

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Remote Council Meeting
March 22, 2022
6:34 pm**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Donna Keeler, Fiscal Clerk Toni Payne

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2022, were approved as presented.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes reported that the EV Chargers have been delivered.
- Mayor Hughes attended the EDC Planning Meeting, where they discussed coming out of Covid, with a focus on economic recovery and resiliency; business retention and expansion; entrepreneurship and startups.
- Mayor Hughes met with Deborah O'Brien, the President of the Arts and Crafts Festival this week, to discuss changes the association will make to this year's festival.
- Mayor Hughes announced a new Assistant Planner has been hired. He is anticipated to start June 6th.
- Mayor Hughes has been working on easements for the Big Cedar waterline. Work was paused during Covid.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Coupeville Garden Club, and their plant sale were highlighted in this month's newsletter, in honor of volunteer month.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Councilmembers the next Council Meeting will be on April 12th, there will be a Joint Planning Commission meeting on March 29th, and Spring clean-up day is April 9th

PRESENTATION

Island Transit Executive Director Todd Morrow gave a presentation on the Island Transit Service Improvement Options to the Council. Island Transit is seeking public feedback on six sets of service improvements that the Board is expected to decide on at the April Board meeting. The service expansion focus is to expand service days and hours, improve connections and making sure no one is losing service along with keeping the fare free. Island Transit is also looking to decarbonize by transitioning to a zero-emission fleet that will be sustainable transit for a healthy planet by using solar panels on operating bases and have five battery-powered electric vans for on-demand service. Everyone is invited to learn more about this initiative, and take the survey, by visiting the Island Transit website:
<https://www.islandtransit.org/island-transit-maximized>

AUDIENCE INPUT

A resident expressed concern over the Town's requirement of homeowners to maintain the Right of Way, and for safety reasons requests that the Town maintain the Right of Way.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 773 adopting revisions to the Shoreline Master Program and the Critical Areas of Regulations

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson to approve Ordinance 773 amending Chapters 16.30 and 16.34 of the Coupeville Town Code pertaining to the Shoreline Master Program and the Critical Areas Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Cabaret License L-22-01, Tyee Restaurant & Hotel

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the Cabaret License L-22-01 to the Tyee Restaurant & Hotel. The motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Kevin Turkington to the Historic Preservation Commission

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson, to appoint Kevin Turkington to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending December 31,2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of February 2022 and March 2022 A/P Transactions and Warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Powell to approve February 2022 Payroll transactions and Warrants #36437 to #36442 for a total of \$126,802.26, and March 2022 A/P #36443 to #36503 for a total of \$265,616.77. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:43PM the Mayor announced that the Council would enter into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. She announced that the session was expected to last 10 minutes.

At 7:55PM the session was extended for 10 minutes.

At 8:05PM the session was extended for 5 minutes.

At 8:14PM the Council returned to regular session. No action was taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT 8:14PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Fiscal Clerk Toni Payne



Mayor Molly Hughes

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