

TOWN OF COUPEVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
December 10, 2024
6:00pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly, and Community Planning Director Joshua Engelbrecht

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to approve the agenda of the December 10, 2024 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Powell, to appoint Councilmember Moore as Mayor Pro Tem for the term of January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

November A/P and Payroll Transactions:

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve November 2024 payroll EFT transactions for a total of \$145,476.72, and November 2024 A/P transactions and EFT payments #10758 - #10816 for a total of \$208,069.82. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bright

The Island Transit board met the first week of December. It was the first meeting with the new Executive Director Linda Adams. In her first 17 days, a lot of great work has already been done.

DISCUSSION

Comprehensive Plan – Historic Preservation and Community Design Element

Community Planning Director Engelbrecht led a discussion with the Council about the work being done on the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Powell believes the tribes and the Island County Historical Museum should be listed as valuable partners. Questions were asked about

financial incentives to owners of historic properties for preservation and rehabilitation, and about protecting waterfront properties from sea level rise. Councilmember Powell also believes that Island County should increase their partnership and financial support to the Reserve, and that the new tree ordinance passed this year is not compatible with the Comprehensive Plan's desire to protect vegetation.

Comprehensive Plan – Housing Element

Community Planning Director Engelbrecht led a discussion with the Council about the work being done on the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Moore asks whether integrating housing types is geared toward higher-density housing areas or all neighborhoods. Councilmember Powell would like to see dedicated mobile-home park zoning added as soon as possible in order to protect Coupeville's existing parks from redevelopment. Councilmember Henderson asks about policies geared toward helping home owners add apartments over existing garages.

Comprehensive Plan – UGA Memo and Island County Feedback

Community Planning Director Engelbrecht led a discussion with the Council about the work being done on the Comprehensive Plan and the possible addition of an urban growth area. Councilmember Powell points out the surplus of undeveloped land on Parker Rd, already within town limits. Powell also points out that it will cost the Town money, but the school does not pay property taxes. Councilmembers Henderson and Bright raised questions about the school's motivation for the request.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:04pm

Respectfully submitted:

MAYOR


Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly


Molly Hughes