Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM. Present were Thomas Gill, Bruce Allen, Robin Black, and Jim Sundberg. Rene Neff arrived at 3:30. Also present were Police Chief Dave Marks, PW Director Stan Berryman; and Director of Finance Debbie Mahler and Arts Commission member Frank Rose.

This is the third council budget work session that has been held. The budget calendar was discussed and then went into Councilmember and the Mayor’s interests and budget priorities, short and long term goals. As many of these priorities that can be put into the budget will be incorporated.

The theme and vision for 2015 were discussed. Vision – ideas were: Planned capital projects, diversified economic development, a community for a lifetime; Celebrating and building on our successes. Theme - Open for business; celebrate our successes; city for a lifetime;

Economic development – consensus is that we should continue economic development lunch meetings on a quarterly basis; invite entrepreneurs to find spaces for business (forums?) here; focus on pharmacies, hardware store and electronics/office supplies, and marine hardware.

Tourism – Island Transit is looking for a grant to study the economics of fare collection and trying to restore some Saturday service – perhaps selected routes only. Island Shakespeare has outgrown their performance tent and is looking to move to another space.

Meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Mahler, Clerk/Director of Finance