

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
6:30 pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Nancy Conard, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Bob Clay, Larry Cort, Jackie Henderson.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Cort, to excuse Councilmember Molly Hughes. The motion passed 4-0.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Marshal Lance Davenport, Clerk-Treasurer Judy Thomas.

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Conard amended the Agenda under New Business, to add Item #6, Approval of Resolution 12-07 authorizing the sale of the property at 209 NW Broadway.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2012 were approved with the following two changes: 1) Page 2, Audience Input, last two sentences should read, 'The House Resolution 3242 is seeking support in the House of Representatives called the 'Save our Climate Bill', it would tax carbon at the source; it is the key to turning this around. The "tax" is only one half of the proposal the other very significant part is the "rebate" which returns the collected money to the tax payer.'; 2) Page 1, top of page under Staff Present, remove the sentence, ~~Pledge of allegiance and~~. A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve the minutes of September 11, 2012, as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Conard explained that the day to day business of government operations has consumed a lot of time; she has been very busy working with supervisors and staff working on a number of issues, including the 2012 budget revision, 2013 budget, and researching options concerning police staffing.
- On September 12th, at the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce meeting, she presented the State of the Town address and discussed police department staffing; both short term and long term options.
- She and Staff are continuing to meet (weekly) with Eve Parrish on the Emergency Management Plan and will meet tomorrow and a few more times; and we are in the process of cleaning up the final version that will be submitted to the State.
- The annual NET/COAD (Neighborhood Emergency Team/Community Organizations Assisting in Disaster) luncheon will be held at the Rec Hall on October 17th, at 12 noon. This is a once-a-year opportunity to reconnect with the businesses and resources who have offered to be of assistance to the Town in case of an emergency.
- Each year AWC (Association of Washington Cities) holds regional meetings to bring elected officials from various areas to discuss, what legislative issues they expect to be considered in the next legislative session. The Regional Meetings nearest to Coupeville are scheduled for Bothell (October 24th), Bellingham (October 30th), and Port Angeles (November 1st). She asked Council to let her know if they wished to attend and added that some of the dates conflict with the National Historic Preservation Conference, which

some Councilmembers are planning to attend. Councilmember Cort stated that he plans to attend the Regional Meeting in Bellingham.

NEW BUSINESS

Set public hearing date for 2012 Budget Revision – *Staff recommends setting the Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget Revision for October 23, 2012.*

Mayor Conard explained that there will be discussion on the budget revision at the October 9th meeting and suggested the public hearing be on October 23rd.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Binder, to set the public hearing date on the 2012 Budget Revision for October 23, 2012. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Special Event Permit Application for the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association (CHWA) Halloween Parade – *Staff recommends a motion to approve the Special Events Permit for the 2012 Halloween Parade on October 27, 2012.*

Marshal Davenport explained that this application is basically the same as the Special Event Application for the 2011 Halloween Parade.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Binder, second by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the Special Event Permit for the 2012 Halloween Torchlight Parade on October 27, 2012. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Resolution 12-06 supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Regulate Corporate Political Spending and Campaign Financing – *Staff recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-06 supporting a Constitutional Amendment.*

Larry Cort discussed the resolution and the documents he used to prepare the resolution.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Henderson, to approve Resolution 12-06 supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Regulate Corporate Political Spending and Campaign Financing. *Discussion:* Councilmembers Clay, Henderson and Binder, thanked the Citizens Ignited group for their persistence, respectful presentation of this issue, and their professional stand on the issue. The motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-06

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Washington, supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Regulate Corporate Political Spending and Campaign Financing.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement of Settlement and Release between New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter to the claimant – *Staff recommends authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement of Settlement & Release between New Cingular Wireless/AT&T and the Town; and sign the letter to the claimant.*

Mayor Conard explained that this was discussed with the Town Attorney some time ago and he recommends approval of the proposed settlement; as the amount of the settlement is probably much less expensive than the legal fees would be if we don't settle.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Cort, second by Councilmember Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement of Settlement & Release between New Cingular Wireless/AT&T and the Town of Coupeville; and sign the letter reflecting the credit to the claimant against future utility tax in the amount of \$5,264.59. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of September 25, 2012 Claims Vouchers/Warrants and August 2012 Payroll Warrants – *Staff recommends approval of the September 25, 2012 claims vouchers/warrants #25195 to #25255 for a total of \$108,144.83; and August 2012 payroll warrants #14015 to #14060 for a total of \$124,561.45.*

