 **Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Monin, to adopt Resolution No. 2669, authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease
61 agreement with San Juan County for 1000 Guard Street. Motion passed unanimously.**

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63 Resolution No. 2670

64 At 1:25 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of draft Resolution No. 2670 concerning refuse containers.
65 Administrator Wilson explained that the purchase of totes is for distribution to existing SFR customers for use
66 with the new two-lift refuse packer. No discussion followed.

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68 **Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Starr, to adopt Resolution No. 2670, authorizing the Mayor to execute a
69 purchase agreement with SWS Equipment for 1,200 (each) 32-gallon refuse containers with integrated lift bar
70 design per the quote dated September 9, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.**

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72 Sewer Outfall Project

73 At 1:38 p.m., Mayor Ghatan introduced discussion of the Sewer Outfall Replacement Project. Administrator
74 Wilson listed the capital funds that are accessible if the Department of Ecology declines the Town’s request to
75 increase the forgivable loan for the project. No discussion followed.

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77 **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

78 At 1:48 p.m., p.m., Administrator Wilson presented the Town Council with an update of the following:

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- 81 • Second/Spring Street Stormwater Project – An update was provided regarding secondary storm sewer
82 repairs.
 - 83 • Curbside Plastic Recycling – The pilot project will begin in October.
 - 84 • Petition – Homes for Islanders submitted a petition requesting speed bumps on Browne & Ross Street.
 - 85 • RFP Financial Software – Town will be requesting proposals for new software.
 - 86 • LTAC – The Committee will review H/M Grant applications on October 6, 2021.
 - 87 • Trout Lake – The reservoir measure -53 below spillway.
 - 88 • First Street Pocket Park – The Contractor is authorized to mobilize beginning September 20, 2021.

89 **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

90 Moved by Monin, seconded by Starr, to affirm the payment of Claim Warrants as enumerated below. Motion
91 passed 4-0 with Daniels absent.

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93 Approval of 2021 Claim Warrants

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- 95 • Warrant Number: 48227-48264
 - 96 • ACH Number: EFT 1-3 and CC Payment 1-5
 - 97 • Amount: \$104,935.23
 - Dated: 09/16/21

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99 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

100 Minutes were postponed to September 30, 2021.

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102 **FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

103 No future agenda items were forthcoming.

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105 **CITIZEN RESPONSE**

106 No citizen response was forthcoming.

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108 Councilmember Monin stated that “Facebook like” comments previously made by the audience were not
109 appropriate.

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111 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Ghatan continued the meeting at 2:07
112 p.m. until Thursday, September 30, 2021 for the purpose of unfinished business. The next regular meeting is
113 scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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