

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 2020
6:31 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hughes, Councilmembers Jenny Bright, Pat Powell, Rick Walti, 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

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 27, 2020, was postponed to the next meeting, to allow for review of suggested revisions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the final Island County, District 1 Town Hall meeting will be held on November 12th.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the Halloween Car Parade was a success, with nearly 25 cars participating.
- Mayor Hughes expressed concern over the growing COVID numbers in Island County, and encouraged everyone to continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that she is working on contacting the partners regarding the Council's request for a copy of the official Ebey's Reserve designation by the National Parks System.
- Mayor Hughes, Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma, and Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech attended a virtual meeting with representatives from Davido, to discuss administration of the FEMA waterline grant.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Town has received reimbursement from the County for the Small Business Grants awarded and paid last month.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Council that tomorrow, Town Hall will be closed for Veteran's Day.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson addressed the Council to inform them of an upcoming Town Hall event, and where to find current Island County COVID information. She went on to express her gratitude for having the opportunity to serve our County as a Commissioner, which allowed her to become very involved with Ebey's Reserve.

PRESENTATION

Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve Manager Kristin Griffin addressed the Council, offering a variety of examples of how the Reserve provides support to the Town with regard to historic preservation efforts, as well as providing essential visitor services related to the Reserve. She went on to present a variety of ways efforts at the Reserve support historic preservation and education regarding historic preservation.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 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 Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech to proceed with the presentation of Ordinance 761, regarding the 2021 Budget. The public was invited to comment. No members of the audience spoke at the hearing. The Mayor then asked Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech if any comments had been received by the advertised deadline. Hearing that no comments were received by the Clerk Treasurer regarding this proceeding, the Mayor gave the Council the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS**Approval of revised easement and amended Short Plat on Leach Street**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Bright, to after consideration of the mutual benefits, direct the Mayor and the Planning Director to sign the attached Agreement Revising Easement Area and Amending Short Plat as described herein. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Moore had nothing to report.

Councilmember Walti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bright had nothing to report.

Councilmember Powell reported that the tourism committee is working hard on a Stay Safe, Shop Local campaign, which is funded by \$136,000 of CARES grant money. The campaign includes digital and print ads, website development, and 40 thousand shopping guides that will be mailed next week. She reported that while everyone involved has worked very hard on the campaign and materials, a special shout-out goes to Coupeville Chamber of Commerce Director Lynda Eccles and Whidbey Camano Islands Tourism Coordinator Sherrye Wyatt.

Councilmember Henderson reported that Island Transit has completed several grant applications for new and replacement buses. She also reported that ridership is still down from the previous year, and that drivers and riders are being very careful by wearing masks and maintaining social distancing while on transit buses.

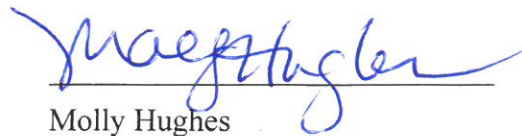
ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech

MAYOR:



Molly Hughes

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