

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 9, 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 David Penrod, and Clerk Treasurer Judy Thomas

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2007 were approved, as submitted.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Conard asked that an executive session be added at the end of the meeting for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential property acquisition, with no action to follow.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Conard responded to comments made by Roxallanne Medley, in a recent issue of the *Whidbey Examiner*, about recycling, that efforts are being made to implement curbside recycling in Coupeville. The Town has a franchise agreement with Island Disposal for garbage collection. In addition, Island Disposal has an agreement with Island County which allows each customer to choose how often they have garbage pick up. Mayor Conard has been working with Island Disposal to get curbside recycling in Coupeville but Island Disposal requires participation county-wide; they won't provide a recycling program for only Coupeville. Island Disposal has submitted a proposal to the county that if a customer has garbage pickup, they would need recycling at least one/month, to make it worthwhile. Island County sent out a survey to find out what the county customers want and then they will decide whether or not to proceed with recycling. She noted that she has called each County Commissioner and expressed support of recycling. Also, recycling may reduce your monthly garbage bill.
- Mark Preiss, Director of Ebey's Reserve, will attend the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting and report on the historical conference he attended with Mayor Conard in early October. She added that it was an excellent conference.
- She explained that Rex Porter and Karen Bishop have been working on a grant for funds to engineer the renovation of the municipal parking lot. The renovation will be for a low impact demonstration project. The project will be to develop and enlarge the parking lot into a green-way with swales and pervious surfacing; and will include an element for educating citizens on low impact development.
- Marshal Penrod has conducted interviews to fill the vacancy for a Deputy Marshal. A space has been reserved at police academy beginning on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- She spoke with Curt Myron, who is organizing the September 2008 Volkswalk in Coupeville; and he will attend a Council meeting prior to the event.
- She met with a Coupeville High School senior who proposed, as his senior project, to work on Channel 10. He will create DVD's that will provide information on high school activities, bulletins including games and concerts. He would like the DVD's to be played twice per day, with one time every afternoon (during school hours), and once again in the evening.

- As noted at the end of this Council Agenda, several members of the Coupeville Town Council will be attending the AWC Regional Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, in Lynnwood. They will travel as group but no action will be taken.
- The Council budget workshop has been set for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **AUDIENCE INPUT**

John Kohlmann, Coupeville, discussed curbside recycling and noted that he sent his survey in. He supports recycling and has seen where it was successful. He was not in favor of a recycling program that did not include glass and felt that 95 gallon recycling containers were too large. He added that if recycling was required with his garbage service, he would just discontinue his service and haul his own garbage. Mayor Conard noted that according to the Town's agreement with Island Disposal, all citizens are required to have garbage collection at least once per month.

Gary Piazzon, Coupeville, supports recycling and felt that most people would appreciate some recycling rather than none. He added that if recycling is available, it is more climate sensitive because there would be fewer trips to the recycling centers with increased participation; and hoped John Kohlmann would rethink his position.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 07-05 Surplus property** - *Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 07-05 declaring a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria and a 1990 Dodge Dakota pickup truck, as surplus and authorizing sale of both vehicles.*

Mayor Conard explained the requirement to surplus equipment in order to sell it. She added that the agency that retrofits the patrol vehicles has expressed an interest in purchasing the police car. An advertisement for bids will be placed in the newspaper and the truck will be sold to the highest bidder.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bronson, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve Resolution No. 07-05 declaring certain property as surplus. The motion passed 5-0.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 07-05

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Island County, Washington, declaring one 2000 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car and one 1990 Dodge Dakota Pick-Up Truck as surplus and authorizing the sale of both vehicles.

**Resolution No. 07-06 Endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Plan** - *Mayor recommends approval of Resolution No. 07-06 endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection.*

Mayor Conard noted that the resolution was reviewed by the Town Attorney. The primary reason for approving this resolution was to add cachet to our position on sustainability. She reviewed the resolution and could not find anything that was not consistent with our climate protection plan.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, second by Councilmember Clay, to approve Resolution No. 07-06 endorsing the U. S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

## RESOLUTION NO. 07-06

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Island County, Washington, endorsing the U. S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

**Re-appointment of Marshall Bronson to the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board** - *Mayor recommends confirming the re-appointment of Marshall Bronson to the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board.*

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Phay, to confirm the re-appointment of Marshall Bronson to the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board for a four year term, beginning October 1, 2007. The motion passed 5-0.

**Adopt the Climate Protection Plan** - *Mayor recommends approval of the Climate Protection Plan*

Mayor Conard explained the purpose of this action is to formally adopt the plan prepared by ICLEI. Councilmember Clay considered this as a good base to begin climate protection efforts.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve the Town of Coupeville Climate Action Plan. The motion passed 5-0.

John Kohlmann noted that he would like to see the Climate Protection Plan on the Town's website.

**DISCUSSION - Implementing the Climate Protection Plan**

Mayor Conard explained the proposal to implement the Climate Protection Plan between the Town and WSU Island County Extension. The proposal includes a half-time position, staffed by WSU.

Councilmember Clay attended the conference in Vancouver, Washington, at the end of September and explained the focus was on sustainability and how to implement some of these concepts; and what other cities are doing. Portland, Seattle and Vancouver are some of the cities that have been working on this for a while. He discussed the importance of recycling and the need for Island County to support and implement recycling. He talked about single bin recycling for everything but paper. He explained efforts to make more walkable communities but fire departments don't really want narrow streets because they are not passable for the large fire trucks; but that could be partially resolved by requiring that houses have indoor sprinkler systems. He discussed rejuvenating communities by making them more attractive so people want to live there. He drove four electric vehicles and was not impressed, he felt they were nothing more than glorified golf carts that were way too expensive; but agreed that we do need to reduce our need for fossil fuels. He suggested one way to save energy is to replace all incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs, which last about ten times longer. He felt that this was the best conference that AWC has hosted and there was lots of good information.

Kristen Cooley, WSU project coordinator, discussed implementation of the Climate Action Plan and suggested changes to include sustainability, and adding language to pursue grant funding. She suggested participation in this program from 4-H groups and Master Gardeners. She and Councilmembers discussed ways to conserve energy.

Councilmember Binder suggested community involvement and Mayor Conard added that she would like to have a community advisory group. Also, suggested was more community

education, weekly tips in the Whidbey Examiner to let the community hear and read what is going on.

Councilmember Clay noted that we need to make sure that whatever we do, it needs to be measurable, to see that what is being done, has an effect.

Councilmember Hughes asked about Task 3 and noted that Island Disposal needs to be a partner with this program.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

Gary Piazzon, Coupeville, was really excited about the Town taking initiative on climate change. He spoke about what is being done in Great Britain, and Tony Blair's call for bold and decisive action. He added that Councilmember Clay brought up a lot of good ideas for a sustainable community. He suggested turning off computers at night and anything that has a light, to conserve energy. He suggested contacting Skagit Valley College for volunteers for the climate action plan, as there may be people who are interested in participating in this program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Conard called for executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss potential property acquisition. Mayor Conard, Councilmembers Binder, Bronson, Clay, Hughes and Phay recessed to executive session at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened to regular session at 8:40 p.m. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** - 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

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Judy A. Thomas, Clerk Treasurer

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Nancy Conard, Mayor