Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
May 24, 2016
6:35 p.m.

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

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

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Action: A motion was made by *Councilmember* Catherine Ballay, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, to approve the agendas submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes thanked all of the Councilmembers and volunteers who helped with the BBQ for the Penn Cove Water Festival participants.
- Mayor Hughes attended multiple meetings in the last month, including 2 separate meetings with representatives from Sno-Isle Library where she learned of an online capital facilities survey they are conducting and received some information about current library offerings, which she shared with the Council.
- Mayor Hughes also met with Mike Nortier, the new director of Island Transit and discussed Town resident's transportation needs.
- Mayor Hughes met with Captain Moore, the new Whidbey Island Naval Air Station Commander. The Commander expressed interest in having regular quarterly meetings.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Community Health Advisory Board has honored our Neighborhood Emergency Team with an award recognizing the work they do to help prepare residents for the challenges of maintaining good health in the face of an emergency.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Council of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday at 11:00am, and the Council Workshop scheduled for May 31st at 5:00pm in the Rec Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 16-05 declaring items as surplus and recommending sale through auction process

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder to approve Resolution 16-05 declaring items as surplus and recommending sale through auction process. The motion passed unanimously.

Set Date and Time for Joint Planning Commission and Town Council Training

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Dianne Binder, second by Councilmember Catherine Ball*a*y to set the Joint Planning Commission and Town Council Training for June 14th at 5:30pm, in the Island County Hearing Room. The motion passed unanimously.

Set Date and Time for Community Meeting about LED Streetlights

Council Action: No Council Action was taken. This item will be presented again at a future meeting.

Approve Ordinance 726 Regarding use of Vapor Products in Town Owned Buildings

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay to approve Ordinance 726 Regarding use of Vapor Products in Town Owned Buildings. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of April 2016 Payroll and May 2016 A/P transactions and warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson to approve April 2016 payroll warrants #31575 to #31581 for a total of $71,576.74; and the May 2016 A/P transactions and warrants #31583 to #31645 for a total of $272,335.25. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Catherine Ballay reported that the Law & Justice Council appointed a new chair and co-chair, Jose Briones and Andrew Sommers respectively, at their April Meeting. Town Councilmember Henderson presented a status report to the Law & Justice Council at their April meeting, in her capacity as Director of Island County Human Services, providing information on publicly funded mental health services. Additionally, Councilmember Ballay reported that the mental health counselor at the jail has resigned, and that they've had no applications for the position. Finally, Councilmember Ballay reported that the Sheriff is looking at getting some Neighborhood Watch programs started on the island.

Councilmember Dianne Binder reported she attended May's UAC meeting and that she is looking forward to the Council Workshop on the 31st. Councilmember Binder informed the Council that Tourism is up 20% countywide over last April's numbers. Sherrye Wyatt is attending an international travel show, thanks to a Port of Seattle tourism grant, where she will have the opportunity to promote travel to Island County in a one-on-one setting with representatives from around the globe. Councilmember Binder also mentioned that the Blue Goose Inn, and the Captain Whidbey Inn were featured in a Seattle Times travel article in April, and that the Penn Cove Water Festival was mentioned in a Seattle Times travel article in May. Another recognized Inn in Coupeville is the Anchorage Inn, which is listed as one of the top destinations by Trip Advisor. Christopher's on Whidbey was awarded one of the Top 10 Restaurants on Whidbey Island by TheCultureTrip.com

Councilmember Pat Powell had nothing to report.

Councilmember Lisa Bernhardt reported that the Pacific Northwest Art School also applied for the Port of Seattle's tourism grant, and that she was happy to hear the Island County Tourism

Board was awarded some grant funds. Councilmember Bernhardt attended the Reserve meeting on May 10th where she was able to see what the 3 new signs planned for the scenic overlook look like. They are hoping to have the new signs up by August.

Councilmember Jackie Henderson reported that Island Transit operations are going smoothly now that they have such a great director. Everyone seems very pleased with Director Nortier. A priority for Island Transit is to bring back Saturday service and they are still investigating revenue streams to make that happen. The Request for Proposals for advertising on the buses went unanswered, and it may be the market is just too small for companies to be interested in that kind of advertising.

AUDIENCE INPUT

A community member spoke briefly about the upcoming film festival sponsored by Friends of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, and invited the council to attend on June 11th at 5:30pm in the Coupeville High School Auditorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor stopped the Regular Meeting at 7:36pm for a five minute break before entering into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase. The council returned from Executive Session at 8:07pm and the Regular Meeting resumed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

MAYOR:

Molly Hughes

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