



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, August 5, 2024 – Council Chambers – Special Session

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:03, Councilmember Turnage moved that Councilmember Geffen serve as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Hushebeck. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0 with Councilmembers De Freitas and Starr absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Geffen called the special session of the Town Council to order at 12:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Steve Hushebeck (Position No. 1) -remote, Richard Geffen (Position No. 2/Mayor Pro Tem) -remote, and Mason Turnage (Position No. 4) -remote. Mayor Raymont Jackson, Anna Maria de Freitas (Position No. 3), and Barbara Starr (Position No. 5) were absent. **Council consensus to excuse the absences of Mayor Jackson, Councilmember De Freitas, and Councilmember Starr.**

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pro Tem Geffen conducted the flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 12:05 p.m., Town Administrator Kulseth requested a motion to appoint three Advocacy Committee member volunteers "for" the ballot measure renewal of Proposition 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements. Kulseth shared there were no responses to requests to represent the opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution No. 2880

At 12:12 p.m., Resolution No. 2880 to provide ballot measure renewal of Proposition 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements for the November general election was introduced by Mayor Pro Tem Geffen. Kulseth offered to answer any questions. No discussion followed.

Moved by Hushebeck, seconded by Turnage, to adopt Resolution No. 2880 as presented. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0 with De Freitas and Starr absent.

Advocacy Committee

Kulseth explained three volunteers offered to write an advocacy “for” statement as a committee for the voters’ pamphlet. There can be no more than three members on the committee. The appointees include Tanja Williamson, Laura Saccio, and Clayton Banry. Kulseth recommended Council move to appoint the three members to the Advocacy “For” Committee.

Moved by Hushebeck, seconded by Geffen, to appoint Tanja Williamson, Laura Saccio, and Clayton Banry to the Advocacy "For" Committee. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0 with De Freitas and Starr absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

46 No public comment.

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48 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

49 Councilmember Hushebeck suggested providing a list of infrastructure projects the renewed tax could be used to
50 support. Kulseth shared she had provided the appointees with the advocacy statement used in 2014 when it was
51 initially passed. The Advocacy “Against” Committee is still open, and the County Auditor Office will be recruiting
52 members. In 2014, it was a new tax and there were no opposers. In November’s general election this measure
53 would be a sales and use tax renewal.

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55 **ADJOURNMENT** – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Pro Tem Geffen adjourned the meeting at
56 12:12 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

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