

Town of Coupeville Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2021
6:30 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Planning Director Donna Keeler

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 09, 2021 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR' S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes announced that Town Hall is open to the public, during regular business hours. Customers are asked to wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines while in Town Hall.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that she is working to re-open the Rec Hall for facility rental use, but current COVID requirements and restrictions are preventing that from happening soon.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the Town of Coupeville will be receiving an additional \$435,000 in COVID relief funds, half in 2021 and the other half in 2022. She will bring more about this additional relief as specific guidelines on the use of the funds are made available.
- Mayor Hughes shared that the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board is working with a consultant to identify priorities of the Reserve.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the bids for the upcoming water and sewer main replacements came in much higher than expected, and that the staff are working with our contract-engineers to scale down the project, and send it back out to bid.
- Mayor Hughes has been working with the Navy on an O&M agreement for the new Water Treatment Plant. The agreement will be presented at a future meeting for Council approval.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes announced that the Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled this year, due to COVID.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the first of two Public Hearings at 6:55 pm. She asked the Council if they were aware of any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues. Hearing none, the Mayor asked Planning Director to proceed with the presentation of Ordinance 763-A – Interim Development Regulations related to large animals in all zones within town limits. The public was invited to comment. No members of the audience spoke at the hearing. The Mayor then asked Planning Director Donna Keeler if any comments had been received by the advertised deadline. Hearing that no comments were received by the Planning Director regarding this proceeding, the Mayor

gave the Council the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. Questions were asked and answered. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:01 pm.

The Mayor opened the second of two Public Hearings at 7:01 pm. She asked the Council if they were aware of any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues. Hearing none, the Mayor proceeded with the presentation of Ordinance 764 – Prohibition on feeding wildlife and feral animals within town limits. 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. Questions were asked and answered. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:09 pm.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Powell, to direct the Mayor to include all of the emailed comments she received directly, and forwarded on to the Council prior to this hearing, as part of the record. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 763-A

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson, to adopt the passage of Ordinance 763-A and directing staff to work with the Planning Commission to develop recommendations for revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and the Town Code pertaining to horses and large animals. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance 764

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, second by Councilmember Walti, to approve Ordinance 764 prohibiting the feeding of wildlife and feral animals within the town limits. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of new Planning Commission Members

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Moore to appoint Ralph Gamble, Dana Luvera and Von Summers to the Planning Commission for the Town of Coupeville. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of January 2021 Payroll and February 2021 A/P transactions and warrants.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Bright to approve February 2021 payroll transactions and warrants #35583 to #35587 as attached; for a total of \$105,054.80; and March 2021 A/P transactions and warrants #35588 to #35665 as attached; for a total of \$394,260.11. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Powell had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bright had nothing to report.

Councilmember Moore had nothing to report.

Councilmember Walti reported that the Utility Advisory Committee discussed the water and sewer main replacements scheduled for later this year, including a reduction in project scope due to unexpectantly high bids. The project has been scaled back and gone back out to bid. The group also discussed a water leak/private line repair on Madrona Way; potential upsizing requirements for WhidbeyHealth Medical Center; equipment and supply purchases related to the damage suffered by a sewer lift station and the sewer headworks, during last Spring's major rain event; progress of the Water Plan update; and how the Town plans to move forward with the water main extension on Big Cedar Road.

Councilmember Henderson had nothing to report.

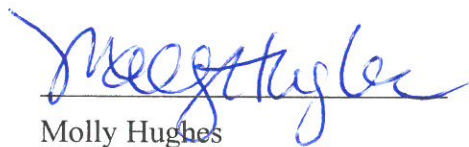
ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech



Molly Hughes

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