

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2021
6:30 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

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 26, 2021, were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes reported that a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for new construction on Front Street. The new building will be constructed next to the historic Cash Store.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council the Utility Rate Study has encountered a slight delay, and the consultant contract deadline has been extended to March 31, 2021.
- Mayor Hughes will be participating in an interactive lesson for students attending the current Leadership course at Skagit Valley College, along with other island Mayors, on Friday, February 19th.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Council of Governments held an emergency meeting regarding the Governor's new reopening plan, and that during that meeting they drafted a letter expressing their concerns with the new metrics.
- Mayor Hughes will be attending a virtual meeting of the Coupeville Garden Club, where she will be giving her State of the Town Address.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that she has been invited to speak with preschoolers enrolled in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, about what it is like to perform the job of "mayor".
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Council that tomorrow, Town Hall will be closed for Presidents' Day on February 15th.

AUDIENCE INPUT

A resident addressed the Council, sharing his concerns about the growing deer population in Coupeville. He spoke about the damage to property, and potential harm to pets and residents as the deer are becoming increasingly aggressive. Finally, he asked the Council to consider adopting regulations regarding feeding deer, which encourages their presence in local neighborhoods.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of FEMA Public Assistance Grant related to Windstorm of 2020 (Disaster No.4539-DR-WA)

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Moore, to approve FEMA Grant Agreement #D20-2066, in the amount of \$154,703.93, with the Town share totaling \$36,834.27, for assistance related to repairs and clean-up due to the January 2020 Windstorm. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Island County Interagency Agreement for 2021 Street Overlays

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the Island County Interagency Agreement for 2021 street overlays in the amount of \$180,872. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Moore reported that the Law & justice Council had their first meeting of 2021 on January 27. At the meeting, Sheriff Felici discussed proposed legislation that could impact the Sheriff’s Office, he shared that the Sheriff’s Office has filled 5 of their 7 vacancies, and that the Island County Sheriff’s Office has one of the lowest “Use of Force” counts in the State.

Councilmember Walti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Henderson attended her last Island Transit Board meeting, along with incoming Town representative, Councilmember Jenny Bright. Councilmember Henderson reported that in addition to appointing committee members, and the new Chair, the group learned that administrators are currently reviewing the need and financial implications of adding Sunday Service. Island Transit is currently in good financial shape, and in the process of applying for COVID related aid. Ridership is still down compared to pre-COVID numbers.


Councilmember Bright shared with the Council and audience, that Island Transit has a tool that will show riders the best travel times: <https://www.islandtransit.org/routes-and-schedules>.

Councilmember Powell had nothing to report.

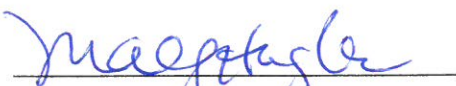
ADJOURNMENT: 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech



Molly Hughes

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