

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
October 8, 2019
6:35 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 Council Meeting of September 24, 2019 will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes presented her State of the Town address during an Island Senior Services Lunch and Learn program.
- Mayor Hughes attended an Ebey's Partners of the Reserve meeting where Planning Director Owen Dennison gave a presentation on proposed changes to the Historic Preservation policies. Preservation and protection of the Reserve were also topics at this meeting.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that Town staff are hard at work preparing the Preliminary 2020 Budget.
- Mayor Hughes reported that progress has stalled on the Big Cedar easements. There is a chance this project might not be wrapped up in time to install the main extension by the end of the year.
- Mayor Hughes will be attending the Island County Historical Society's fundraising dinner this Saturday, where she will present a proclamation to the Daughters of the Pioneers, who are being honored at the event.
- Mayor Hughes reminded the Council and audience that the Town will be hosting a Coupeville 101 event in the Rec Hall on October 15th, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes informed the Council and audience that the League of Women Voters is hosting a candidate debate in the Rec Hall on October 15th at 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE INPUT

A resident addressed the Council to share information about a series of online sessions titled "Local Climate Resilience – planning, financing, and investment risk", presented by The Security and Sustainability Forum, and encouraged the Council to visit their website for more information.

Coupeville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lynda Eccles addressed the Council, thanking the Town for painting the wellhouse located behind the Chamber office.

DISCUSSION

Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech provided copies of 2% grant application packets, the current resolution guiding scoring criteria, and blank score sheets. Council will discuss the scores and make decisions on awards at the next Council meeting. Council asked the Mayor to invite all applicants to the next meeting. Councilmember Powell reminded the other Councilmembers that the funds are intended to be used to promote tourism that results in heads-on-beds, and encouraged everyone to consider whether a proposed project fits the goal of increasing tourism, rather than evaluating the merits of the organization applying for grant funds. The Mayor added that the funds are meant to increase tourism and not just overnight stays.

Planning Director Owen Dennison presented a draft of a proposed amendment to the definition of a duplex in Title 16 of the Coupeville Town Code (CTC). Council expressed their approval of the proposed changes and asked the Planning Director to move forward with the process, which will start at the Planning Commission level.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Ballay attended a workshop on sea-level rise and will be providing information in the next Council packet. The focus of the workshop was on educating landowners about what a sea-level rise will mean for them.

Councilmember Henderson encouraged the Council and audience to read about imitative I-976, which will drastically reduce transportation funding if passed.

Councilmember Moore attended a Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys training conference September 24th through the 26th, in Walla Walla.

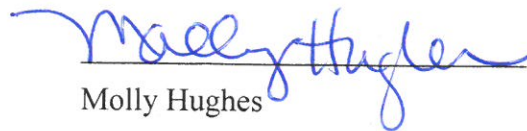
ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech



Molly Hughes

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