

**TOWN OF COUPEVILLE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**August 25, 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 Rick Walti, Kristo Allred, and Jackie Henderson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson and Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly

**MOTION TO EXCUSE**

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Walti, to excuse Councilmembers Jenny Bright and Evan Henrich from the August 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda of the August 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting was approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the August 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hughes reported that she and Public Works Director Grogan had a UAC meeting with Carley McArdel, who will be taking on some of Jeff Tasoff's workload. They discussed projects on the Capital Facilities List in preparation for the first Budget Workshop in September.
- Mayor Hughes reported that she, Public Works Director Grogan, and Community Planning Director Pitts, met with Coupeville School District Superintendent Shannon Leatherwood and Facilities Director Jon Becker. They discussed the projects the school district is working on, such as sound mitigation and solar panel installation. The school district is also working on a water line and meter inventory. Superintendent Leatherwood will give a presentation to the Council at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- Mayor Hughes reported that Island Senior Services will be presenting to the Council at the September 22 Council Meeting. They will be introducing their new Executive Director.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Coupeville Creative District's second annual car show was a huge success, with 87 vehicles. Mayor Hughes gave a shoutout to the Town's Public Works Clerk, Hannah Anderson, who entered her convertible Toyota Rav4.

- Mayor Hughes reported that schools in Coupeville start back on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hughes also reminded the Council that the Farmer's Market is still open every Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm, and that the Coupeville Chamber's Murder Mystery Dinner is on Friday, August 28, and that tickets are only available online.

### **PRESENTATION**

Island County Sheriff Rick Felici, and Superior Court Administrator Megan Frazier gave a presentation to the Council about the current state of the Island County Jail. The presentation highlighted the jail's needs as discussions are underway for a new jail.

### **AUDIENCE INPUT**

- Krista Moser addressed the Council about a quilting retreat she is starting at a home on Summit Loop. Moser wants the Council and public to know that if they have any questions about the retreat, to reach out to her.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **Councilmember Henderson**

Councilmember Henderson reported that she was very impressed with the Island Roots presentation a couple months ago. Henderson talked about the great success Island Roots has had with their development in Langley, and that the public should reach out to them and engage with them if they have questions about the Coupeville project. Henderson commented that rumors are circulating that could be dispelled if members of the public would reach out to Island Roots to ask them questions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:55pm, Mayor Hughes adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYOR

  
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Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly  
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Molly Hughes