



TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday
May 18, 2015
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Planning Commission Chair John Torode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

John Torode
Henry Frantz
Annie Ottesen
Bruce Swenson
Kellie Schneider

Commission Members Absent:

Henrik Nielsen
Rod Olson

Staff Present:

Joe Sabey, Mayor
Sue Ann Spens, Clerk Treasurer
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Public Attendees: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of April 27, 2015.

Moved by Frantz, seconded by Swenson.

Passed 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

REVIEW OF PARKING ORDINANCE

Commission Chair Torode acknowledged the comments received from residents regarding parking issues. There were several ideas but no clear consensus on solutions.

Lieutenant Dan Yourkoski was present to provide information from the Medina Police Department. He indicated that the current ordinance provides some enforcement challenges. Landscaping companies are permitted to park in the right of way but construction vehicles are not. The problem is with the personal vehicles of those companies. It is difficult to discern who is an employee of the contractors and who is a guest or a resident. He indicated that they generally enforce the ordinance in response to complaints and indicated that they receive between 30 and 40 complaints a year regarding parking. Most of the complaints are regarding construction company parking.

He also suggested the following changes:

- change the time at which the restriction on overnight parking begins from 9:00 pm to 11pm. The 9:00 pm time is too early for residents who have guests visiting for the evening.
- install "No Parking" signs at the north end of Hunts Point Road . That is supposed to be a turnaround area for large vehicles, but when cars park in that area, they impede access to the turnaround.
- incorporate the RCW rules for parking in the Municipal Code. That way, the police officers can write tickets for an appropriate fine amount.

The Commission discussed the various options and concerns expressed by residents. It was determined that the immediate needs included:

- Installing "No Parking" signs at the end of Hunts Point Road.
- Changing the beginning time of the restriction on overnight parking from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- Requiring that Landscaping companies obtain permits for their vehicles from the Medina Police subject to the same restrictions on hours of operation as construction vehicles.
- Amending the Municipal Code to adopt the RCW rules for parking
- Amending the Municipal Code relating to restrictions on use of the Hunts Point traffic circle for access to SR-520 to recognize the reconfiguration of the SR 520 on-ramp.

The Commission also asked that when the Council reviews the recommendations for changes to the Municipal Code they be given the resident comments for consideration.

MOTION: Recommend to the Council to amend the Municipal Code to begin the restriction on overnight parking at 11:00 pm. Moved by Ottesen, seconded by Frantz. Passed 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Ask the Mayor to direct the Town Engineer to put no parking signs in the turnaround area at the end of Hunts Point Road. Moved by Ottesen, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Recommend to the Council to amend the Municipal Code to require landscaping companies to have permits to park in the right of way and amend their hours of operation to be the same as those required of construction companies. Moved by Schneider, seconded by Ottesen.

Passed 4-1 Swenson Opposed

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Recommend to the Council to amend the Municipal Code to reflect the current SR 520 access. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Ottesen.

Passed 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Recommend to the Council to amend the Municipal Code to adopt the RCW rules for parking Moved by Ottesen, seconded by Schneider.

Passed 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Sabey reported that the Council discussed placing a basketball hoop in a tennis court. The Council is concerned that there is not enough need for the hoop and that it could conflict use of the tennis courts.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Moved by Schneider, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer