Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
May 10, 2016
6:34 p.m.

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

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder, to excuse Councilmember Jackie Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Marshal Rick Norrie, Planning Director Owen Dennison

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Under **COUNCIL REPORTS** the following changes were made to the fifth paragraph:

Councilmember Catherine Ballay reported that the Law and Justice Council received an update from the jail review committee and that they were pleased with all of the progress that has been made so far. The ~~Island County Sheriff presented~~ *Council heard a report of* the results of an outside review of ~~their~~, *the Island County Sheriff's Office* policies and procedures, *the department* ~~and let the Council know that he~~ had already implemented some of the recommended changes. Councilmember Ballay also shared that there has been a rash of burglaries at construction sites on the south end of the island.

Councilmember Ballay clarified that the review of the jail was done by a subcommittee, not a committee; and that Chief Criminal Deputy Felici presented the report of the outside review of the Sheriff's Office.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes expressed her gratitude that volunteers have stepped forward to fill all of the positions that were open on the Coupeville Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Mayor Hughes spoke at a Unity for Diversity presentation earlier this month. Island County Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson and Executive Director of the Island County Economic Development Council, Ron Nelson were among the presenters at the event.

- Mayor Hughes informed the Council of an upcoming fossil fuel protest scheduled to take place in Anacortes and warned of possible traffic slowdowns at Deception Pass Bridge during the protest weekend (May 13-15).
- Mayor Hughes shared that the Penn Cove Water Festival, celebrating its 25th year this year, had already received 381 pre-registrations for pullers.
- Mayor Hughes spoke at the League of Women Voters dinner, giving her state of the Town address.
- Mayor Hughes participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony during a Coupeville Maritime Heritage Foundation celebration for the homecoming of Suva.
- Mayor Hughes attended a meeting with representatives from other island agencies, Utility Superintendent Willy LaRue, and Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma, held by the Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue District. Representative were invited to participate in the Fire District's update of their strategic plan by providing feedback on service needs.
- Mayor Hughes attended a luncheon held by the Coupeville Soroptimists where the focus was on education about human trafficking.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded Council that the early-bird registration deadline for the AWC annual conference is May 20th, and that the Penn Cove Water Festival would start at 11:00am on May 14th.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation of Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Dianne Binder, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, to reappoint Ron Van Dyk to Position 4 and appoint Ben Lovejoy to Position 3 of the Historic Preservation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 16-04 Acknowledging Island Transit Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Lisa Bernhardt, second by Councilmember Pat Powell, to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 16-04 acknowledging the Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization and authorizing the Town of Coupeville's membership. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirmation of Planning Commission Appointment

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder, to appoint Michael Moore to Position 3 of the Town of Coupeville Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Marshal Rick Norrie spoke briefly about the two major Special Events in May, the Penn Cove Water Festival and the Memorial Day Parade. He also shared that there was a rollover accident

earlier in the evening on Parker Road, and that the driver was not seriously injured. Questions were asked and answered.

Planning Director Owen Dennison spoke briefly about the report he provided to the Council. He also gave the Council a brief update on the status of the Coupeville School District's application to replace the track at the elementary school. Questions were asked and answered.

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

DISCUSSION

Council discussed the three items on the agenda. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 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.