

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
June 9, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 12, 2020, were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes took a few minutes to acknowledge the civil unrest and protests occurring all over the country. She expressed her respect for those that have committed to peaceful protests and demonstrations, as well as her solidarity with those asking for true and lasting changes to policing standards and racial equality.
- Mayor Hughes, Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Planning Director Owen Dennison, and Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma all participated in a "Safe Opening" webinar hosted by Washington Cities Insurance Authority. Based on information gleaned during the webinar, and guidance from the State Department of Health, a "Back to Work Plan" has been created and shared with staff. Included in that plan is a staged approach to opening Town Hall to the public. During the second stage Town Staff will be able to meet with the public, by appointment only, for business that cannot be conducted either telephonically, or electronically. The Town will not move to Stage 2 of the "Back to Work Plan" until Island County enters Phase III of the State's plan.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the Rec Hall will remain closed to renters through the end of July, and that the public restrooms were opened back up last Monday.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council the PPE and cleaning supplies to support the safe opening of Town facilities and local businesses have been purchased. Many of the items have already arrived at Town Hall, though some key items, like plexiglass for the two clerk's desks at Town Hall have been delayed.
- Mayor Hughes announced that Island County has created a task force to create the applications that will be used to distribute CARES grant money to small businesses throughout the county. Coupeville will administer approximately \$60,000 of those funds, which will be used to fund grants for our local businesses here in Coupeville.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes met with Captain Army to discuss the federally mandated real-time noise monitoring at OLF. Captain Army has been working with local groups, receiving input for proposed locations for the five devices. The monitoring will occur one whole week, per season, over the next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Powell, second by Councilmember Walti, to appoint Councilmember Mike Moore as Mayor Pro Tem for a period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Island County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the Island County Solid Waste and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson reported that Island Transit will begin slowly increasing service once Island County is in Phase III. Ridership is down 85% over last year, due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Councilmember Walti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Moore reported that the Ebey’s Trust Board is continuing to meet twice a month, remotely. Their focus right now is on the new 5-year cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. The current agreement will expire this year.

Councilmember Bright had nothing to report.

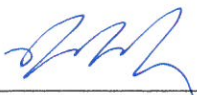
Councilmember Powell reported that the Island County Tourism Board is continuing to work on how to promote tourism in our area, while still managing the potential numbers of tourists, so we can continue to keep our residents and visitors safe.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor led a discussion informing the Council of the status of the proposed Front Street closure to support business activities during this period of social distancing, and described the steps she has taken to fulfill this request. Because the businesses have decided they would prefer to leave the street open, the Town will not be moving forward with plans to modify traffic on Front Street in any way.

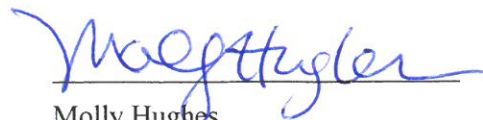
ADJOURNMENT: 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech

MAYOR:



Molly Hughes

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