

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
February 09, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

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

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Dianne Binder, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, to excuse the absence of Jackie Henderson from tonight's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Dianne Binder, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2016 were approved with the following changes:

Under **COUNCIL REPORTS** the following changes were made to the fourth paragraph: Councilmember Pat Powell congratulated Ebey's National ~~Historic~~ *Historical* Reserve and the National Parks ~~Department~~ *Service* for bringing in 1.46 million dollars in water conservation funds.

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 Mussel fest.
- 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

- Mayor Hughes met with the Town's Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) representative Debbi Sellers, to learn more about the services provided by WCIA.
- Mayor Hughes attended a workshop at the Rec Hall sponsored by the Island County Health Advisory Board, which was attended by multiple agencies, to review and discuss information gleaned through the recent surveys they conducted.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes spoke briefly about Front Street and gave the Council an update on progress the Town has made toward its future goal of moving the pedestrian path further inland.

AUDIENCE INPUT

A local resident shared her concern about the bluff along Front Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Island County Law & Justice Council

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Dianne Binder, second by Councilmember Lisa Bernhardt appointing Catherine Ballay to the Law & Justice Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment to Tourism Board of Island County

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, second by Councilmember Pat Powell re-appointing Dianne Binder to the Tourism Board of Island County. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Contract for Services with Renae's Videography

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Lisa Bernhardt, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract for Services with Renae's Videography as presented. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Accept the Madrona Project, Phase I as Complete

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Dianne Binder, second by Councilmember Pat Powell to accept the Madrona Project, Phase I as complete. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE INPUT

A local resident commended the Town on their response to concerns by residents about the bluff along Front Street.

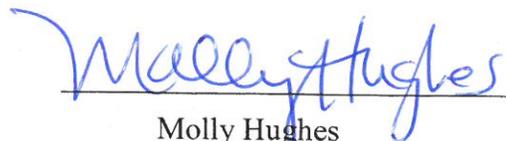
ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

MAYOR:



Molly Hughes

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