

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
6:30 p.m.**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Utility Clerk Shelly Maier

**CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Conard requested to remove discussion item #1 from the agenda, "Draft 2014 Budget Revision". Mayor Conard advised that the Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss a potential sale of real estate and to review the performance of a public employee; no action will be taken during the session, which is expected to last about 30 minutes.

**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 July 22, 2014, were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Conard shared with the Council that she had met with Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, representatives of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, and representatives from Congressman Rick Larsen's office to discuss a joint press release regarding the plans to expand the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement for the EA-18G Growler, and options to open the proposal up to another public comment period.
- She and Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, met with representatives of Whidbey Island Bank to discuss options for the Town to reduce banking fees and streamline processes.
- She attended the monthly Utilities Advisory Committee meeting and reported to Council that the committee continues to work on capital projects and long-range planning to further the process of the ongoing rate study.
- Town Engineer Greg Cane and she have invited Madrona Way residents who may be directly affected by the upcoming Madrona Way Project to a presentation at the Rec. Hall on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- She shared copies of the new NET materials that will be distributed to residents of Town neighborhoods as the first stage of community outreach by our NET volunteers. The distribution will begin in September.
- The Mayor reported to the Council that the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Coupeville Arts & Crafts Festival, organized by the Coupeville Festival Association was another success. The Mayor also informed the Council that next year's festival will be during the first weekend in August.
- The Mayor shared with the council that the new speed cart is operational and collecting statistical data on traffic volume and average speed, which can be broken up into increments of months, days, and even hours.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Ebey's Trust Board – Kristen Griffin**

Ms. Griffin shared information about the current activities of the Ebey's Trust Board. They are currently working on their 2015 Budget and continuing their work with partners to offer ways for folks to find out more about the reserve, and historic preservation in general. Ms. Griffin shared a copy of the new trail guide with the Council and reminded them the guide is available for download on Ebey's Reserve website as well as in print. Finally, Ms. Griffin encouraged the Council to attend the upcoming Ebey's Forever Conference on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution 14-12 Surplus of Dodge Dakota V08.** – *Staff recommends approval of Resolution #14-12 Surplus of Dodge Dakota V08.*

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Island Transit – Councilmember Bob Clay**

Councilmember Clay shared the current status of the evolving financial challenges at Island Transit. Independent auditors are still conducting investigative audits to help determine the cause or causes of the current financial situation and the Island Transit Board is committed to implementing new procedures to help avoid this kind of situation in the future. Some of those changes have already been made and once the scope of the problem has been determined Island Transit and the Board will share a more comprehensive plan with the public.

The Council recessed for a break at 7:35pm and adjourned to Executive session at 7:40pm to discuss a potential sale of real estate and to review the performance of a public employee. At the end of the Executive Session, the council reconvened in General Session to adjourn at 9:07pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

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Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

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Nancy Conard, Mayor