

## **Town Council – May 5, 2005 @ Noon**

The Town Council met in regular session with Mayor Boothman presiding.

Members present: Emery, Gillette, Jones, & Rosenfeld

Council excused the absence of Councilmember Brooks.

Others present: Treasurer Picinich, Utilities Superintendent Wilks, Land Use Administrator Bertrand, and Historic Preservation Coordinator Strehlou

Mayor Boothman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the public access portion of the meeting, Arnie Klaus, 8667 Cattle Point Road, thanked Council for their endorsement of hotel motel funds to support the Westcott Bay Institute and its Island Museum of Art.

### BOCC Update

San Juan County Commissioner, Kevin Ranker, reported that the state legislature has earmarked \$250,000 for a Department of Transportation (DOT) study to develop a plan for traffic and flow issues in Friday Harbor. Mr. Ranker indicated that he hoped the Intermodal Transportation Committee could take a leadership roll in guiding the DOT study.

Councilmember Emery emphasized that once the study is completed, she hoped the solution would be jointly funded between all parties. Commissioner Ranker expressed that he felt the Town would be in a good position for some sort of state assistance to make any suggested improvements.

### Community Development Report

At 12:13 PM, Land Use Administrator, Mike Bertrand, distributed reports depicting development and building projects throughout Town.

Mr. Bertrand reported that an appeal has not been filed in regards to the Tukang Enterprises view protection overlay and view mitigation permit approved by Council on 3/3/05 for development at 151 West Street.

Mr. Bertrand pointed out that a joint Town Council and Planning Commission public hearing would be held on May 26, 2005 at 7:00 PM to hear public testimony regarding a request for property redesignation from Magnum Investments.

Mr. Bertrand indicated that the Chamber of Commerce has taken advantage of the Town's new event sign regulations for two upcoming summer events. Mr. Bertrand explained that he has been working with Steven Robbins regarding signage for the Farmers Market and local museums.

Mr. Bertrand announced that an incomplete application has been submitted for a conditional use permit for the development of sports fields near Larsen and Carter Streets. Following inquiry it was determined that the Clerk would notify Council when the Town received a completed application.

Councilmember Rosenfeld inquired whether or not a person “wearing” a sandwich board type of sign would fall legally within the Town’s sign regulations. Mr. Bertrand answered that as long as the person wearing such a sign continued to move along the public ways, it would be considered the same as wearing an advertisement t-shirt.

Councilmember Gillette asked Mr. Bertrand’s advice regarding procedure for replacing the previously removed sidewalk on Caines Street in front of the Weissinger/Kennedy building. Mr. Bertrand answered that issues, of this type, did not fall within his department and suggested Council speak with Administrator Fitch upon his return. Councilmember Rosenfeld noted that the bump out sidewalk was still necessary, but that replacement of the old sidewalk would be beneficial to pedestrians.

#### Historic Preservation Report

At 12:24 PM, Historic Preservation Coordinator, Sandy Strehlou, reported that the new Friday Harbor Center building owners would be given a historic award for Outstanding Achievement in Historically Compatible New Construction on May 28, 2005. Ms. Strehlou spoke of various other historic outreach campaigns, including a historic fact-finding questionnaire; walking tour brochure; and landmark registry. Ms. Strehlou reported on the Historic Board retreat held on April 23, 2005 and their discussion regarding various ways to encourage the preservation of historic buildings.

Councilmember Rosenfeld suggested the Town expand its historic district to include other areas in Town to encourage developments to design their projects around Friday Harbor’s historic architecture. Ms. Strehlou answered that historic principals could be expanded to encourage historic architecture in other areas of Town, but the boundaries of a historic district should be based on actual historic significance. Councilmember Emery observed that encouraging historic preservation via parking and height incentives made sense within the downtown core area, but may not be advisable outside of said current district.

#### Utilities Department Report

Utilities Superintendent, Mike Wilks, reported on April rainfall (1.37”), Trout Lake level (full), and water production (8,688,000 gallons). Mr. Wilks described a trip to the Everett Water Treatment Plant to see an ozone generator the City of Everett is willing to surplus to the Town of Friday Harbor to use in a pilot study to determine if ozone treatment would help lower trihalomethanes (THM) levels in the Town drinking water. Mr. Wilks reported on other methods the Town is currently experimenting with to lower THM levels. Mr. Wilks stated that the

Tucker Avenue shoulder project is scheduled to begin either May 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilks reported on the timeline for this summer's street and crosswalk stripping projects. Mr. Wilks stated that the summer hanging baskets would be hung by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Wilks commented that the Town is currently recruiting for a new refuse truck driver.

Councilmember Emery inquired if traffic would be re-routed during the Tucker Avenue shoulder improvement project. Mr. Wilks answered that there was a possibility of some re-routing, but he felt the contractor would keep one lane open and direct traffic with flaggers.

#### Student Action Center Presentation

Chimmayo, Emily Bayuk-Johnson, and Priscilla Hawkins asked Council to support the placement of 6' X 3' cement and rebar chess tables within Town. Ms. Bayuk-Johnson and Ms. Hawkins described the particulars of the possible designs and themes of said tables. They indicated that the Port of Friday Harbor has already agreed to the placement of a chess table at the airport and marina. They asked Council to pledge areas within the Town for said chess tables. They explained that a walking path leading pedestrians to the different chess tables throughout the Town and County might be developed in the future.

Mayor Boothman indicated that discussions with Town Administrator Fitch regarding liability would be necessary before a final decision could be obtained.

#### Planning Commission Nominee

Mayor Boothman indicated that the individual who he asked to consider being on the Town Planning Commission has not yet accepted or denied the request.

#### Minutes

Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to approve the Town Council minutes of April 21, 2005 noon and 5:30 PM meetings as written. Councilmember Gillette asked that some of the specifics of the Fire Chief's report be added to the minutes. Following discussion, the motion to approve the minutes as drafted passed 3 to 1, with Councilmember Gillette opposed because of the omission of minutes regarding the fatal plane crash near Orcas Island.

At 1:13 PM, hearing no further business before Council and no objection, Mayor Boothman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Gary G. Boothman, Mayor

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Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk