

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Molly Hughes, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Pat Powell, Catherine Ballay, Lisa Bernhardt, and Jackie Henderson.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Marshal Rick Norrie, Planning Director Tammy Baraconi.

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor requested to add the following discussion item to the Agenda:

Update on Front Street

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016 were approved with the following changes:

Under **EXECUTIVE SESSION** the following sentence was added to the end of the paragraph: *No action was taken.*

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes informed the Council about a variety of meetings she recently attended, including those held by the Coupeville Chamber, Neighborhood Emergency Team, Sound Water Stewards, Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve, Coupeville Historical Waterfront Association, League of Women Voters, and a meeting with representatives organizing the 2016 MusselFest.
- Mayor Hughes shared with the Council that the Whidbey General Hospital Expansion Project is still a priority for Town staff and gave a brief summary of the project's status.
- Mayor Hughes will be attending her first Council of Governments meeting as a participant tomorrow.
- Mayor Hughes updated the Council on the search for a new Utility/Permit Clerk and shared that we had received 45 applications for the position.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes spoke briefly on the variety of reports and housekeeping items Town staff were working on, and asked Councilmembers to consider attending the Association of Washington Cities conference in June.

AUDIENCE INPUT

A local resident shared her concern about the parking on Front Street as it related to a construction project at 10 NW Front Street.

A local resident shared his concern about the stormwater retention ponds in Peaceful Valley; presented the Council with a copy of a letter addressed to former Mayor Nancy Conard, dated August 7, 2005; and asked the Council to consider taking over responsibility of the ponds.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Contract for Services with CWA

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Lisa Bernhardt, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract for Services with CWA as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Lease Agreement with Platt/Buescher

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Dianne Binder, second by Councilmember Pat Powell, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease Agreement with Platt/Buescher as presented. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of December 2015 Payroll transactions and warrants; and January 2016 A/P transactions and warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay to approve December Payroll transactions and warrants #31249 to #31255 for a total of \$83,582.28; and January 2016 A/P transactions and warrants #31315 to #31367 for a total of \$345,213.98. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Marshal Rick Norrie spoke briefly about the statistical reports he provided in the Council packets and answered Council questions.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Jackie Henderson reported that the Island Transit Board of Directors is still conducting a nationwide search to fill the Executive Director's position. The process will involve public input and the Board is hoping to have the position filled by mid-April. Councilmember Henderson also reported that the State Auditors have finished auditing Island Transit's financial information for 2014 and that the 2016 Budget has been set. There are plans to begin implementing fares on inter-connector routes sometime later this year and no decision has been made on any additional fares. The Board continues to look at all of the options.

Councilmember Lisa Bernhardt reported that her first Ebey's Trust Board meeting was earlier today and she would be bringing a report back to Council in February.

Councilmember Dianne Binder gave a brief report on the Island County Tourism Board activities including information about an Economic Development Council survey that would help pinpoint where our visitors are traveling from. Councilmember Binder also invited the Council to attend a

media relations workshop at Camp Casey on April 7th, and informed the Council that Whidbey NAS was voted the Best Navy Base in the World for 2015.

Councilmember Pat Powell congratulated Ebay's National ~~Historic~~ *Historical* Reserve and the National Parks ~~Department~~ *Service* for bringing in 1.46 million dollars in water conservation funds.

Councilmember Catherine Ballay reported on the 2015 Community Health Survey and explained some of the processes used to identify significant health indicators and possible mitigation solutions to help improve the overall health of our community. The results of the survey will be made public once the data has been thoroughly analyzed.

AUDIENCE INPUT

A local resident shared his concern about the increased traffic and vehicle speed at the intersection of Broadway and Highway 20.

DISCUSSION

Council discussed commission and board appointments, and an update on Front Street. No action was taken.

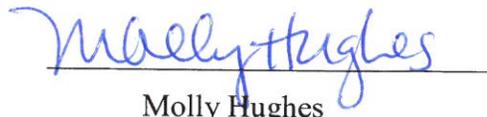
ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer



Molly Hughes

A complete audio recording of this meeting is available upon request from the Clerk-Treasurer.