

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council Meeting
September 26, 2023 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Molly Hughes; Councilmembers Jenny Bright, Rick Walti, Mike Moore, and Jackie Henderson.

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Bright to excuse Councilmember Powell from the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Joe Grogan

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 12, 2023 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

-The Mayor reported the State of the Town Address for the Chamber was appreciated and well attended with over 80 business and community people.

-The Mayor, Donna Keeler and Joe Grogan met with the new staff of Island County Public Health Department and looks forward to working with them in the future.

-Island County held a meeting in the Rec Hall to take public input on their proposed speed limit changes. The meeting was well attended, and the Mayor appreciates them holding a meeting in Coupeville.

-The Mayor reported the NET emergency drill, held on September 25 was a huge success. Over 40 NET volunteers participated as well as many community members. The NET volunteers are being cross trained in more than one area and each drill shows the improvement in training, preparation and organization. Thanks to Council member Walti and Henderson for their participation in the drill.

-The Mayor reminded everyone there will be another NET drill on October 19 which will include neighborhood checks around town.

-Upcoming events include the Cider Fest at Pacific Rim on September 30, a Home on Whidbey presentation at the Planning Commission meeting on October 3 and the Island County Historical Society Museum Dinner and Auction on October 7.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Sandy Peterson, President of Civility First thanked the Mayor and Council for their seven years of support and for being a good role model of civil democracy.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing for - Resolution No. 23-07, 2023-2033 Water System Plan at 6:52 pm. Mayor proceeded with the presentation of Resolution 23-07 2023-2033 Water System Plan. The Mayor invited Public Works Director, Joe Grogan, to highlight the changes and improvements in the Plan. The Mayor gave the Council the opportunity to ask clarifying questions or provide comments.

Mayor Hughes opened the hearing for public comment. There being no persons present or virtual wishing to comment, Mayor Hughes closed the public comment portion of the hearing. Mayor Hughes confirmed no comments had been received by the advertised deadline. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:57 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 23-07 Adopting the 2023-2033 Water System Plan

Action: A Motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Walti approving Resolution No. 23-07 adopting the Town of Coupeville's 2023-2033 Water System Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Civility Pledge Renewal

Action: A Motion was made by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Bright authorizing the Mayor to sign the Civility Month Proclamation, designating October 2023 as Civility Month in the Town of Coupeville. The motion passed unanimously.

Business License Contract DOR

Action: A Motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Moore authorizing the Mayor to sign the Business Licensing Services Agreement with the Department of Revenue, creating a business license for the town of Coupeville. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Workshop

Action: A Motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Bright approving a Special Workshop for the 2024 Town Budget on November 7th at 3:00 pm in the Coupeville library. The motion passed unanimously.

2024 Budget Public Hearing Schedule

Action: A Motion was made by Councilmember Bright, seconded by Councilmember Henderson approving the 2024 Budget Public Hearings, as scheduled in the adopted 2024 Budget Calendar, to be held in the Island County Commissioner's Hearing Room, at the Regular Council Meetings beginning at 6:30 p.m. on those dates. The motion passed unanimously.

Btech Managed Security Services Program

Action: A Motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Moore authorizing the Mayor to sign a three-year contract with Btech for Managed Security Services Program in the amount of \$1,280 per month and a one-time setup fee of \$1,995. The motion passed unanimously.

August Payroll and AP

Action: A Motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Bright approving August 2023 A/P and Payroll Transactions and Vouchers: #37612 - #37619, #10000 - #10031, & EFT payments as attached; for a total of \$172,120.45;. The motion passed unanimously.


COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson - Tourism Board. The new Embrace Whidbey marketing looks great. They are working on updating the Interlocal Agreement between the County, Oak Harbor, Coupeville and Langley. They are working on a Cultural Heritage book highlighting 12 locations in the County.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

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Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Carpenter

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Molly Hughes

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