

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, with Chair Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Dillon led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the Vacation of a Portion of County Right-of-Way Known as Savage Road, No. 07140

Public Works Director Henry Hash introduced Engineering Technician Shane Whitney to discuss the proposed vacation of a portion of county road with the Commissioners. Mr. Whitney said that the portion of road requested to be vacated had been petitioned by Seattle City Light. He said that the road had been established in 1904, was a primitive road, and served three residences. Chair Dillon confirmed that the road ended at a dead end. Mr. Whitney said that Public Works was recommending the Commissioners approve the portion of road be vacated.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 8:43 a.m. Seeing no testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:43 a.m. which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon confirmed with Seattle City Light employee Denise Krownbell that the land owned nearby by Seattle City Light was to be held in perpetuity for salmon habitat. Chair Dillon said that she would vote in favor of the vacation since the land could not be utilized for any other purposes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the order to vacate a portion of county right-of-way known as Savage Road (#07140). **(Resolution No. R20130176)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 8:48 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Henry Hash.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.18; Solid Waste Disposal System, of the Skagit County Code

Public Works Director Henry Hash introduced Solid Waste Division Manager Kevin Renz to discuss the proposed changes to Skagit County Code, Chapter 12.18, which established the solid waste disposal system in Skagit County.

Mr. Renz informed the Commissioners that the code was last updated in 1992 and that it was no longer consistent with Interlocal Agreements in place nor with the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 9:35 a.m.

Troy Lautenbach of Lautenbach Industries, a family owned recycling business, briefed the Board on their operations. He shared that their company diverted 57 million pounds from the landfill in 2012 and that they wanted to be part of Skagit County's solid waste system. He discussed his concerns with some of the proposed amendments to Skagit County Code, Chapter 12.18 and offered alternate ideas.

David Bader submitted a letter to the Commissioners.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island discussed her work on the Planning Commission in 1992 when they were working on the Comprehensive Plans and said that their goal was to prevent land, air, and water pollution.

Tamara Thomas of Mount Vernon, and current member of Skagit County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee, said that she and other committee members were not notified of the revisions. She said that they had to follow a complicated set of rules and that they wanted to avoid any unintended consequences of the updated code.

Matt Henry with Republic Services supported the ordinance for flow control. He said that these were complex issues and that it would be difficult to find the perfect solution.

Ed Stauffer of Bow shared some historical perspectives with the Commissioners.

Brian Gentry of Skagit County appreciated the information Mr. Lautenbach provided and Mr. Gentry said that Skagit County was fortunate to have a company like Lautenbach Industries. He asked the Commissioners to find creative ways to work alongside Lautenbach Industries.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing 10:12 a.m. which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said that he would like Public Works to find an equitable solution to support recycling in Skagit County as well as continuing to honor existing contractual obligations.

Mr. Renz said that Public Works was unable to reach a quorum at the last Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting which was when they planned to discuss the proposed changes to the ordinance.

Commissioner Wesen thanked everyone for their testimony and wanted to find a solution that was agreeable to all involved.

Chair Dillon announced that the Commissioners would make their decision on the proposed ordinance on August 6, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:22 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Dale Pernula.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docketing

Planning and Development Director Dale Pernula was present to discuss the proposed five petitions to amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan. He discussed additional work performed on item NC-1 to gather additional information on the City of Anacortes' request to expand its Urban Growth Area (PL12-0258). Mr. Pernula and the Commissioners also discussed items C-1 through C-4.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve to docket item NC-1: City of Anacortes (PL12-0258) to expand its Urban Growth Area (UGA). Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve to docket item C-1: to designate and zone 4 parcels (P74450, P103560, P103559, and P74451) 1.5 acres in size, to Rural Business (RB). Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve to docket item C-2: to re-designate and rezone P118792, an approximately .3 acre parcel owned by Del Mar Community Service on which are located two water tanks, from Rural Resource-NRL (RRc-NRL) to Rural Reserve (RRv). Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve to docket item C-3: to amend Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate by reference the 2012 Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve to docket item C-4: to amend Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to integrate the outcome of the Bayview Ridge Planned Unit Development code and Master Site Plan process into the Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon directed Planning and Development Services to prepare a resolution for their execution on consent agenda reflecting the actions they took.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to direct staff to docket all 2012 petitions to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket items NC-1, and C-1 through C-4, and to direct staff to prepare a Resolution docketing those petitions consistent with the decisions made by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Mr. Pernula and the Commissioners announced that they would be advertising to fill two positions on the Planning Commission in District 1 and District 3.

d) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer of Bow was present to find out why a recent Transfer of Development Rights meeting had been cancelled, to get more information on the docketing of item C-3, asked the Commissioners to defend water rights in Skagit County, and to request that Skagit County clearly advertise for open seats on the Planning Commission.

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island discussed the importance of clean drinking water.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners announced that they would be meeting on July 16, 2013 to discuss the proposed update to the Guemes Island Ferry Fare Methodology.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:57 a.m.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board