

TOWN OF COUPEVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
September 8, 2026
6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00pm, Acting Mayor Pro-Tem, Jackie Henderson, called the meeting to order and led the Council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Councilmembers Jackie Henderson, Rick Walti, and Jenny Bright

STAFF PRESENT

Public Works Director Joe Grogan, Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson, and Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly

MOTION TO EXCUSE

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, seconded by Councilmember Walti, to excuse Councilmembers Henrich and Allred from the September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to remove the street annexation Discussion Item

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the agenda of the September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 25, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted.

PRESENTATION

Shannon Leatherwood, Superintendent of Coupeville Schools, presented to the Council the state of their facilities and the work that their Facilities Planning Task Force has been doing over the last year. Leatherwood discussed the District's desire to build a new Elementary School, and possible site locations. Questions were asked about enrollment, traffic, and the woods on the property where their farm school is located.

AUDIENCE INPUT

- Kyle Renninger addressed the Council with concerns about the possible annexation of the Urban Growth Area (UGA) and adjacent roads. Renninger states that the annexation was originally for utility purposes, but now it appears a school may be sited on the annexed parcel. Renninger asked the Council to slow down the annexation process and seek more public input.

- Pat Powell addressed the Council to thank Superintendent Leatherwood, and to second Kyle Renninger's comments.
- Mark Sheehan addressed the Council to express opposition to the addition of a road across the school's property, cutting through woods, as shown in the earlier presentation. Sheehan also asked if the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan addresses cyberattacks on public utilities.
- Michelle Connor addressed the Council to express support for building a new Elementary school on the existing site, as shown in the earlier presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-04 Adopting the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Bright, to authorize the Mayor to approve Resolution 26-04 adopting the 2026 Island County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, seconded by Councilmember Walti, to appoint Chuck Sanders to the At Large position on the Historic Preservation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson

Councilmember Henderson reported that the Tourism Committee went out to bid for several consultant positions and they received hundreds of bids. Those bids have been narrowed down and are being reviewed by Committee members and interviews should start the following week.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:46pm, Acting Mayor Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYOR



Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly



Molly Hughes