

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
August 13, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech and 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 July 23, 2019 were approved with minor corrections.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Whidbey News-Times published an article about our new water treatment plant.
- Mayor Hughes presided over a “ribbon” cutting ceremony at the new bathrooms in the municipal lot.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Arts & Crafts Festival was a success, the event went smoothly, and event goers were enjoying themselves. The new parking lot was a hit.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grants the Town received this year will be used next year which gives us more time to go out to bid for the projects. The Town had originally thought the County would be doing the work.
- Mayor Hughes reported that Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma has been working hard to submit grant applications to TIB for overlay, sidewalk, and chipseal projects for 2020.
- Mayor Hughes informed Councilmembers that Commissioner Sinclair is looking for elected officials who might be interested in serving on the Law Enforcement Officers Fire Fighters (LEOFF) Plan 1 board.
- Mayor Hughes reported that after much research into Substitute House Bill 1406, staff have concluded that the few dollars generated by this new legislation could be better used by the County, the Town does not think it would be beneficial to receive these dollars directly.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes informed the Council she would be taking a few days off and that Mayor Pro-tem Rick Walti will be available in her absence.

AUDIENCE INPUT

An audience member addressed the Council to thank the Town Council and Staff for their support of the Arts & Crafts Festival, and to publicly thank all of the volunteers who gave their time. She went on to inform the Council and attendees of the Plein Air event next week.

PRESENTATION

Coupeville School District Superintendent Steve King gave a PowerPoint presentation focusing on the goals of the Coupeville School District and some exiting new programs they are implementing. One of the ideas they hope to put into action is hosting fundraising dinners at the High School.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. She asked the Council if they were aware of any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues. Hearing none, the Mayor asked Planning Director Owen Dennison to proceed with the presentation of Draft Ordinance 751, Transient Accommodation Code Amendments. The public was invited to comment. No members of the audience spoke at the hearing. The Mayor then asked Planning Director Owen Dennison if any comments had been received by the advertised deadline. The comments were provided to the Council and are included in the record. The Mayor gave the Council the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. Questions were asked and answered, and minor corrections were suggested. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Council Budget Workshop for August 21, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Ballay, seconded by Councilmember Walti, to set the Council Budget Workshop for August 21, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rec Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech presented a draft of the 2020 Budget Calendar as well as Policies & Priorities. Council gave feedback on suggested updates to these documents. A final version will be presented to the Council at the next Regular Council Meeting for approval.

AUDIENCE INPUT

An audience member addressed the Council to inform them that the Port of Coupeville was awarded the grant money they requested from the County for wharf improvements.

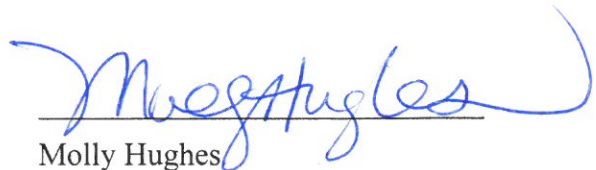
ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech



Molly Hughes

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