

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 27, 2007  
6:30 p.m.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Nancy Conard, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Marshall Bronson, Bob Clay, Molly Hughes, and Jim Phay.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Malcolm Bishop, Town Marshal Lenny Marlborough, Clerk Treasurer Judy Thomas

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2006 were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Conard spoke about an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau to attend a workshop on the Local Update of Census Address (LUCA) Program for the 2010 Census. The workshop is an integral part of the 2010 Census activities and the LUCA Program provides an opportunity for the Town to review and update the Census Bureau's address list and related maps. There will be a two-hour workshop in Mount Vernon on May 8, 2007, which she plans to attend and she invited other Councilmembers to join her.
- She received an invitation and will be attending a meeting, 'Short Course on Planning for a Walkable Island County' in Oak Harbor on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. She added that Coupeville has included trails as part of our parks system.
- She noted that the Penn Cove Mussel Fest is this weekend and Cindy Olson, with the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association, is looking for volunteers to help on Saturday and/or Sunday.
- She attended the Coupeville Art Center annual meeting last night. After having struggled over the past five years, last year with increased participation in the classes they are now operating in the 'black'.
- She was sorry to report that Penny Bowen passed away last weekend after a long battle with cancer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Resolution 07-01 urging state and federal leaders to support a strong climate policy by approving the Clean Air-Clean Fuels bill (HB1303 and SB5586)**

Mayor Conard received this request from ICLEI asking for Council support, urging state and federal leaders to approve the Clean Air-Clean Fuels Bill (HB1303 and SB5586). Approval of this bill would take old school buses (older than 1994) out of service, and promote the use of biodiesel.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Bronson, second by Councilmember Phay, to approve Resolution 07-01, urging the Washington State Legislature to reduce global warming pollution and deliver climate solutions.

***Council discussion of the motion:*** Councilmembers Bronson explained that living across the street from the high school he sees the buses, and felt that we could do a better job to clean up

the air. Councilmember Clay agreed with Councilmember Bronson that it was an important step but it will cost more. Councilmember Phay didn't agree with the resolution and does not believe that global warming is caused by people. He suggested reading the information on the internet by going to Google and entering 'global warming'.

The motion passed 4-1 (Phay).

#### RESOLUTION NO. 07-01

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Washington, urging the Washington State Legislature to approve the Clean Air-Clean Fuels bill to develop other legislation to reduce global warming pollution and deliver climate solutions.

#### **Approval of Resolution 07-02 urging federal leaders to support the Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007 (HR886 and S520) to permanently protect 106,000 acres in the central Cascades**

Mayor Conard explained that this proposal has been in the works for about five years, that supporters had negotiated compromises with opponents to develop an acceptable proposal.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, second by Councilmember Bronson, to approve Resolution 07-02 urging the United States Congress to approve the Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007 to permanently protect 106,000 acres of National Forest in the central Cascades as federally designated wilderness. The motion passed 5-0.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 07-02

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Washington, urging the United States Congress to approve the Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007 to permanently protect 106,000 acres of National Forest in the central Cascades as federally designated wilderness.

#### **Approval of Special Events Permit Application for the Penn Cove Mussel Festival - Staff recommends approval of the application for the Penn Cove Mussel Festival on March 3 and 4, 2007.**

Mayor Conard explained that the only closure is that of the Rec Hall parking lot; and that was at the request of the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association, who are the businesses most affected by the closure.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bronson, second by Councilmember Clay, to approve the Special Events Permit Application for the Penn Cove Mussel Festival. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **Set date for Council Workshop**

Mayor and Council discussed several dates and agreed that March 20<sup>th</sup> would work for everyone.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Hughes, to set the date of Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 5:30 pm for a Council Workshop. The motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of February Claims Vouchers and January Payroll** - *Staff recommends approval of February 27, 2007 claims vouchers/warrants #19477 through #19563 for \$99,254.39, plus \$2,692.00 (EFT for 1988 GO Bond payment) for a total of \$101,946.39; and January payroll warrants #11412 through #11445 for \$84,753.61.*

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve February 27, 2007 claims vouchers/warrants #19477 through #19563 for \$99,254.39, plus \$2,692.00 (EFT for 1988 GO Bond payment) for a total of \$101,946.39; and January payroll warrants #11412 through #11445 for \$84,753.61.

*Council discussion of the motion:* Several questions were asked and answered about various vouchers, and no changes were made.

The motion passed 5-0.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Thomas provided the month-end treasurer's reports for December 31, 2006 and January 31, 2007. She noted that it has been a busy month with several of us out due to illness, but we are all well and back to work.

Marshal Marlborough distributed the Marshal's Office Activity Report and Complaint Summary for January and stated that the numbers were good compared to 2005 and 2006; and February is looking good. He added that he will be speaking about 'Policing in Small Towns' on KVI 570 Radio's 'Cop Talk', this Saturday, between 6 and 7 p.m.

Mr. Bishop gave a video presentation on the wastewater outfall which is located about 1,500 feet off-shore from the treatment plant. The underwater pictures of the diffusers were taken by the two divers, who were contracted to evaluate the condition of the six diffusers and do the necessary maintenance; and cleaning and replacement of some bolts (at the flanges) was done at the diffusers. The Department of Ecology requires a status report every three years and all should be good until 2010.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Hughes explained that the Penn Cove Water Festival will be on May 12, 2007 and we will be serving dinner to the participants, as in the past. She added that the Tulalip Tribe has donated \$11,000 to the Food Bank, to purchase a new van, to be used for picking up food donations.

Councilmember Binder explained that the Tourism Committee is watching the legislature to see what decisions are made related to tourism. The Committee is putting together packets for tourism in Island County.

Councilmember Bronson was pleased to announce that Mark Preiss, new director for Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve, arrived with his family and has been through the NPS offices, and things are progressing within the Reserve.

Councilmember Clay explained that Island Transit is preparing contracts for the Camano Island station; and he has been re-elected as Chair of the Island Transit Board for another year. The Law and Justice Commission will meet on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and will continue to work on mental health funding issues to present to the Island County Commissioners.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

David Day asked if the Town had a total cost on the Oh Oh case, and Mayor Conard thought it would total about \$95,000. He asked Marshal Marlborough if a decision had been made on a police vehicle and Marshal Marlborough stated that the Town will be leasing a 2007 6-cylinder Dodge Charger, which was ordered on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and should be here in 60 to 90 days. Mr. Day asked what was happening with the old fire hall and the Johnson building, and Mayor Conard responded that the plans for the fire hall are still in the works; and the Johnson building, which is not occupiable, will be demolished and the park may be extended, but still no definite plan.

Gordon Burton asked where the sewer goes on Madrona Way (outside the town limits) and Mr. Bishop replied that he knows of a couple systems that go up the hill to a drain field.

Peg Burton asked if anyone knew what happened to the Bristle Cone Pine tree that was removed from the park and Mayor Conard said that she will look into the matter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Potential Property Acquisition**

Mayor Conard called for executive session for approximately one hour to discuss potential property acquisition. Mayor Conard, Councilmembers Bronson, Binder, Clay, Hughes and Phay recessed to executive session at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened to regular session at 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** - 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

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Judy A. Thomas, Clerk Treasurer

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Nancy Conard, Mayor