Several questions were asked and answered about the vouchers and no changes were suggested.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve September 25, 2012 claims vouchers/warrants #25195 to #25255 for a total of \$108,144.83; and August 2012 payroll warrants #14015 to #14060 for a total of \$124,561.45. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Resolution 12-07 declaring certain real property (located at 209 NW Broadway, Coupeville) owned by the Town as surplus to the Town's needs and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents to close a sale of the said property

Mayor Conard explained that there have been a number of discussions on the surplus and sale of this property. The Town purchased this lot to provide for the future extension of Fourth Street. The Town retained ownership of a 40 foot easement on the side of the property for the future right of way. Originally the property was listed at \$165,000, as a fixer upper; and it was the desire of the Town to sell it "as is". Based on the continued down trend of real estate, the price was reduced to \$125,000; and we received four offers, but the first two were too low, the third was unable to obtain financing. The fourth offer was for \$112,000 cash, "as is"; and seems to be an accurate reflection of the local market and the condition of the house.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Binder, second by Councilmember Cort, to approve Resolution 12-07 selling the property at 209 NW Broadway, Coupeville for \$112,000. *Discussion:* Councilmember Clay noted that although his wife works for Windermere Real Estate, she has not been involved in this agreement, and he is not related to the agent who is handling the sale of this property. The motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-07

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Washington, declaring certain real property (located at 209 NW Broadway, Coupeville) owned by the Town as surplus to the Town's needs and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents to close a sale of the said property and to grant, convey and transfer the same to the purchaser.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Thomas provided a written report and offered to answer questions.

Marshal Davenport apologized for not providing a statistical report but will have at the next meeting. Last week he spoke at the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association meeting about staffing in the department. He attended the NW Early Learning meeting about the benefits of early education (pre-K to 3rd grade) to keep kids out of a life of crime. This Saturday is the Drug Take-Back Program to take in any prescriptions that are no longer needed, or have expired.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Binder explained that she serves on two boards for the Hotel/Motel Tax 2% funds. The first 2% Board is a grant program and funds chambers of commerce. She is concerned that changes in the law that sunset in 2013 may have an adverse effect to chambers funding. The second 2% Board is the Joint Tourism Committee and Sherrye Wyatt gave an update at the last Council meeting.

Councilmember Clay attended the Island Transit meeting and they reviewed the first draft of the 2013 budget. He attended several community meetings related to the construction project and realignment of Parker Road and Morris Road, and they are working with Ebey's Reserve and Island County. October 25th there will be a community meeting about the realignment of Parker Road. The State Auditor's Office finished the Island Transit audit and there was no management letter or findings. He participated in the Non-Profit Fair and can't wait to see the comments about the Community Green. He attended the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 12th. He noted that he was Mayor Pro Tem last weekend and everything was quiet, even with the Oyster Run motorcycles coming through town.

Councilmember Henderson provided information about the School-Based Mental Health Program, with the emphasis on prevention and early intervention. This program covers all four school districts; and they have eight mental health professionals working in the school districts and juvenile detention center. One of the agreements they have is that if there is an emergency they pull together, from all the school districts, to help and counsel the kids and adults. The counselors work in the schools, they meet with kids individually, families, group work and they work with the staff. Overall for last year they saw about 12,000 students and the cost of the program is about \$220,000 per year. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, mental health issues affect one in five children, severe mental health issues affect one in ten children/youth; and she gave some statistics on mental health issues affecting youth. She discussed some of the issues the counselors are seeing an increase in, is with students feeling a sense of hopelessness, not a lot of faith in the future, a lot of stress over deployments, more date rape and date abuse. She provided some statistics from all four school districts, and the Coupeville School District. Another thing that is going on with the law enforcement people and the county is the crisis intervention training, with the first training on November 16th.

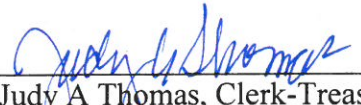
EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discuss parameters for Collective Bargaining with Coupeville Deputy Marshals Association; Discuss Potential of Real Estate Disposition

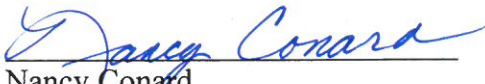
Mayor Conard called for executive session to discuss parameters for collective bargaining with Coupeville Deputy Marshals Association. Mayor Conard, Councilmembers Binder, Clay, Cort, and Henderson recessed to executive session at 7:45 pm. for approximately 20 minutes. At 8:05 pm they reconvened to regular session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:


Judy A Thomas, Clerk-Treasurer


Nancy Conard

A complete audio recording of this meeting is available upon request from the Clerk-Treasurer.