

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

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

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

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor requested to add an executive session to review the performance of a public employee. She expected the session to last approximately 10 minutes.

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.

OATH OF OFFICE - Mayor Conard administered the oath of office to Mayor-elect Molly Hughes & Councilmembers Catherine Ballay, Lisa Bernhardt and Jackie Henderson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2015 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Conard informed the Council that Island Disposal will be implementing a .9% increase for Coupeville residents beginning in January.
- Mayor Conard attended the Open House for the new Frontier Lumber store that is scheduled to open in January.
- Mayor Conard informed the Council that Phase I of the Madrona Project is complete, and that the final stages of Phase II have been postponed until Spring due to weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement for Island Transportation Planning

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Clay, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson to approve the Interlocal Agreement as proposed, to establish the Island Transportation Planning Organization and to authorize to sign the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the Town. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for funding for Beach Watchers/Sound Water Stewards

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Bob Clay, to authorize a \$4,550 contribution to the Beach Watchers/Sound Water Stewards in support of the marine display at the Coupeville Wharf. The contribution will be award from 2% Hotel/Motel funds. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment to Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Trust Board

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Molly Hughes, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder, to confirm the appointment of Lisa Bernhardt to the Trust Board for Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, to fill position 2, for the term ending 10/01/2016. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Resolution No. 15-13, authorizing the bank account signatures

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Clay, second by Councilmember Pat Powell, to approve Resolution 15-13 authorizing signators on the Whidbey Island, a Division of Heritage Bank account. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the November 2015 payroll transactions and warrants, and the first half of the December 2015 A/P transactions and warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Molly Hughes, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder, to approve the November 2015 payroll transactions and warrants #31217 to #31223 for a total of \$79,159.08 and December 2015 A/P transactions and warrants #31224 to #31248 for a total of \$134,366.21. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk Treasurer presented her monthly fiscal report to the Council.

Marshal Rick Norrie presented his monthly report to the Council, and informed them that a suspect in the recent burglaries in Coupeville is in custody. Questions were asked and answered.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Molly Hughes spoke about the Short Course hosted by the Town of Coupeville earlier in the month and commented on how successful the Ebey's Reserve fundraiser was.

Councilmember Dianne Binder reported that tourism is up 10.7% over this same time last year, and that there may be a possibility of using some footage shot on Whidbey Island, by a group making a video of the Cascade Loop, in an ad for Island County Tourism.

Councilmember Pat Powell stated she had no business to report, and she commented on how great the Town looked for the Greening this year.

Councilmember Bob Clay reported that the Law & Justice Council did not meet in December, and reminded the Council that they would need to find a new representative since this is his last term serving as a councilmember.

Councilmember Jackie Henderson reported that Island Transit adopted their 2016 budget and that they are still looking at the possibility of implementing some kind of fare system. She also reported that Island Transit has hired a firm to help them find a new director. They are hoping to have a new director hired by the first part of April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor stopped the regular Meeting at 7:30pm to enter into Executive Session to review the performance of public employees. The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:45pm and the Regular Meeting Resumed.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

Molly Hughes

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