

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
August 23, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor proposed adding a NEW BUSINESS item to the Agenda:

5. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Island County Regarding the Reserve

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Handerson, second by Councilmember Moore, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Regular Meeting of July 26, 2022 were approved as corrected.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes participated in a Team Whidbey Leadership Meeting at the NAS Whidbey Island last month.
- Mayor Hughes attended the 50th anniversary celebration for Island Senior Services at Greenbank Farm last month.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the new Coupeville historic Waterfront Association Director, Jesse Levesque has officially started.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Coupeville Planning Commission is continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan update, and that there will be a public meeting in October regarding the first draft.
- Mayor Hughes and department managers met with consultants to discuss the Town's Level of Service goals, as it related to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Mayor Hughes corrected a scrivener's error made during recording of the ordinance passed in November 2021, regarding large animals. The ordinance number, which was incorrectly recorded as 771, should have been recorded as 778.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that staff have begun the budget process for next year, and are simultaneously preparing for the biennial audit.
- Washington Cities Insurance Authority conducted its annual risk audit of the Town and provided information about an across the board 49% increase in coverage costs for all members, that will go into effect in 2023. The Town is reviewing its options.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the Coupeville Arts & Crafts Festival went well, and visitors and residents seemed very happy with the event this year.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Plein Air event, which was an annual event prior to COVID, has returned and was also a smashing success.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Council and attendees that Town Hall will be closed for Labor Day.

NEW BUSINESS**Approval 2023 Budget Calendar**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Powell, to adopt the 2023 Budget Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve time and location for Special Budget Workshop on September 20, 2022

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Walti, setting a Special Budget Workshop on September 20th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Coupeville Rec Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson, setting a Special Budget Workshop on November 1, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Coupeville Rec Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve PNW Civil Contract for sidewalk work

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Moore, authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with PNW Civil not to exceed \$72,788 for sidewalk construction. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of July 2022 payroll transactions and warrants and August 2022 A/P transactions and warrants

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, second by Councilmember Bright, to approve July 2022 payroll transactions and warrants #36761 to #36767 as attached; for a total of \$125,487.02, and August 2022 A/P #36768 to #36795 as attached; for a total of \$101,359.61. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Island County Regarding the Reserve

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Henderson, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Island County regarding historic preservation and protection in Ebey's Reserve removing the reference to the rust Board managing the Reserve for the Secretary of the Interior. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Hughes led a brief discussion about the Council's legislative priorities. The Council agreed with the list presented by the Mayor and asked that she convey those priorities to the Town's state-legislative representatives.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Moore reported the Law & Justice Council met on July 27th. During the meeting, Sheriff Felici reported on the departments staffing challenges and continuing progress to solving those problems. Chief Briones reported that cameras have been installed in the jail facility, and that full-body scanners will be installed at the end of August. Kathryn Clancy, Behavioral Health

Clinical Supervisor in the jail gave a brief report about the County's diversion program for inmates.

Councilmember Walti reported that the Utility Advisory Committee met to discuss a request by Sarkisian Springs to absorb their water system into the Town's; the status of moving a portion of sewer main from Front Street up to Eighth; and the status of a new well.

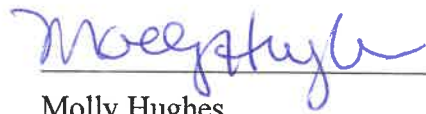
ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech



Molly Hughes

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