

## **Town Council – May 17, 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: Attorney Eaton, & Land Use Administrator Bertrand

Mayor Jones led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
There were no public access items forthcoming.

### Ordinance #1334

Regarding the passage of Ordinance #1334 at the noon Town Council meeting, Mayor Jones explained that staff measured the amount of space considered necessary for safety under Section 2(C)(3) of Ordinance #1334 and has requested that Council change the amount of 4-hour time limited parking footage from three hundred feet to five hundred feet. By motion made, seconded, and approved, Council agreed to rescind their earlier passage of Ordinance #1334.

Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Balcomb-Bartok seconded to adopt Ordinance #1334 extending the 4-hour parking limit area described under Section 2(C)(3) from three hundred feet to five hundred feet. The motion passed unanimously.

### Resolution #1573

Mayor Jones opened discussion of draft Resolution #1573. A resolution by the Council of the Town of Friday Harbor appointing a damage claims agent. Attorney Eaton explained the particulars of said resolution, which appoints the Town Administrator as the designated claims agent to receive claims for damages against the Town per the requirements of Chapter 4.96, RCW. Councilmember Gillette moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to adopt Resolution #1573 as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

### Land Bank Priorities

Mayor Jones opened discussion of the Town's priorities for Land Bank acquisitions, including view protection areas. Mayor Jones noted that the areas discussed during the Council retreat were the Whale Museum, San Juan Island Grange, and the property on 1<sup>st</sup> Street North next to the Cannery House Restaurant.

Councilmember Emery clarified that she thought Council had determined that asking for the Land Bank to pursue the purchase or protection of a property should be initiated by the property owner and not a Town Council decision. Mayor Jones offered to contact the above listed property owners to see if they were interested in the Town putting their property on a list for Land Bank consideration. Council agreed with Mayor Jones' suggestion.

Following discussion regarding other areas for consideration, such as the dam inundation area and/or watershed protection; amount of Land Bank funds

available; and the allowable uses of Land Bank funds; Council determined their Land Bank priorities as watershed development and inundation area protection; view protection easements; and protection of historic properties.

Claims

At 5:55 PM, Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to approve the payment of claim warrants #29281 through #29340 in the amount of \$125,109.86. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-agenda

Councilmember Balcomb-Bartok expressed appreciation that a street light has been installed at the entrance to the Village Grove development.

Councilmember Emery stressed that it is her preference that if the Town purchases an electric car for use by the parking enforcement officers to access outer areas of the Town, said car not be used for marking vehicles within the downtown core area. Town Marshal Bertrand assured her that it would not be used in this manner.

Council and staff discussed the process for the upcoming May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 public hearing regarding the proposed 2007 amendments to the 2002 Town Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Illg stated that Dan Pike, a representative for the Skagit Council of Governments, recently spoke with the San Juan County Economic Development Council in regards to extending their regional transportation planning organization to include San Juan County. Mr. Pike indicated that some of the benefits of joining with other regions to do transportation planning were connectivity; looking at different forms of transportation; and partnering with other entities in the region. Councilmember Gillette indicated that Mr. Pike would like to make a presentation to the Town Council regarding this subject.

Councilmember Emery asked about the progress of the “rideshare program” recently supported by Council. Jack Cory, islandguardian.com publisher, indicated that the program appears to be working.

At 6:15 PM, hearing no further business, Mayor Jones declared the meeting continued until May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 5:30 PM to hear public testimony regarding the proposed 2007 amendments to the 2002 Town Comprehensive Plan. The meeting adjourned.

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David F. Jones, Mayor

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Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk