

TOWN OF COUPEVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
March 10, 2026
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, Kristo Allred, Evan Henrich, and Jackie Henderson

STAFF PRESENT

Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson, Community Planning Director Josh Pitts, and Public Works Director Joe Grogan

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Bright, to excuse Councilmember Walti from the March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Walti joined the meeting virtually at 6:15pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda of the March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting, and the March 5, 2026 Special Workshop were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes reported that she, Joe, and Jesse conducted four interviews for the Public Works Tech I position. They have decided to hire two of the four interviewed. One has already started working and the other will start March 16th.
- Mayor Hughes reported that Mussel Fest was a huge success with sold-out Mussel Mingles and Chowder Tastings. Jesse Levesque of the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association will be presenting to the Council soon, and she will provide more numbers.
- Mayor Hughes reported that she is working on the by-law committee for the Economic Development Commission. The most visible changes will be to the board composition, if the changes are adopted. The by-law committee hope to finish their work and present it to the board soon.
- Mayor Hughes participated in a NET meeting at the end of February. They are still looking for a new coordinator. The meeting had a good turn out, and they discussed

changes to the group's mission and organizational chart. They are looking for new members to volunteer with NET.

- Mayor Hughes attended the last Coupeville Chamber meeting, where Jake Carlson of the YMCA Camp Casey presented on their new health and fitness programs.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Community Garden is fully rented already. We are keeping track of who wanted to rent but couldn't and may consider expanding the garden in the future.
- Mayor Hughes thanked the Council for attending the Parks and Rec Special Workshop. Lisa has already started updating the spreadsheet that was worked on in the workshop.
- Before the next Council Meeting, the Coupeville Lions will hold their annual scholarship dinner, and the annual St. Paddy's Day Bash will be at the Coupeville Rec Hall.
- Mayor Hughes reported that our former Planning Director Donna Keeler had a scary car trouble situation on Highway 20, and Marshal Miller was there in a flash and stayed with her until the tow truck arrived. Donna wanted to publicly thank Marshal Miller.
- Mayor Hughes reported that PSE has put out an advisory for high winds through Wednesday night.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-02 Adopting Countywide Planning Policies

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henrich, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve Resolution 26-02 adopting the revised Island County Countywide Planning Policies. The motion passed unanimously.

On-Call Engineering Contract

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Allred, seconded by Councilmember Bright, to authorize the Mayor to sign an on-call contract with Facet Engineering for engineering service through December 31, 2027. The motion passed unanimously.

On-Call Engineering Contract

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Henrich, to authorize the Mayor to sign an on-call contract with Wilson Engineering for engineering services through December 31, 2027. The motion passed unanimously.

On-Call Archaeology Contract

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Allred, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign an on-call contract with PSOMAS for archaeology services through December 31, 2027. The motion passed unanimously.

February A/P and Payroll

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Allred, to approve February 2026 Payroll EFT transactions for a total of \$137,421.84 and February 2026 A/P Transactions and EFT payments #11633 - #11680 for a total of \$89,934.41. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson

Councilmember Henderson reported that the new Interlocal Agreement for tourism has been signed by all three municipalities and the County.

Councilmember Henrich

Councilmember Henrich reported on the proposals for the new jail location. The jail administrator is aiming to have the proposal ready for a vote in 2027, with construction in 2028 and 2029. The public meeting in Coupeville was well attended and there was more support for remodeling the current jail.

Councilmember Allred

Councilmember Allred asked that Council Workshops be scheduled for Tuesdays in the future.

Councilmember Bright

Councilmember Bright reported that the Island Transit Board will have a retreat on Friday, March 6.

DISCUSSION

MOA Amendments

Community Planning Director, Josh Pitts, led a discussion with the Council about possible changes to the Memorandum of Agreement with Cecil and Cheryl Stuurmans. Pitts went over the results of the survey that was sent to residents within the MOA.

Six amendment options were presented. Council and staff discussed concerns about parking, water capacity, affordable housing, and how dwelling unit credits will be distributed. There was consensus among the Council that Option 3, which would allow one ADU per single-family residence or duplexes which are proposed to be capped at ten, would be preferred.

AUDIENCE INPUT

- Clara Beier addressed the Council about concerns she has about accidents on Broadway in relation to extending third street to Broadway.
- Kim Bepler spoke to the Council to thank them for considering the options. She also thanked Josh for working with them to find a compromise.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:52pm, Mayor Hughes adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYOR


Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly


Molly Hughes