

**TOWN OF COUPEVILLE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**November 12, 2024**  
**6:00pm**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly and Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the November 12, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, and the November 4, 2024 Special Budget Workshop were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hughes attended the Council of Governments meeting with representatives from Maria Cantwell and Rick Larson's offices. They discussed legislative priorities for 2025.
- Halloween festivities in Coupeville went very well, including a very well attended Torchlight Parade, beer garden, and Practical Magic movie nights.
- Coupeville is now officially a Creative District! Pacific Northwest Art School director Lisa Bernhardt says that now is when the hard work begins. They are looking for representation from different types of artists including food, photography, fiber, paint, performance, music, etc. Anyone interested should contact Lisa Bernhardt.
- Robert Palent has signed a short-term contract with Ebey's Trust Board to serve as the interim Reserve manager. He will help lead the charge to find a full-time Reserve manager.
- Mayor Hughes, Public Works Director Joe Grogan, Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson, and Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly attended a training hosted by the Association of Washington Cities about drug and alcohol testing for safety-sensitive employees.
- Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson and Fiscal Clerk Sarah Swan put together a benefits fair for the Town's employees. They coordinated with AWC and DRS to have representatives at the fair to answer questions about staff health and retirement benefits.
- Mayor Hughes attended a meeting with the YMCA about their recent purchase of Camp Casey and their plans for the future. They were able to keep all seven existing Camp Casey staff and are planning a lot of summer camp programs over the next few years.
- Mayor Hughes attended the Ebey's Community Potluck, which was very well attended.
- Mayor Hughes led the Town's Veteran's Day Ceremony. About 50 people attended, and there were representatives from all branches of the military there to raise their branch's flag. The Shifty Sailors were in attendance as well, and even learned the Space Force hymn!

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:19pm, Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget Proposal. Mayor Hughes asked the Council if anyone had a conflict of interest. There being no conflict of interest, Mayor Hughes presented on changes to the 2025 Budget Proposal since the November 4, 2024 Budget Workshop.

The Mayor opened the floor to public comment. There was no comment from the public and no letters or statements were submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer or Deputy Clerk by the deadline.

Mayor Hughes closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

The Council asked clarifying questions. Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing at 6:58pm.

**NEW BUSINESS****Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Street Closures**

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to approve the street closures for the 2024 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. The motion passed unanimously.

**October Payroll and A/P Transactions**

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve October 2024 payroll EFT transactions for a total of \$142,198.80 and October 2024 A/P transactions and EFT payments #10698 - #10757 for a total of \$174,954.33. The motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS****Councilmember Powell**

Councilmember Powell specially thanked the Coupeville Marshal's office and the Island County Sheriff's Department for their presence at the Island County Elections office leading up to and after Election Day.

**Councilmember Bright**

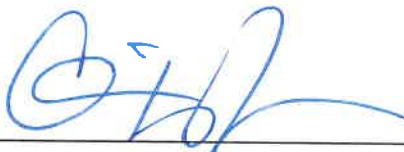
Councilmember Bright announced that Island Transit has a new Executive Director. You can read more about the new Executive Director on Island Transit's website:

[www.islandtransit.org/agency-news](http://www.islandtransit.org/agency-news)

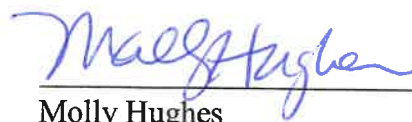
**ADJOURNMENT: 7:04pm**

Respectfully Submitted

MAYOR



Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly



Molly Hughes