

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
April 23, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hughes, Councilmembers Rick Walti, Pat Powell, Michael C. Moore, and Jackie Henderson.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Powell to excuse Councilmember Catherine Ballay from the Regular Council Meeting of April 23, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

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

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 09, 2019 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that Island Senior Resource Executive Director Cheryn Weiser will be presenting at the June 11th Regular Council Meeting.
- Mayor Hughes reported NET will be holding a number of trainings this summer, two small drills, and they will also have a presentation from a Department of Justice representative on how to handle large disasters.
- Mayor Hughes attended the monthly Economic Development Council's board meeting. Their focus is on increasing their membership. Mayor Hughes provided invitations to attend the EDC's annual luncheon in the Council packets.
- Mayor Hughes was a speaker at both the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association and Coupeville Chamber of Commerce meetings last week, where she presented information about the Community Green Project progress and work plan.
- Mayor Hughes attended the Coupeville Planning Commission's April meeting to hear the discussion about the vacation rental moratorium.
- Mayor Hughes attended the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner, where she inducted the new board members.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Fort Casey Water Plant expansion construction is on schedule.
- Mayor Hughes shared a brief progress report on the remodel of the Town Park restrooms.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded everyone that the Penn Cove Water Festival will be on May 4th, and that the National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is on May 11th.

AUDIENCE INPUT

An audience member addressed the Council to express support for the Port of Coupeville's plans to rehabilitate the Coupeville Wharf. He also expressed support of the Penn Cove Water Festival.

An audience member addressed the Council, thanking them for their efforts to make substantial improvements to public facilities around Town, and expressing her support of the Penn Cove Water Festival.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Special Event Permit #2019-05, Penn Cove Water Festival

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Moore to approve Special Event Permit #2019-05, Penn Cove Water Festival, with conditions, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of March 2019 Payroll and April 2019 A/P Transactions and Warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Henderson to approve March 2019 payroll transactions and warrants #33969 to #33974 for a total of \$96,272.00; and April 2019 A/P transactions and warrants #33968 to #34033 for a total of \$124,741.33. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson reported that the new Island Transit Director Todd Morrow will be a presenter at the next Regular Council Meeting. She went on to report that operations are going well at Island Transit and the next Island Transit Board Meeting will be held on Camano Island. Finally, she added Island Transit is considering adding Sunday service.

Councilmember Moore attended the first of three scheduled strategic planning meetings for the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board. The meeting lasted four hours and the next two meetings are expected to last two hours each. The focus of the meeting was on a strategic plan. Councilmember Moore reported the Mayor also attended the meeting.

Councilmember Powell reported that she unfortunately missed the County Tourism Meeting.

Councilmember Walti reported the Utility Advisory Committee meeting this month included a discussion with representatives of Kinneth Point Water District. They are exploring the possibility of connecting to the Town's water supply. The committee also had a brief discussion about the FEMA grant to replace the water main along Engle Road, at Fort Casey.

DISCUSSION

Planning Director Owen Dennison led the discussion on the Establishment of Guest Houses Moratorium with a report detailing the history of the moratorium. He then walked the Council through the Coupeville Planning Commission's proposed changes to Coupeville Town Code regarding short-term rentals.

The Council asked a number of questions, which were answered by Planning Director Dennison. Finally, the Council requested to hold a Special Council Meeting on April 30th from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm, at a location to be announced, to further discuss the current moratorium and proposed changes to the Coupeville Town Code.

AUDIENCE INPUT

An audience member addressed the Council concerning property owner's responsibility for mowing their Right-of-ways.

An audience member addressed the Council to express gratitude for the issuance of the Penn Cove Water Festival Permit.

An audience member addressed the Council expressing his understanding of the difficulty in deciding land use issues, and his support of considering the full-time community when making these decisions.

An audience member addressed the Council expressing support of Councilmember Pat Powell's comments during the DISCUSSION period, urging the Council to consider the availability of affordable housing, when deciding on changes to the Coupeville Town Code regarding short-term rentals.

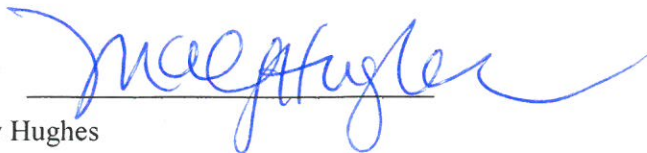
ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer



Molly Hughes

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