

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 12, 2022  
6:36 p.m.**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech

**CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Mayor proposed the following changes to the Agenda:

*Add a New Business item #4 Temporary Road Closure on Grace Street*

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Moore, to amend the Agenda as suggested. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 28, 2022 were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hughes attended a retirement party for long-time Town Attorney, Grant Weed.
- Mayor Hughes met with Representative Rick Larsen and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Coordinator Chris Credle to discuss funding opportunities and the challenges faced by small municipalities.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that Marshal Bo Miller began working with the Town on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the Wastewater Treatment Plant passed its Department of Ecology inspection.
- Mayor Hughes, Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma, and Utilities Superintendent Joe Grogan met with representatives from Puget Sound Energy to discuss potential grant opportunities.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that work continues on the waterline replacement project, funded through a FEMA grant that was awarded in 2021. She reminded the Council that the budget for the application was actually created in 2019, and that it is likely the cost of this project may end up coming in higher than originally budgeted.
- Mayor Hughes announced the Department of Ecology has approved the Town's Shoreline Mater Program.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Touch-a-truck event coordinated by Sno-Isle library staff will be tomorrow in the Community Green, and that NET will be having an in-person meeting in the Rec Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:48 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 Resolution 22-05, regarding the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program. 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 6:50 p.m.

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Randy King addressed the Council and thanked them for addressing the need for a noise ordinance. He stated he agreed with the Ordinance, as presented.

Steven Hatcher addressed the Council and described the process he and some of his neighbors had followed to attempt to solve a noise problem in their neighborhood, and expressed gratitude for the Council's action to consider adopting a noise ordinance.

Ray Cedillo Expressed his gratitude to the Council for considering adoption of a noise ordinance.

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 6:59 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approve Resolution 22-05 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Walti, to approve Resolution 22-05 adopting the 2023-2028 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Ordinance 778 Excessive Noise Code**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Bright, to revoke Ordinance 443 which established Coupeville Town Code 8.16 Noise and adopting Ordinance 778 creating Coupeville Town Code 8.16 Excessive Noise. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Resolution 22-07 regarding impacts of 2022 street overlays**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Walti, to approve Resolution 22-07 adopting the 2023-2028 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Temporary Road Closure on Grace Street**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Powell, to approve the temporary closure of approximately 65' of the northern most end of Grace Street for the installation of a parklet to be used in the historic commercial district from July 20th, 2022 to October 31st, 2022. The motion passed 4-1.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Henderson reported that there have been a number of media tours visiting Whidbey and Camano Islands, specifically geared toward travel writers. She added that a study shows there are 190 short-term rentals in the Coupeville zip code and that short-term rentals accounted for \$42 million of the lodging revenue received in Island County. Finally, Councilmember Handerson announced that the recently published trail guide will be available online sometime this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:25 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.*

