

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
February 23, 2016
6:35 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Marshal Rick Norrie

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Hughes suggested removing **NEW BUSINESS** Item 3, **Set Council Workshop Date** from the agenda, and adding it as a **DISCUSSION ITEM**.

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

Mayor Hughes suggested moving Marshal Norrie's Staff Report to fall between the Mayor's Report and the first opportunity for Audience Input.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2016 were approved as presented.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes has continued to meet with staff and community members during her transition to Mayor. She also attended the Change of Command ceremony for Captain Moore, who is the new Commander of Whidbey Naval Air Station.
- Mayor Hughes met with Representative Rick Larsen and talked about many issues that impact Coupeville, including jet noise and transportation.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the new Utility Clerk, Amanda Apsey, would be starting on March 1st.
- Mayor Hughes, along with Planning Director Tammy Baraconi, met with Island County Planners to review the information they will be presenting to the Council regarding our joint planning area.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes spoke briefly on the status of improvements being made to Front Street. She described a site visit by one of the original engineers who evaluated the area, and gave the Council an update on the upcoming fence installation and ongoing stormwater planning.

STAFF REPORTS

Marshal Rick Norrie described the layout of his new reports and solicited feedback from the Council. Questions were asked and answered.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Special Event Permit for the Penn Cove Mussel Festival in March 2016

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Pat Powell approving the Special Event Permit for the Penn Cove Mussel Festival in March 2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Pat Powell, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, to appoint Tracy Schwartz as a Town of Coupeville member of the Historic Preservation Commission, as approved by the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Dianne to approve January 2016 Payroll transactions and warrants #31368 to #31375 for a total of \$75,077.04; and February 2016 A/P transactions and warrants #331376 to #31434 for a total of \$89,739.20. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech spoke briefly about the reports she provided to the Council. Questions were asked and answered.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Jackie Henderson reported that the Island Transit Board of Directors has received 30 applications for Island Transit's Executive Director position. There will be an opportunity for the public to meet the finalists, possibly in April. In addition to working on filling this important open position, Island Transit is also conducting a salary study. Island Transit ridership is down due to the low cost of gas, and the Board will be holding public meetings to discuss the upcoming implementation of fares on connector routes. Finally, Councilmember Henderson attended a meeting for Washington State disabled veterans in Oak Harbor, where she was one of a few elected officials who spoke to a group of 30 attendees.

Councilmember Lisa Bernhardt reported that her first Ebey's Trust Board meeting involved a presentation by the Island County Planners on the Island County Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Bernhardt was unable to attend the two-day workshop for Ebey's foundation document, but did catch the last hour of the workshop. She reported that the Trust Board is working on a plan to tie the existing paved trails in Kettles to the cottage and farmer's field trails, hopefully by summertime.

Councilmember Dianne Binder gave a brief report on the Utility Advisory Committee and informed the Council that in addition to the rate study, the committee will be working on updating Town Standards, Town Code, and various O&M plans over the next year.

Councilmember Binder also spoke briefly about Tourism in our area and a project the Tourism Board of Island County is working on *with the help of the Economic Development Council* to determine where our visitors are coming from.

Councilmember Catherine Ballay reported that the Law & Justice Council is working on evaluating the changes that have been made in the jail based on the recent recommendations and deciding which changes still need to be implemented.

DISCUSSION

Council discussed possible workshop dates. No action was taken.

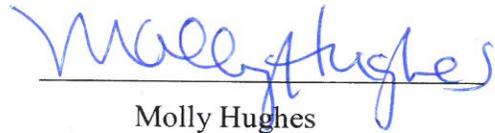
ADJOURNMENT: 7:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer



Molly Hughes

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