

Friday Harbor Port District

Port Commission Meeting

San Juan Island Yacht Club

Friday June 27th at 9:30 AM

Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Graham Black
Barbara Marrett
Richard Goodhart

Port Staff Present: Todd Nicholson, Executive Director
Phyllis Johnson, Port Auditor
Mike Roling, IT Administrator

Public Present: Jill Belcovson, LWVSJ
Dave Shields, D&M Steel Services
Andrew Fleming, Saltwater Farms

Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 § 1(i):

“To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.”

And pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 § 1(b):

“To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price”

Expected Duration: 30 Minutes

Extend Executive Session: *After 30 minutes Commissioner Goodhart extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.*

Close Executive Session: *Commissioner Goodhart closed the executive session at 10:10am, no action was taken.*

Citizen comments/requests: Citizens can make a brief comment or may ask the Commission to schedule a topic for further discussion at a future meeting.
None

Presentation and Discussion: Dave Shields – D&M Steel Services Inc. Weber Way proposal

Dave Shields presented a concept proposal for an industrial park on Weber Way with office space, fabrication shop, paint shop and additional buildings available based on the needs of the tenants.

This proposal covers the 2 available parcels on Weber Way. The commissioners had some concerns that the storage should only be for the businesses at the park, not general mini storage. There were some recommendations to try to limit the view from Mullis. Additionally, it was mentioned that the college may be able to be a partner for an apprenticeship program.

The proposal will move on to a more developed plan.

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Payroll & Vouchers

B. Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2025 Meeting

Commissioner Marrett moved to approve the consent agenda as a whole; Commissioner Black seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Action Items:

A. Resolution 25-008 – Amend Lease CPI to August report

Commissioner Black moved to approve resolution 25-008, Commissioner Marrett seconded. This resolution grants staff the authority to amend the existing leases to use the August CPI rather than December as discussed in a previous meeting. Resolution approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

A. Andrew Flemming, Saltwater Farm lease proposal.

Andrew Flemming provided a status update on permitting progress for the Salty Paddle. He then detailed his proposal for a small piece of the neighboring parcel to provide approximately 20 parking spaces for the glamping sites.

Commissioner Black asked if this would interfere with any future development of the Port. Executive Director Nicholson indicated that he couldn't see a scenario that would be impacted by this proposal.

Commissioner Marrett asked about the timeframes for the glamping facility, Andrew responded that parking was the last piece needed for developing the full site plan needed for permitting. He is hopeful that they may be able to have the development done for next summer but admits that the timeline might be ambitious.

This proposal will be brought back as a lease amendment to his existing Saltwater Farm lease.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Nicholson provided a brief update on airport and grant projects.

Port Commissioner and Committee Reports:

Commissioner Goodhart shared that he sent a letter to Foster Hildreth of OPALCO, expressing openness for the Port to work with OPALCO for locating batteries and noting that Ports have access to some funding mechanisms that might also be useful.

Executive Director Nicholson added that he had a recent meeting with OPALCO regarding the solar canopy project. Including what it would take for the interconnect and possible transformer upgrades.

Commissioner Marrett mentioned that the newsletter was nearly done, Port Auditor Johnson said that she sent updated wording for a job listing.

Executive Director Nicholson said the paper is happy to work with the Port for a 75th anniversary insert.

New Business: Commissioners May Share Information or Introduce Topics for Discussion at a Future Meeting.

None

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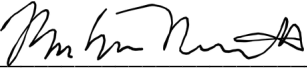
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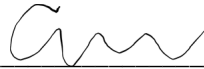
Expected Duration: 29 minutes

Close Executive Session: *Commissioner Goodhart closed the executive session at 11:50am, no action was taken.*

Adjourn: 11:51am

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Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

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Graham Black, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Rich Goodhart in black ink, featuring a stylized 'R' and 'G'.

Rich Goodhart, Commissioner