



# **SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL**

Thursday, January 4, 2024 – Council Chambers – Afternoon Session

## OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Jackson administered the Oath of Office for newly elected Councilmember Richard Geffen.

## 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).

Mayor, Raymont Jackson; Town Administrator, Denice Kulseth; Finance Director, Bethany Berry and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

## FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Jackson conducted the flag salute.

## PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

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## ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

## **Review and Discussion**

At 12:03 p.m., Mayor Jackson introduced discussion of committee assignments for regulated boards. Councilmembers expressed that they would continue with their current assignments. Mayor Jackson asked if Councilmember Geffen had any interest in volunteering for the SJC Board of Health. **Council consensus for Councilmember Geffen to take over the assignment for the SJC Board of Health.**

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

At 12:05 p.m., Administrator Kulseth reported on the following:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - Representative Lekanoff has included the WWTP on her list of capital requests for state funding in year 2024.

## PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Geffen, seconded by Hushebeck, to affirm the payment of Payroll Warrants and approve the payment of Claim Warrants as enumerated below. Motion passed unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by de Freitas, seconded by Turnage, to adopt the minutes of December 21, 2023 and December 28, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

## Training – Appearance of Fairness Doctrine

At 12:15 p.m., Mayor Jackson introduced Lisa Marshall, Attorney from Kenyon Disend to provide training on the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine. Ms. Marshall provided an overview of the law and several common scenarios and recent litigation findings. The Council thanked Ms. Marshall. No action was taken.

## 47 FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

48 Councilmember de Freitas inquired if we had addressed the recent editorial concerning Harrison Street. Clerk Taylor  
49 replied that a letter was sent acknowledging his correspondence, but no other communication.

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51 Administrator Kulseth noted that Jurassic Parliament will be scheduled soon.

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53 CITIZEN RESPONSE

54 No citizen response was forthcoming.

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56 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Jackson adjourned the meeting at 12:47  
57 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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60 These minutes were approved by motion of the Town Council. The original document is retained by the Clerk in  
61 the Town Council's permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk