TOWN OF COUPEVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
October 13, 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, Evan Henrich, and Jackie Henderson

STAFF PRESENT

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

MOTION TO EXCUSE

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Walti, to excuse Councilmember Bright from the October 13, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A discussion item regarding Employee Benefits was removed from the agenda.
Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Henrich, to approve the agenda of the October 13, 2026 Regular Meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 22, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes reported that the Town hosted a Roberts Rules of Order training for multiple boards and commissions across the county. The training went very well and was well received.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association hosted a fire drill and rescue on the Wharf with Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue. The drill went well, and they had a meet and greet informational session in the Rec Hall afterwards, which was well attended.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Coupeville School District has held several public meetings about the proposed new elementary school. A lot of public input has been received regarding the site location. The task force still has a lot of work ahead of them before they go out for a bond measure.

- Mayor Hughes presented the State of the Town to the Coupeville Chamber and the Coupeville Lions, and will present it to Council at the next meeting.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Great Shakeout Drill will be on October 15, and NET will be doing neighborhood checks, working with the NET radios, and doing neighborhood drills. The Town is still looking for a NET Coordinator.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the Town will hold a Public Hearing on October 15 at 10 regarding a house on Summit Loop that is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to turn the two-bedroom Bed and Breakfast into a four-bedroom Bed and Breakfast.
- Mayor Hughes thanked Brandy, Robyn, and Hannah for creating Town Hall's Halloween display for the Chamber's annual Haunting of Coupeville.
- Before the next Council Meeting there will be multiple Halloween events such as, the Witches Walk, Practically Magic Halloweekend events, Halloween Movies at Greenbank Farm, Haunted Trail at Fort Casey, and more throughout Central Whidbey.

PRESENTATION

Alex Seymour, Executive Director of Island Senior Resources, presented to the Council about the state of Island Senior Resources and the work they've done over the past year.

AUDIENCE INPUT

- George Thawley addressed the Council with concerns regarding Bed and Breakfasts in Residential areas. Thawley would like to see more restrictions or guidelines around Bed and Breakfasts in Residential Areas.

NEW BUSINESS

Civility Month Proclamation

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Henrich, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Civility Month Proclamation, designation October 2026 as Civility Month in the Town of Coupeville. The motion passed unanimously.

Parker Road Path License

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Allred, seconded by Councilmember Walti, to authorize the Mayor to sign the License Agreement regarding a path on parcel S7734-00-0000A-0 owned by Penn Cove View Homeowners Association. The motion passed unanimously.

AED Agreement

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Allred, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Access AED Program Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Community Development Department 2027 Work Plan

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Allred, to approve the 2027 Planning and Community Development Department Work Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

September A/P and Payroll
Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Allred, seconded by Councilmember Walti, to approve September 2026 Payroll EFT Transactions for a total of $149,286.76 and September 2026 A/P Transactions and EFT payments #11984 - #12042 for a total of $178,147.12. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson
Councilmember Henderson reported that she and Mayor Hughes attended the AWC luncheon in Burlington. It was a regional meeting of Councilmembers and Mayors. AWC discussed their legislative priorities.

Councilmember Henrich
Councilmember Henrich reported that the County may ask for $1 million for design and engineering of the new jail.

DISCUSSION

Legislative Priorities
Mayor Hughes led a discussion with the Council regarding the Town's legislative priorities. Councilmembers agreed that Childcare, Senior Care, and Housing are the Town's top legislative priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22pm, Mayor Hughes adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly

MAYOR

Molly Hughes