

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, April 22, 1997

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Commissioner's Staff Meeting.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division Manager/Road District Supervisors.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Jan Keiser, Director.

- 1) Introduction of New Employee.
- 2) Public Hearing – Application for Franchise by Computel International, Inc.
- 3) Public Hearing – Consideration of Renaming a Portion of Best Road.
- 4) Signature – Letter of Support regarding Skagit River Feasibility Study.
- 5) Request for Proposals – Engineering Consultant Service Providers.
- 6) Presentation – Review of Tulip Festival Traffic Control.
- 7) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center – Roxanne Michael, Director.

- 1) Discussion and Possible Adoption on Proposed Ordinance for Interim Amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance.
- 2) Discussion and Possible Approval for Call for Public Hearing for Interim Ordinances to Implement the Comprehensive Plan and Address Neighborhood Business Districts.
- 3) Deliberation and Possible Adoption of Public Participation Program relating to Adoption and Amendments of Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations.
- 4) Discussion and Possible Action of Recorded Motion from Planning Commission for Modification to Development Schedule for Wilderness Village.
- 5) Discussion and Possible Action of Recorded Motion from Planning Commission for Rezone PL96-0198 and PUD Request PL97-0004.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Proclamation – Fifth Anniversary of the Skagit Land Trust.

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Commissioner's Brown Bag Lunch Hour with Employees (Hearing Room B).

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Work Session – Board of Health:

- 1) Nitrates in Well Water.
- 2) Travel Immunization Clinic.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Jan Keiser, Director.

- 1) Introduction of New Employee.

Ed Hawes introduced Luis Ponce, from Texas, as the recently hired Engineer at Public Works.

- 2) Public Hearing – Application for Franchise by Computel International, Inc.

Chairman Wolden opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hawes reviewed the franchise application by Computel International, Inc. stating that this was to acquire the portion of the service area of Summit Communications which operates cable television in the eastern part of Skagit County.

There being no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Hart made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Franchise Agreement. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3) Public Hearing – Consideration of Renaming a Portion of Best Road.

Chairman Wolden opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hawes discussed the issue of renaming Best Road, explaining that a break in the Chilberg Road continuity road name has occurred. Mr. Hawes discussed the history of this name change and reported to the Board that a survey has been completed by the Public Works Department, with five options sent to 68 residents of the immediate area. Mr. Hawes reported that of the five options provided to the residents, Option #2 was the preferred solution, as follows: "Continue the Chilberg Road name to the intersection of Calhoun Road, thereby removing the name of Best Road between the old "Y" and the intersection of Calhoun."

Commissioner Hart inquired as to whether the road name change should occur before addresses in the area are changed. Dave Sheridan, Engineering, discussed the re-addressing impact of this area with the Board and a discussion ensued.

Laura Hill, Mount Vernon, inquired as to why they were proposing a name change. The Board stated that as it is now, the road name is very confusing. Ms. Hill agreed that it is very confusing, stating however, that the proposed change is not a good option, as it will not alleviate the confusion. Ms. Hill stated that she prefers Option #3, "Continue the Best Road name from the old "Y" to Fir Island Road.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to continue the Best Road name from Highway 20 to Fir Island Road and make it effective at the time of re-addressing. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and added that this seems to be the most logical way to change this, especially in regard to emergencies. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff will provide a Resolution at a later date. The Board directed Mr. Hawes to contact residents of this decision and to also work with Mapping in this regard.

4) Signature – Letter of Support regarding Skagit River Feasibility Study.

Dave Brookings, Surface Water Management, requested that the Board sign a letter of support to be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers stating the County's reaffirmation of sponsorship for the Skagit River Feasibility Study. Mr. Brookings discussed the financing of this study, mentioning that he had discussed this previously with Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator.

Commissioner Hart mentioned that the Board is committed to proceeding with this study and further discussed the essentialness of the study.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the letter of support as presented. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Wolden encouraged Mr. Brookings to keep the County residents involved and updated in this process.

5) Request for Proposals – Engineering Consultant Service Providers.

Mr. Hawes discussed the use of outside services for qualified consultants interested in providing as-needed services to the County. Mr. Hawes reviewed the process proposed to establish this request for proposals.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve this, pending review of the overall process by legal counsel. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, noting the pending review, and it passed unanimously.

6) Presentation – Review of Tulip Festival Traffic Control.

Steve Blair, Traffic Engineering Services, reported on the results of the traffic study during Tulip Festival, stating that the festival generated 192,000 additional cars on our road system. Adding the people riding the transit and tour buses to this figure equates to having more than 700,000 visitors during the festival. Mr. Blair reported that there was no occurrence of "gridlock" this year. Mr. Blair discussed other issues of the festival involving traffic issues. Mr. Blair also reported on the estimated costs to the County, stating that the overtime costs will be approximately \$14,000 and \$3,500 for regular time employees putting up signs and so forth. Mr. Blair also discussed the parking problems and how they relate to safety issues.

Chairman Wolden commended the organizational skills that have alleviated many of the problems during the festival and emphasized the overall improvement. Commissioner Hart briefly addressed the parking issue and supported the fees established for parking in order to for the growers to provide services and organize the viewing of the tulip fields for this number of tourists.

7) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items presented today.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Roxanne Michael, Director.

1) Discussion and Possible Adoption on Proposed Ordinance for Interim Amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance.

Jim Cahill, Planning, discussed the latest draft of the interim changes to the Critical Areas Ordinance, reviewing the main points.

Chairman Wolden stated that this addresses all of the issues that have been brought up previously and encouraged the department to move forward. Mr. Cahill stated that this is an interim ordinance with the intent of making it permanent by holding a public hearing before the Planning Commission within 60 days.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Interim Ordinance as presented. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Interim Ordinance No. 16518).**

2) Discussion and Possible Approval for Call for Public Hearing for Interim Ordinances to Implement the Comprehensive Plan and Address Neighborhood Business Districts.

Gary Christenson, Senior Planner, discussed the Resolution as presented, stating that the County is required to adopt a comprehensive plan and implementing development regulations under RCW 36.70A.

Mr. Christenson reviewed the proposed process, stating that a hearing would be scheduled for May 6, 1997, before the Board of Commissioners in Hearing Rooms B & C, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The interim ordinance will be ready for review by this Thursday, as reported by Mr. Christenson.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Call for Public Hearing as discussed. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16520).**

Mr. Christenson discussed the legal notice for the call for Public Hearing addressing the issue of receiving written notice. The Board asked that written comment period be left open until the 4:30 p.m. on the following Friday after the Public Hearing.

3) Deliberation and Possible Adoption of Public Participation Program relating to Adoption and Amendments of Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations.

Tom Karsh, Planning Assistant Director, presented a Resolution regarding the Public Participation Program under the Growth Management Act, reading the Resolution into the record. Mr. Karsh reviewed and addressed the comments that were often repeatedly received from the public, noting that not one comment commended the County on the job they were doing, however, many of the comments were not directly related to the public participation program issue. Mr. Karsh reported that this Resolution would

need to be incorporated into the next County Code revision, if approved by the Board.

Commissioner Hart discussed the additional time for comment that seemed to be requested from the public repeatedly and asked about the effect of scheduling hearings due to legal notice publication. Commissioner Hart also mentioned a typo that needed to be corrected and addressed the issue of notification of residents of the County and the costs associated. Commissioner Hart expressed his disapproval of raising taxes to enable this to occur.

Mr. Karsh also reviewed the question that was raised of whether County staff should be active in discussing the projects for code proposals with the Planning Commission after the Public Hearing and public comment period has closed, as the public cannot comment further at this point. Mr. Karsh stated that the structure of the Planning Commission in relation to the Staff is set up in such a way that they need to communicate. Chairman Wolden suggested the concept of utilizing a facilitator and further discussion on this issue ensued.

John Moffat, Prosecuting Attorney, addressed the index issue, stating that the County should provide documents to the public as soon as possible, and having an index should assist Staff in allowing them to provide these documents quickly. Mr. Moffat also emphasized and clarified the fact that 15 day comment periods do not apply to interim regulations.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented, with the one stated type correction on Line 59. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **Resolution No. 16519**.

4) Discussion and Possible Action of Recorded Motion from Planning Commission for Modification to Development Schedule for Wilderness Village.

Kendra Smith, Planning, presented a recorded motion to the Board, referenced above. Ms. Smith recommended approval.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the modification of development schedule for Wilderness Village. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Staff will provide a Resolution at a later date in this regard.

5) Discussion and Possible Action of Recorded Motion from Planning Commission for Rezone PL96-0198 and PUD Request PL97-0004.

Ms. Smith presented a Resolution Approving the Recorded Motion regarding the Proposed Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Plat Plan.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the Estates at Summit Park III Proposed Planned Unit Development & Preliminary Plat Plan. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Staff will provide a Resolution at a later date in this regard.

Ms. Smith presented a Resolution regarding the approval of Ken Wolcoski Rezone Request PL-96-01-98.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the Approval of Ken Wolcoski Rezone Request PL96-0198. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Staff will provide a Resolution at a later date in this regard.

6) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items presented.

PROCLAMATION – FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SKAGIT LAND TRUST.

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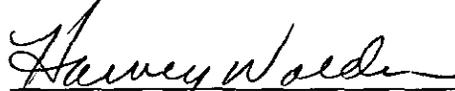
Jerry Hagley, President of the Skagit Land Trust, and members Ken Wiggers and Gene Murphy, were present for today's presentation. Mr. Hagley illustrated during a slide show, a series of 13 aerial photos showing exactly where the voluntary conservation easements are located in the County.

Chairman Wolden read the Proclamation into the record. Commissioner Hart made a motion to proclaim May 2, 1997, as the fifth anniversary of the Skagit Land Trust. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Proclamation was presented to Skagit Land Trust members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

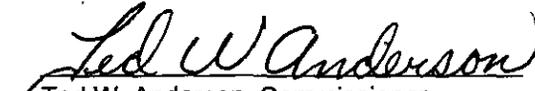
Chairman Harvey Wolden made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

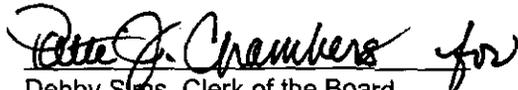
Robert Hart, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Debby Sims, Clerk of the Board
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