

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
May 10, 2022
6:36 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hughes, Councilmembers Jenny Bright, Rick Walti, Pat Powell, and Mike Moore.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, second by Councilmember Moore, to excuse Councilmember Jackie Henderson from the May 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT: Utility Clerk Allison Gubata

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor suggested switching items 2 and 3 under NEW BUSINESS. The agenda was approved as amended.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes met with WhidbeyHealth Hospital CFO Jim Childers and Hospital Commissioner James Golder to discuss the hospital's plan to create trust, with the hospital staff.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that our Comp Plan consultant, Makers has a draft plan of changes to land use, zoning maps and code.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Island County Commissioners and the Port of Coupeville are discussing the needs of the airstrip in Oak Harbor on Monroe Landing Road.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Coupeville Lions Club is forming a committee of community stakeholders to come up with an end of the summer event to replace the Town Concert and Lion's Salmon BBQ.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Pacific Northwest Art School is taking the lead to get part of Coupeville declared a "Creative District".
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Reserve Manager, Coupeville Chamber and CHWA are hosting an event on Friday, May 13th, that they are calling an Executive Session. There will be presentations by non-profits, and businesses at the event.
- Mayor Hughes reported that Governor Inslee has signed a declaration that all Open Public Meetings should go back to in-person, and provide for remote attendance either telephonically, or virtually.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded everyone that this Saturday is the mini Penn Cove Water Festival in Town Park and that the Coupeville Farmers Market is from 10:00 – 2:00pm.

AUDIENCE INPUT

The Mayor acknowledged a letter sent by a resident regarding safety while maintaining their storm water ditches.

Ebey's Reserve Manager Marie Shimada addressed the Council to clarify that the executive session mentioned by the Mayor in her report is open to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for Resolution 22-03, regarding the surplus of real property owned by the Town's Water Utility at 7:05 p.m. She asked the Council if they were aware of any conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues. Councilmember Powell stated that while she felt she would be impartial, she acknowledged there might be an appearance of fairness issue, given her position as Director of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust. Councilmember Powell advised the Council she would abstain from the vote on Resolution 22-03. The Mayor proceeded with the presentation of Resolution 22-03, regarding

the surplus of real property owned by the Town's Water Utility. The public was invited to comment. No members of the audience spoke at the hearing. The Mayor reported that Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech received no additional comments by the advertised deadline. The Mayor gave the Council the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. Questions were asked and answered. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 774, regarding an amendment to Section 16.10.060 of the Coupeville Town Code at 7:17 p.m. 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 774. The public was invited to comment. No members of the audience spoke at the hearing. The Mayor then reported that Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech received no additional comments by the advertised deadline. The Mayor gave the Council the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Resolution 22-03 declaring land owned by the Water Utility surplus and provide for it's exchange with parcel owned by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust.

Council Action: Councilmember Powell abstained from the vote. A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Walti, to approve Resolution 22-03 declaring Parcel #13116-418-4070 belonging to the Town's Water Utility surplus and allowing for a land exchange with Whidbey Camano Land Trust for Parcel #13233-100-2130. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Ordinance 774 amending Coupeville Town Code Section 13.08.020 regarding utility connection fees.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Powell, to approve Ordinance 774 amending Coupeville Town Code Section 13.08.020 regarding utility connection fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Ordinance 772 Amending Section 16.10.060 of the Coupeville Town Code stipulating detached accessory building connected to the Town's water and sewer service will be subject to application requirements and related fees.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, second by Councilmember Moore, to approve Ordinance 772, amending CTC Section 16.10.060 by adding a new standard stipulating that any detached accessory building connected to Town of Coupeville water and sewer service will be subject to application requirements and related fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Margaret Bailey, co-owner of the Anchorage Inn B & B at the Town's lodging representative on the Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Board.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, second by Councilmember Walti, to appoint Margret Baily as the Town's lodging representative to the Whidbey and Camano Island Tourism Board. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Walti reported on the Utility Advisory Committee: Davido has submitted our draft Water System Plan to the Department of Ecology and the Department of Health for approval. Davido has submitted permit applications to Island County for the FEMA Waterline Project.

Councilmember Bright reported on the Island Transit Board meeting: Masks are no longer required; ridership is gaining traction; service adjustments are being made on some routes to staffing.

Councilmember Powell reported on the large historic farm and land acquisitions recently obtained by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust

Councilmember Moore reported on the Law and Justice Committee: The Island County pre-arrest intercept program is working hard to provide alternatives for people in our jail system into treatment for mental health or other help as needed. All ages are being supported, not just our youth. This is a multi-county collaboration with Island County considered as innovative where this program is concerned.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 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.