

TOWN OF COUPEVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
April 22, 2025
6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00pm, Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and led the Council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Molly Hughes, Councilmembers Jenny Bright, Rick Walti, Michael Moore, Jackie Henderson, and Pat Powell (virtual)

STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly, Community Planning Director Joshua Engelbrecht, Building Official Scott Austin, and Public Works Director Joe Grogan (virtual)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda of the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes met with elected officials regarding the Island County Tourism Interlocal Agreement. They are ironing out many changes and updates that will allow the Tourism Committee to work more efficiently.
- Mayor Hughes, Public Works Director Grogan, and Community Planning Director Engelbrecht met to discuss the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), which will come before Council for approval sometime in May.
- Mayor Hughes and Community Planning Director Engelbrecht attended a Transportation meeting held by Congressman Larson's office. Community leaders from across the county met to discuss each municipality's needs. SR 20 continues to be a major priority for every community.
- Mayor Hughes and Public Works Director Grogan met with representatives from Worksource. They learned about Worksource's internship program, as well as other programs they offer to help people find jobs. Mayor Hughes recommended they talk with the YMCA at Camp Casey, since they will need a lot of seasonal help.
- Mayor Hughes, Marshal Miller, and Public Works Director Grogan met with the elementary school principal to discuss traffic issues during pick-up and drop-off. Public Works will paint the shoulder of S. Main St. from SR 20 to the bus stop, as a short-term fix. The principal will be working with the PTA to develop a crossing guard program, as well as work on their pick-up/drop-off process.

- Mayor Hughes met with CHWA on April 18, to give an update on the Boardwalk/Sidewalk construction project. Mayor Hughes is dispersing a letter explaining the construction timeline.
- Mayor Hughes attended the first Farmer's Market of the season on April 19. They had a decent turn out, weather wasn't horrible.
- Mayor Hughes listed some important events and dates between now and the next Council meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

- Vicki Chambers spoke about the Boardwalk/Sidewalk project. She was unhappy that multiple requests for another public meeting with Front Street stakeholders went unmet. Chambers says many business owners are unhappy that the construction will occur May – July.
 - Public Works Director Grogan responded to Chambers explaining the delay and why the construction will occur May – July.
- Lynda Eccles spoke about the reenactment of Paul Revere's famous ride. Eccles said it went well and that there was an attendee who is a distant relative of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (who wrote the famous poem about the ride). There were other attendees whose ancestors were on the Mayflower voyage.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:34pm Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing for Resolution 25-03 Amending the Fee Schedule. Mayor Hughes asked the Council if anyone had a conflict of interest. There being no conflict of interest, Mayor Hughes asked Building Official Scott Austin to present on the changes to the fee schedule. The Mayor opened the floor to public comments. There being no public comments or letters submitted by the deadline, the Mayor closed the public comment portion of the hearing. The Mayor gave the Council the opportunity to ask clarifying questions or provide comments. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:40pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 802 – Business License

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve Ordinance 802 establishing a Business License requirement for Coupeville, effective May 1, 2025. The motion passed with 4 yes votes, Councilmember Powell casting the sole No vote.

Resolution 25-03 – Amending the Fee Schedule

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Bright, to approve Resolution 25-03 adopting a new Fee Schedule for 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Cabaret License for Tyee

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to approve Cabaret License CL25-003, issued to Tyee Restaurant and Motel. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Walti

Councilmember Walti reported that the Utility Advisory Committee met and discussed the new Well construction, SCADA telemetry project, Navy's support for our water testing plans, and water line replacements in Town.

DISCUSSION

Community Planning Director Engelbrecht led a discussion with the Council about the Middle Housing Code Update. The Planning Commission and the Planning Department have been working hard on the code update and are nearing the finish line. The Council asked questions about Unit Lot Subdivision and affordable housing covenants. No major changes were requested in the code language. The Middle Housing Code will come before the Council for approval at the May 27, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

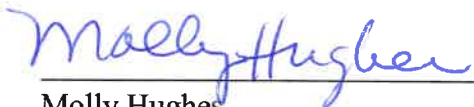
ADJOURNMENT: 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

MAYOR



Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly



Molly Hughes