

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 12, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Nancy Conard, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Bob Clay, Ann Dannhauer, Molly Hughes, and Jim Phay.

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

Mayor Conard noted that there would be a Council workshop immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2008, were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Conard was reported that earlier today we were visited by the first electric car in the Town of Coupeville, it is called a "NEV" (neighborhood electric vehicle) and it is completely electric. She spoke about other energy efficient efforts around town including a new energy efficient house in the Coupeville area that is producing enough solar energy to sell the excess energy back to Puget Sound Energy.
- The new Coupeville sign is in place on the north side of Highway 20 as you come into town, and she has received several comments about how nice it looks.
- She commended the Marshal's Office and Town Maintenance crew for all their efforts with the Arts and Crafts Festival. Ann Hallam, with the Festival Association, had lots of good things to say about how helpful our Marshal's department was throughout the festival. It was a great community effort. She heard that the vendors felt they had a good turnout despite the rain.
- On Thursday afternoon, August 14<sup>th</sup>, we are having the Town employee's annual picnic.
- This week she attended the memorial service for Gordon Harrison, former minister of the Methodist Church; and she was sorry to report that Opal Boyer had also passed away. She felt that the loss of these two people were terrible losses to the community but they had extremely well-lived lives.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve Agreement with Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve for Design Review Services**

Mayor Conard explained that this was included in the 2008 budget, and will formalize the agreement to pay them \$750 per month. This is a great opportunity to further develop our relationship. Councilmember Clay added that this is an excellent use of resources and it is important that we involve them in what we are doing.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Binder, second by Councilmember Phay, to approve the agreement for Design Review Services between the Town of Coupeville and Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve Trust Board. The motion passed 5-0.

**Approve Agreement with Whidbey Island Conservation District for consulting services for Reclaimed Water Grant**

Mayor Conard explained that the Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) has an interest in the control of water and wetlands across the farmlands, to ensure it does not flood the fields, and are partners to the Reclaimed Water Grant. Councilmember Clay asked about engineering support as noted on the last page of the agreement and Mayor Conard responded that we do not anticipate using that and there is no estimated cost for that service. The total amount of the contract is \$6,480 and WICD will serve as the connection to farmers and landowners, as the feasibility study is conducted.

Councilmember Hughes added that this is another great partnership. She attended a couple of their WICD meetings and noted that they were very informational.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Coupeville and Whidbey Island Conservation District. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Approve Agreement with Porter Group LLC for consulting service for Stormwater Grant**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve the professional services agreement between the Town of Coupeville and Porter Group LLC for consulting services regarding the Department of Ecology (DOE) Stormwater Activity Project Grant.

*Council Discussion:* Councilmember Dannhauer asked if the words “union membership” could be added as follows: Page 4, III.8 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED AND COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LEGISLATION. The Consultant agrees to comply... marital status, sex, age, union membership, or handicap except...”

Councilmember Clay was comfortable with the language provided in the agreement and did not have a problem approving it as submitted. Mayor Conard was not comfortable with amending the agreement that had been prepared by the Town Attorney Grant Weed and asked if Council would prefer to table approval until this could be reviewed by Grant Weed.

Councilmember Dannhauer made a motion to amend the motion to include the words “union membership” as follows: Page 4, III.8 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED AND COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LEGISLATION. The Consultant agrees to comply... marital status, sex, age, union membership, or handicap except...” There was no second to the motion and the motion failed.

Mayor Conard explained that the contract is with one person and was not sure how this language would make any difference on this agreement; she also added that it may already be included under III.9 UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. RCW 49.60.180. Councilmember Dannhauer said that if that language was included in RCW 49.60.180, then she would be okay with approving the agreement.

The motion passed 5-0.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilmember Clay reported on two meetings he attended recently. One meeting was of the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council with elected officials from the cities of Bremerton, Port Townsend, the San Juan Islands and other cities affected by ferry service. The major subject was ferries and ferry funding. They discussed whether an economic analysis of the Washington State Ferries (WSF) impact on the State economy would be a powerful definition of the problem we are trying to solve? They were concerned that the legislature is not aware of the importance of ferries to these communities. They would like to hire a lobbyist, to lobby for continued funding for maintenance of ferries and funding of replacement ferries, during the 2008 and 2009

legislative session; and would like to spread the cost of the lobbyist amongst the cities that participate. He felt that Coupeville has a good relationship with the Transportation Commission and Washington State Ferries, and he did not think we would want to participate; and asked Council to let him know if they felt differently. Council discussed some things to consider such as, changes in elected officials in the state legislature or a new governor, in the November election. He added that the task force wants to get an economic study in place within the next six weeks.

Councilmember Clay attended a climate change task force meeting, a group of about 12 people, who have been meeting since December 2007. We have been included in this group because the Town is involved with climate protection efforts. The task force is having a series of meetings and is preparing to submit a paper to the State legislature in early December. He discussed a Federal proposal to set allowable levels for emissions; with fines if the levels are exceeded; and incentives to reduce emissions. This committee is separate from the Puget Sound Partnership. This task force met once in January, and he was appointed by the AWC president to fill a vacant position.

Councilmember Binder asked to have a presentation of the Joint Tourism Board added to the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting agenda.

Councilmember Hughes appreciated Councilmember Clay’s participation in attending the meetings; and suggested waiting until after the November elections to see if the Council wants to donate toward a lobbyist. She wants to make sure that the ferries are part of our highway system.

Mayor Conard explained that the regular meeting would adjourn, and reconvene to a Council Workshop. Also, there will be another Council Workshop tomorrow, August 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rec Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: 7:21 p.m.**

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**COUNCIL WORKSHOP - Convened at 7:35 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Nancy Conard, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Bob Clay, Ann Dannhauer, Molly Hughes, Jim Phay, and Clerk Treasurer Judy Thomas.

**Discuss Draft 2008 Budget Revision**

Mayor Conard and Council discussed the Draft 2008 Budget Revision. Mayor Conard explained each of the proposed line item amendments to the General Fund, Street Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and the Community Commemorative Fund and answered questions. Council discussed the proposed changes but nothing was changed from the draft submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:10 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

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Judy A. Thomas, Clerk Treasurer

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Nancy Conard, Mayor