

Town Council – March 16, 2006 @ 5:30 PM

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

Members present: Brooks, Emery, Gillette, Illg, & Rosenfeld

Others present: Town Administrator Fitch, Attorney Eaton, Treasurer Picinich & Land Use Administrator Bertrand

Mayor Jones led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jones suggested the meeting start with the unfinished agenda items from the noon Town Council meeting.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Fitch distributed a copy of a sketch by Kevin Petersen depicting a traffic circle at the intersection of Argyle Avenue and Spring Street. Council indicated they would be interested in discussing this suggestion at a future Town Council meeting.

Administrator Fitch indicated he is securing a proposal from Brown & Caldwell to update the Water System Hydraulic Model so that the recently completed 327 foot pressure system on Marguerite Street could be included in said model. Discussion followed regarding the elasticity of the Town water supply; number of average water connections within a year; and development impacts.

Councilmember Rosenfeld inquired about the Brown and Caldwell ozone experiment report. Administrator Fitch indicated that following staff review of said report it would be distributed to Council and the State Department of Ecology.

Minutes

Councilmember Gillette submitted the following revision to the draft March 2, 2006 5:30 PM Town Council meeting minutes for consideration:

~~Councilmember Gillette indicated that the amount of recycle traffic at the San Juan County Solid Waste Facility on Sutton Road is causing difficulties and reported on several ways the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is attempting to manage this traffic issue. Mr. Gillette suggested the Town collect recycling in the same manner as the County accepts recycling to help eliminate individual trips to the recycling center on Sutton Road. Following discussion and inquiry, Administrator Fitch volunteered to have the Town employees who are more familiar with the Town's recycling program speak with Council.~~

Councilmember Gillette summarized the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting of February 27, 2006. Wally reported that the Public Works Manager Jon Shannon stated to SWAC that the amount of traffic at the Solid Waste Facility on Sutton Road is excessive and causing concern. A third employee has been added whose primary duty is to control traffic. Ed Hale presented SWAC with the following options to alleviate the problem: impose mandatory County wide

collection of waste and recyclables; close the Sutton Road Facility for individual deliveries; impose a gate fee; develop a separate site for recyclables; refuse recyclable materials; divert commercial, Town and contractor wastes to Orcas; ration service by license number and/or expand operating hours. Wally suggested to the Council that the Town could reduce the problem by collecting recyclables using the same criteria as the County. The County's system allows Town residents to co-mingle paper and cardboard along with all the items currently permitted by the Town. Because the Town does not permit co-mingling, residents have an incentive to make individual trips to the Sutton Road facility. Following discussion and inquiry Administrator Fitch stated that he would have a staff member speak with the Council at our next meeting.

Councilmember Emery commented that she did not object to the new language, but was uncertain if all the stated information was actually offered during the meeting. Councilmember Gillette indicated he thought he had stated all of the proposed revision. Following discussion, Councilmember Gillette moved and Councilmember Brooks seconded to approve the Town Council noon minutes as written and 5:30 PM minutes as corrected by Councilmember Gillette. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims

At 5:49 PM, Councilmember Gillette moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to approve the payment of claim warrants #27522 through #27581 in the amount of \$249,035.13. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-agenda

Councilmember Brooks reported that the Affordable Housing Funding Commission no longer exists as of Tuesday, March 14th, because the San Juan County Council has formed a Housing Bank to replace said Commission. Ms. Brooks indicated that because of the increased commitment necessary to serve on said Housing Bank, after 60 days, she would be unable to continue to serve any longer and encouraged another Councilmember to volunteer. Ms. Brooks commented that a letter has been sent to the State Attorney General's office asking for the ability to use moderate income levels versus low income levels for refunds. Ms. Brooks reported on homelessness figures for San Juan County.

Councilmember Rosenfeld suggested that Council members who attend mandatory adhoc committee meetings should be compensated in some way. Following discussion regarding the particulars of the idea, Mayor Jones and Administrator Fitch volunteered to study the issue and report back to Council at a later date.

Income Survey Update

Councilmembers Emery and Illg reported on income survey process information; the timeline of said survey in relation to upcoming grant applications; and the type of information to be gathered. They suggested the Town conduct its 2006 Income Survey utilizing the same techniques employed during the 1996 Income Survey by using volunteers, Town staff, and a paid coordinator. Councilmember Emery

reported that the coordinator who orchestrated the previous income survey was enthusiastic about coordinating this survey also. Discussion and inquiry followed. As an alternative, Councilmember Emery noted that the Town could hire a professional to conduct a mailed survey, but due to budget constraints, she advocated following the previous income survey format. Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Rosenfeld seconded to conduct an income survey within the Town of Friday Harbor limits using volunteers, Town staff, and a paid coordinator commencing in the Fall. Following further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #1503

At 6:17 PM, Mayor Jones opened discussion of draft Resolution #1503. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Consent Decree regarding litigation with Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said Resolution. Councilmembers expressed appreciation for Administrator Fitch's management of this issue. Following discussion, Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to adopt Resolution #1503 as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

Finding of Fact and Ordinance #1302

At 6:24 PM, Mayor Jones opened Council discussion of the adoption of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding the rezone of 720 Park Street from single family residential to professional services. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said Findings and draft Ordinance #1302. An ordinance rezoning Lot 35 of Price's Addition to Friday Harbor to Professional Services. Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Gillette seconded to adopt said Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Ordinance #1302 as stated. The motion passed 4 to 1, with Councilmember Emery opposed.

Closed Session

At 6:26 PM, hearing no objection, Mayor Jones declared the meeting in closed session to discuss labor negotiations for approximately 15 minutes.

At 6:50 PM, Mayor Jones declared the meeting back in regular session and hearing no further business or objection, declared the meeting adjourned.

David F. Jones, Mayor

Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk