

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
June 22, 2015
6:35 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Town Marshal Rick Norrie

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Item 2. *Approval of Special Event Permit Application for Ragnar Relay Northwest Passage 2015* was removed from the agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 09, 2015 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #15-05 recommending Island County Commissioners formally adopt the Island County Comprehensive Plan Countywide Planning Policies

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Pat Powell, second by Councilmember Bob Clay to approve Resolution #15-05 recommending Island County Commissioners formally adopt the Island County Comprehensive Plan Countywide Planning Policies. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Special Event Permit Application for Whidbey Island Race Week 2015

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Bob Clay, to approve Special Event Permit Application for Whidbey Island Race Week 2015. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the May 2015 Payroll and June 2015 Claims Vouchers/Warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Bob Clay to approve the May 2015 payroll transactions and warrants #30791 to #30798 for a total of \$80,700.91 and June 2015 A/P transactions and warrants #30799 to #30855 for a total of \$172,543.09. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Marshal Rick Norrie discussed the data he provided in his reports and explained how the numbers are generated by the system. Marshal Norrie explained the different kinds of stops law enforcement officers make and how they are reflected in the data. Marshal Norrie gave a brief history of the Ragnar Relay Event and informed the Council on the status of the Special Event Application. Finally, Marshal Norrie provided feedback on the recent Oak Harbor Youth Sailing event and a vigil that took place last weekend, organized by community members to honor Keaton Farris.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Jackie Henderson attended a meeting with the Mayor and the new CEO of Whidbey General Hospital to discuss having a safe room for available for those patients with mental illness that might require one, as well as situations that may require a response from the Marshal's Office.

Councilmember Henderson is hopeful follow-up meetings will benefit both the Town and the Hospital in understanding each other's expectations and responsibilities.

Councilmember Bob Clay reported that Councilmember Jackie Henderson would be attending the next Law & Justice Council Meeting in his stead. Councilmember Clay also mentioned that he attended the Coupeville High School Senior Awards Ceremony in June, and he commented what a wonderful event it was.

Councilmember Molly Hughes reported that she attended the Coupeville High School Awards Ceremony as well, and she echoed Councilmember Clay's comments. Councilmember Hughes added that locally, \$88,000 was contributed to scholarships for this year's graduating senior class. Councilmember Hughes informed the Council that the Gifts from the Heart Foodbank program, Meals 2 Kids, served on average 25 families per week, providing 1655 bags of food over the course of the school year. Councilmember Hughes added that the foodbank's current program, Kids Café, served 60 breakfasts and 120 lunches to local children during the first week of the Coupeville Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp programs. Finally, Councilmember Hughes reminded the Council that this weekend is the annual Lion's Club Auction and that the preview period would be on Friday from noon until four.

Councilmember Pat Powell reported that the Island Transit meeting she was scheduled to attend as Councilmember Henderson's alternate, was cancelled. Councilmember Powell shared information about the Whidbey Camano Land Trust's "Walking Ebey's Initiative". The goal of the initiative is to connect area parks, farmland and forests through walking trails. Councilmember Powell also gave each Councilmember a copy of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust's Conservation Report.

Councilmember Dianne Binder reported that a Whidbey Sea-Tac Shuttle bus bearing one of the new tourism promotion bus wraps was in use during the recent visit by the US Open to Chambers Bay in University Place. Councilmember Binder also informed the Council that the Island County Tourism webpage is closer to having a mobile-friendly format. Councilmember Binder attended a NET meeting where coordinator Bonnie Abney shared the history of NET and she encouraged the Council to attend a meeting when they have a chance. Finally, Councilmember Binder gave a brief report on the ongoing rate study and recent UAC meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Audience member William Lyle addressed the Council to ask questions about the process for filling a vacant Planning Commission position. Mayor Pro Tem Hughes advised Mr. Lyle to contact Mayor Conard for more information about the process.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

Molly Hughes

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