

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
September 24, 2019
6:32 p.m.**

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

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Walti to excuse Councilmember Pat Powell from the Regular Council Meeting of September 24, 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 September 10, 2019 were approved with minor corrections.

PRESENTATION

Ebey's Reserve Manager Kristin Griffin introduced the Reserve's new Preservation Coordinator, Jason Benson. Mr. Benson addressed the Council and provided detail about his work experience. Ms. Griffin then continued her presentation, providing information about the Reserve, their grant program, and explained how programs and activities are funded. She went on to describe the history of the partnership between the Town, the County, The National Park Service and the Reserve.

Mayor Hughes presented her State of the Town program to the audience and the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes attended a second meeting with the Coupeville Historical Team to discuss what each group is doing from now until the end of the year.
- Mayor Hughes presented her State of the Town address at both a Coupeville Lion's Meeting and Chamber event prior to presenting it at this Council Meeting.
- Mayor Hughes met with Whidbey Health Chief Financial Officer Ron Telles to discuss each other's ideas for maintaining a good working relationship between the Town and the Hospital.
- Mayor Hughes was among a group of invited guests who attended a meeting where the guest speaker was Secretary of the Navy, Richard Spencer. Mayor Hughes took this opportunity to speak on behalf of residents regarding the increase in flight operations at OLF.
- Mayor Hughes reported that 23 people have committed to signing up for a garden plot next year. The Town will open the garden in 2020.

- Mayor Hughes announced that the Town will be flushing water lines the week of October 7th.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Council that there will be a Budget Workshop prior to the Regular Meeting on October 8th, and informed the audience that the Pacific Rim Ciderfest will be on September 28th, and the Port's Harvestfest will be at Greenbank Farm on the 29th.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Resolution 19-11, 2020 Master Fee Schedule

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Moore to approve Resolution 19-11, 2020 Master Fees Schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of August 2019 Payroll and September 2019 Claim Vouchers/Warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Ballay to approve August 2019 payroll transactions and warrants #34329 to #34334 for a total of \$98,871.91; and September 2019 A/P transactions and warrants #34335 to #34388 for a total of \$241,071.66. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Moore reported that he will be gone between October 8th and the 21st.

Councilmember Walti reported the Utility Advisory Committee meeting this month included a information about the mainline flushing, fire hydrant checks, a valve replacement along Terry Road, the FEMA waterline project, and the water main extension planned for Keystone Hill Road.

Councilmember Ballay had nothing to report about the Law & Justice Council. She added that she would be attending a workshop on sea-level rise on Saturday.

DISCUSSION

Planning Director Owen Dennison presented information about a potential amendment to Chapter 16.13 CTC, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Design Review and Community Design Standards. Council would like to have further discussion about this topic at a future meeting.

Mayor Hughes gave a brief update on the impacts of SHB 1406 and potential revenue. Council is in agreement that the Town should let the County collect and manage the Town's portion of this revenue, which is earmarked for affordable housing.

Mayor Hughes shared some sustainability ideas and asked the Council for input on activities to promote the 50th anniversary of Earth Day next year. The Mayor will present more ideas at a future meeting.

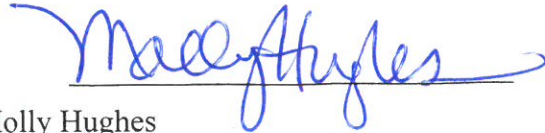
ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech



Molly Hughes

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