

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
April 14, 2015
6:35 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Nancy Conard, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Bob Clay, Molly Hughes, Jackie Henderson and Pat Powell.

STAFF PRESENT: Utility Clerk Shelly Maier

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Clay, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, to approve the Agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Dianne Binder pointed out that the minutes required the following correction to her council report:

“...would be attending a luncheon meeting...”

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2015 were approved as corrected.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Conard informed the Council that the Whidbey General Hospital expansion project is moving along and that staff are working hard to meet timelines for this large project.
- Mayor Conard spoke briefly about utility locations and easements and some of the challenges the Town is facing with some of the remaining vacant lots.
- Mayor Conard mentioned that potential candidates had been interviewed for the open Planning Director position and she thanked Councilmembers Hughes and Powell for their participation in the process.
- Mayor Conard spoke briefly about the Community Energy Challenge and shared information about how residents could participate in an energy audit subsidized by grants.
- Mayor Conard reminded the Council that the AWC Annual Conference is in June and informed them that she has already registered the Councilmembers for the conference since cancellation is free and the conference fills up quickly.
- Mayor Conard shared with the Council that she has been invited to meet Governor Inslee next Wednesday. They will be discussing communities served by ferries and budget challenges.
- Mayor Conard passed out “Too Much Love” fliers to the Council and encouraged them to attend the upcoming workshop.
- Mayor Conard reminded the Council that the annual Garden Club Plant Sale would be on April 25th.
- Mayor Conard spoke briefly about parking challenges in the Town, including on NE Front St. and on S. Terry.

- Finally, Mayor Conard suggested two dates for an upcoming Council Workshop, with the decision to be made at the next Council Meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Audience member Gary Piazzon addressed the Council to provide information about upcoming Earth Day events, and introduced climate ambassadors Margarita and Julia, who spoke about the academy at the Pacific Rim Institute.

Audience member Sylvia Sotelo spoke about her concern about the possibility of additional slides on NE Front St. Mayor Conard assured Ms. Sotelo that Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma inspects the bluff regularly and that the Town is working diligently to complete the Front St. project.

Audience member Mary Young expressed her concern about the condition of the bluff at NE Front St. and the Mayor assured her that the Town would be out to inspect the bluff right away.

PRESENTATION

Vickie Chambers and Chuck Poust gave a brief presentation about the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Festival Association.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #719 establishing the salary for the Mayor and Repealing Ordinance No. 624

Mayor Conard reviewed her Staff Report on Ordinance #719 and gave a brief explanation of the purpose and intended results of the Ordinance. Questions were asked and answered.

Mayor Conard opened the public hearing at 7:29 pm. There were no public comments and she closed the public hearing at 7:30 pm.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Clay, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, to adopt Ordinance #719 establishing the salary for the Mayor and Repealing Ordinance No. 624. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for the Town to apply for a USDA loan in the amount of \$800,000, to fund the utility portion of the upcoming Madrona Way Project

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Molly Hughes, second by Councilmember Bob Clay, to authorize the Town to apply for a USDA loan in the amount of \$800,000, to fund the utility portion of the upcoming Madrona Way Project. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of SSDP-012-15, A Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for Madrona Way Improvements

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Clay, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, to approve SSDP-012-15, A Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for Madrona Way Improvements. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #15-04 Regarding CUP-008-15, Bed & Breakfast Inn for Ralph McCloud and Eleanor Weston located at 5 NE Ninth

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Molly Hughes, to approve Resolution #15-04 Regarding CUP-008-15, Bed & Breakfast Inn for Ralph McCloud and Eleanor Weston located at 5 NE Ninth. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Resident Eleanor Weston praised the efforts of the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor stopped the regular Meeting at 8:25pm for a 5 minute recess and to enter into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real estate related to the Madrona Way Project. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:45pm and the Regular Meeting resumed.

Approve Administrative Offer Summary for Right of Way for Madrona Way Improvement Project, consistent with the summary discussed in executive session.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Pat Powell, to approve Administrative Offer Summary for Right of Way for Madrona Way Improvement Project, consistent with the summary discussed in executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:47pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

Nancy Conard

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