

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
March 13, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Molly Hughes, Councilmembers Rick Walti, Pat Powell, Christine Crowell and Jackie Henderson.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Walti, to excuse Councilmember Catherine Ballay from the Regular Council Meeting of March 13, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Planning Director Owen Dennison, and Marshal Chris Garden.

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor requested to add the following item to DISCUSSION:

- EIS for Special Operations Training

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018 and the Special Meeting (Workshop) of March 1, 2018 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes thanked the Council for attending the Workshop on March 1st.
- Mayor Hughes commented on what a success MusselFest was this year, including beautiful weather, sold out venues, attendance and parking.
- Mayor Hughes visited the Energy Fair the Town co-sponsored with Puget Sound Energy. Attendees and vendors alike were happy to have participated and there is a possibility the Town may sponsor an Energy Fair again next year.
- Mayor Hughes attended the NET meeting last week where their guest speakers were Tom and Teresa Ellis, who worked as Red Cross volunteers in the aftermath of Katrina.
- Mayor Hughes shared that there was some sort of problem with delivery of Utility statements in February. Many customers were charged late fees, which were subsequently waived, because they did not receive a statement in the mail. She will be meeting with the Coupeville Postmaster as part of our investigation into what went wrong.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that heavy rains caused damaged to the walking trail that connects Town Park with Front Street. The Town is working with the property owners to repair the trail.
- Mayor Hughes reminded the Council and audience of the following upcoming events:
 - Ebey's 40th Celebration Event, Rural Recollections, sponsored by the Island County Historical Museum will be in the Rec Hall on March 15th at 6:30pm.
 - The Town is sponsoring a combined Public Records Act/Open Public Meeting Act training in the Rec Hall on March 19th.
 - Town Clean-up Day is Saturday, March 24th and will be held in the Municipal Lot.

PRESENTATION

Island Transit Executive Director Mike Nortier gave a brief presentation that included historical statistics about the routes, ridership and staffing. He then discussed some upcoming programs designed to reintroduce residents to Island Transit, and future goals for the organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Washington State Department of Transportation Utility Franchise Application

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Powell, second by Councilmember Walti, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Utility Franchise application with Washington State Department of Transportation. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Island County for 2018 TIB Road Projects

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Crowell, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Island County for 2018 TIB road projects. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Penn Cove Taproom 2018 Cabaret License

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Powell, to approve Cabaret License #2018-01, issued to the Penn Cove Taproom. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Ciao 2018 Cabaret License

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Crowell, second by Councilmember Henderson, to approve Cabaret License #2018-02, issued to Ciao. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Hughes led a discussion about the increasing trend of Rec Hall rentals for commercial use. Councilmember Crowell volunteered to lead a committee, including Councilmember Powell and Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, to study the current Rec Hall use and fees to ensure residents are not being adversely affected by the increased commercial use; and to work toward a solution if it appears they are adversely affected.

Planning Director Owen Dennison led a brief discussion about the Community Survey results. A deeper discussion is planned for the March 27th Council Meeting.

Mayor Hughes described the Navy EIS related to increased training and asked the Council if they felt the Town should submit a response. The Council were in agreement that the EIS, in its current form, did not directly relate to the Town, and decided not to submit a letter at this time.

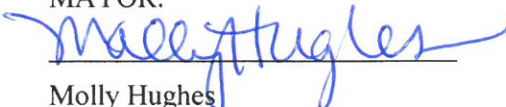
ADJOURNMENT: 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

MAYOR:



Molly Hughes