

Town Council – April 5, 2007 @ 5:30 PM

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

Members present: Balcomb-Bartok, Brooks, Emery, Gillette, & Illg

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

Mayor Jones led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public access items forthcoming.

Continued Administrator's Report

Mayor Jones asked Administrator Fitch to finish his Administrator's report from the noon Town Council meeting.

Administrator Fitch reported that he accepted the health related resignation of Town employee, Mary Keith. Mr. Fitch noted that there may be some re-organization of Town positions due to said resignation. Mr. Fitch reported on other employment recruitment matters.

Administrator Fitch indicated that the Spring Street/Blair Street crosswalk design drawings are complete and the project to add a cross walk at this location should go out to bid in the near future. Mr. Fitch mentioned that the addition of said crosswalk will eliminate the right hand turn lane from Blair Street to Spring Street.

Non-agenda

Mayor Jones presented the winning Centennial Celebration Logo. Following review of the winning logo, Council asked that the artist be asked to change the water color to blue.

Councilmember Balcomb-Bartok inquired about the status of the historic looking light poles within the downtown core. Administrator Fitch indicated that Historic Preservation Coordinator Strehlou is speaking with the Historic Preservation Review Board regarding the use of a different light pole configuration.

Town Financial Reports

At 5:45 PM, Treasurer Picinich gave a presentation explaining the Town's financial reports.

Claims & Payroll

At 6:55 PM, Councilmember Balcomb-Bartok moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to approve the payment of claim warrants #29079 through #29148 in the amount of \$101,160.09 and payroll warrants #12155 through #12239 in the amount of \$194,982.36. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilmember Gillette moved and Councilmember Brooks seconded to approve the Town Council minutes of March 15, 2007 noon and 5:30 PM meetings. Following some wordsmithing by Councilmember Balcomb-Bartok, the motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed unanimously. Councilmember Illg abstained from the vote because she was not in attendance at said meetings.

Council Retreat Discussion

Mayor Jones opened discussion of a Council retreat. Following discussion, Council asked staff to contact the Friday Harbor House regarding the use of their conference room. Discussion continued regarding a facilitator; staff attendance; possible dates; and agenda items.

Public Access Discussion

At 7:08 PM, Council began discussing the issues presented during public access at the noon Town Council meeting.

Following discussion, Council asked staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature on behalf of the Council in support of the Islanders for the Environment grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Following discussion, Councilmember Illg volunteered to draft a letter for Council signature to the San Juan County Land Bank supporting the San Juan Historic Society's request for consideration of historic easements on the King House and other possible structures located on their property. Discussion of other potential Land Bank purchases within the Town was suggested as a Council retreat agenda item.

Non-agenda – con't

At 7:31 PM, Councilmember Emery indicated that a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss the Island Ambassador program.

Councilmember Emery noted that she is going to be on the civil service interview panel, as a councilmember, and wanted to make sure this was acceptable to the other Council members. No concerns or objections were expressed.

Councilmember Emery suggested that revisions to the Town signage ordinance be placed on the Council retreat agenda for discussion.

Councilmember Emery noted that the date for filing for re-election is earlier in the year than previous years. Mayor Jones reminded Council of their obligation to file their public disclosure paperwork prior to April 15th.

Councilmember Balcomb-Bartok notified Council of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) meeting on April 10th at the San Juan Island Grange regarding vessel impacts on killer whales.

Councilmember Balcomb-Bartok mentioned a Marine Resources Committee workshop on Saturday, 3/7/07 to hear comments on strategies for marine stewardship.

Councilmember Brooks mentioned that the Housing Bank is planning on distributing a housing needs assessment report to the San Juan County Administrator and Planning Department on Monday, 4/9/07.

Mayor Jones, Councilmember Brooks, and Councilmember Emery noted various training opportunities they would like to attend. No objections were expressed to their attendance.

At 7:43 PM, hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned.

David F. Jones, Mayor

Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk