

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 22, 2019  
6:33 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hughes, Councilmembers Jackie Henderson, Catherine Ballay, Michael C. Moore, and Pat Powell.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Ballay, second by Councilmember Powell, to excuse Councilmember Walti from the Regular Council Meeting of January 22, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Planning Director Owen Dennison.

**CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Mayor requested to remove the PRESENTATION, the PUBLIC HEARING and NEW BUSINESS Item #1 from the agenda.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019 were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hughes attended an all-day meeting in Oak Harbor hosted by the Washington State Transportation Commission where the commission invited participants to give brief presentations about their needs and challenges they face when planning for transportation maintenance and growth.
- Mayor Hughes attended the State Department of Commerce Military Compatibility meeting in Oak Harbor.
- Mayor Hughes reported that over 200 people attended the Sound Defense Alliance meeting held in the Coupeville High School Gym where the topic was what the next steps will be once the Record of Decision on the EIS is final.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that when the Trust Board, the Town Council declined to sign the Section 106 mitigation the State Board echoed that sentiment and it sounds like the Navy will be amending their offer.
- Mayor Hughes reported that Congressman Larsen continues persists in his advocacy for our community by continuing to personally write letters to the Secretary of the Navy.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council the Town received 5 responses to its request for proposals for survey engineers and she hopes to have a contract at the next Council meeting.
- Mayor Hughes attended the Oak Harbor Housing Task Force meeting last week.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the Town has received \$735,650 in TIB grant money to overlay South Main Street, and complete the sidewalk on Alexander near the Coveland intersection.

- Mayor Hughes reported the Gifts from the Heart Food Bank served 133 families for Thanksgiving thanks to the generosity of donors.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Council about the upcoming Jingle Bell Run, Christmas Parade & Town Greening, and the Parade of Boats.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointment to Island County Tourism Committee**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Moore to appoint Dianne Binder as the Town's lodging representative to the Island County Tourism Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Ballay to appoint Kathy Baxter to the Historic Preservation Commission with a three-year term ending 12/31/21. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Appointments to Ebey's Reserve Trust Board**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Powell to appoint Lisa Bernhardt and Michael Moore to Ebey's Reserve Trust Board, both with terms ending 10/01/20. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of January 2019 A/P transactions and warrants**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson to approve January 2019 A/P transactions and warrants #33716 to #33736 for a total of \$101,622.54. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Henderson attended the Chamber's Sip 'n Shop event and commented on what a success it was. Councilmember Henderson reported that Island Transit's new director will be starting on December 10th.

Councilmember Moore had nothing to report.

Councilmember Powell reported that the County Tourism meeting is this Thursday. She added that she recently attended an Affordable Housing Task Force meeting where the focus was on the Growth Management Act and how some aspects of the act make it difficult to find funding for affordable housing on the island. Another hurdle developer of affordable housing on the island must overcome is the lack of sewer infrastructure, which is required for some funding sources. The group delivered 41 recommendations to the City of Oak Harbor and the County and have begun to meet less frequently since the recommendation list was developed.

Councilmember Walti reported that the Utility Advisory Committee was cancelled this month. He went on to report that the group will continue discuss the Fort Casey Water Treatment Plant expansion as the plans become more complete.

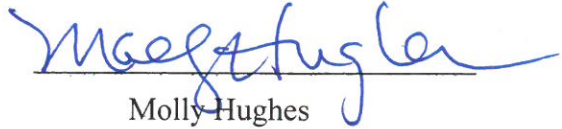
**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:05pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



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Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer



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Molly Hughes

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