



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, January 2, 2025 – Council Chambers – Afternoon Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jackson called the regular session of the Town Council to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Steve Hushebeck (Position No. 1), Richard Geffen (Position No. 2), Anna Maria de Freitas (Position No. 3), Mason Turnage (Position No. 4), and Barbara Starr (Position No. 5).

Town Administrator Denice Kulseth and Clerk Jennifer Krembs. Finance Director Bethany Berry was absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Jackson conducted the flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At 12:01 p.m., no public comment was forthcoming.

CONSENT AGENDA

At 12:03 p.m., the Consent Agenda was introduced by Mayor Jackson. No discussion followed.

Moved by Geffen, seconded by de Freitas, to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Minutes** Approval of the Summary of the Minutes dated December 19 and 30, 2024.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Assignments – Town, San Juan County and Community Liaison

At 12:02 p.m., Mayor Jackson invited Clerk Krembs to speak on committees. Krembs stated the committee list was outdated and requested for Council to provide an update. Council shared their seats on the following committees:

- Councilmember Starr sits on the San Juan County Law and Justice Council
- Councilmember Turnage sits on both the Friday Harbor Arts Commission and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Councilmember de Freitas sits on the Visitor's Bureau Board
- Councilmember Geffen sits on the San Juan County Board of Health
- Councilmember Hushebeck sits on both the San Juan County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Hushebeck is an ex officio member of the San Juan County Economic Development Council (EDC) and the Chamber of Commerce

Krembs thanked Council. No further discussion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

At 12:05 p.m., Administrator Kulseth reported there was nothing new to report.

FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

At 12:05 p.m., Mayor Jackson called for future agenda items. Councilmember Hushebeck requested safety at crosswalks, specifically Spring Street and 2nd Street should be addressed. Administrator Kulseth shared the Town does meet WSDOT standards for lighting and explained warning lights can provide a false sense of security for drivers and pedestrians. For safety, Kulseth encouraged defensive and attentive driving practices and for pedestrians to make themselves move visible at all times of day. The Town will continue to work with the Sheriff’s Office to promote safety. The Town plans to order reflective slap bands to provide to the public to assist with pedestrian visibility; the bands will be made available at the public library and Post Office. Council concurred reflective bands are a measure worth taking. Crosswalk safety will be a future agenda item. No further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURMENT – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Jackson adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, at 12:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved by motion of the Town Council. The original document is retained by the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Jennifer M. Krembs, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk