

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2014
6:30 pm**

Mayor Conard called the Regular Meeting of the Coupeville Town Council to order at 6:30 pm.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech.

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2014 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Conard thanked the Council, especially Molly Hughes, for the success of the Non-profit Fair in August. Councilmember Molly Hughes added that she had received positive feedback from participants and that some groups offered tips on how to increase traffic for next year.
- Mayor Conard attended the Lions Salmon BBQ and Town free concert on Sunday and commented to the council on the wonderful turnout.
- Mayor Conard mentioned that she, the Council, and other members of Coupeville Town staff attended a combination Open Public Meetings Act/Public Records Act training hosted by the Town. There was a total of 53 participants from island municipalities and organizations. The training was facilitated by MRSC, free of charge.
- Mayor Conard informed the Council that she is working on a Budget Revision for 2014 and she hopes to present that information at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- The Mayor reminded Council that the first NET outreach event would be on September 30th in the Albion neighborhood. The Mayor went on to share that NET Coordinator, Bonnie Abney, has arranged to have a guest speaker at the COAD meeting in November, who will recount the OSO mudslide as it relates to disaster response, and that Councilmembers are invited to attend.
- Mayor Conard mentioned how impressed she was with the turnout for the Horseless Carriage event that took place downtown. The vehicles and period clothing made for a fun event.
- Mayor Conard requested the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for September 23rd be cancelled due to lack of a quorum. She informed the Council she would work on an alternative date and let them know as soon as possible about some options.
- Finally, the Mayor reminded the Council about the Annual National League of Cities Conference scheduled for November.

PRESENTATION

Catherine Reid and Joanne Pellant from Island County Human Services gave an informative presentation to the Council on affordable housing on Whidbey Island, challenges faced by Island County Human Services, future plans for a new coordinated entry point for residents seeking support, and the HOME Consortium. Questions were asked and answered.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for Ordinance #714 prohibiting smoking and tobacco use in Town Parks and on Town Trails began at 7:44 pm.

The Mayor opened the public comment section of the hearing up at 7:49pm. There was no public comment and the hearing closed at 7:51pm.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Pat Powell, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #714 prohibiting smoking and tobacco use in Town Parks and on Town Trails as submitted, and to consider adoption of the Ordinance at the next Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Authorization to accept donation of parcels R13233-396-4260 and R13233-396-4320**
– Staff recommends authorization for the Mayor to accept the donation of parcels R13233-396-4260 and R13233-396-4320 from Haigh and Sally Fox, and to commit to the Town an easement protecting the waterfront view as requested.

Questions were asked and answered and no changes were suggested.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Pat Powell, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, to approve the Mayor to accept the donation of parcels R13233-396-4260 and R13233-396-4320 from Haigh and Sally Fox, and to commit to the Town an easement protecting the waterfront view as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

Nancy Conard

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