

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY November 3, 2014
6:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Sabey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Ken Fisher
Ted Frantz
Pat Finnely
Dan Temkin

Staff:

Sue Ann Spens, Clerk-Treasurer
Jay Long, Town Attorney
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Mona Green, Town Planner
Chief Steve Burns, Medina Police

Public Attendees: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR Consists of routine items for which Council discussion is not required. A Councilmember may request that an item be moved to Regular Business for discussion. Consent items are approved with one vote.

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar including the October 6, 2014 minutes and the November 3, 2014 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150227 through 150254 in the amount of \$110,686.25. Moved by Finnely seconded by Frantz.

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

Chief Steve Burns reported that the prior month was very quiet in Hunts Point including on Halloween. They continue to work with one family having issues with a juvenile and they are also continuing to monitor the roundabout. Chief Burns reported that WSDOT is monitoring the traffic particularly evaluating where the traffic is coming from. Chief Burns was informed that the traffic on Points drive can be backed up almost to 92nd.

Also noted was a problem turning from 24th as the light is very short. The concern is that emergency vehicles cannot get through and residents with an emergency will not be able to get out.

Bellevue Fire Department – Report Noted

Clerk Report

Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens explained why we will be using the MRSC rosters for vendors and consultants. There is no additional cost for their use and it saves the Town from having to maintain their own. She also requested authority from the Council to ask Town Attorney Jay Long to draft a new Hunts Point Municipal Code Harbor Code for the Town rather than referring to Mercer Island code as currently exists. The Council agreed to the request.

Comprehensive Plan

Town Planner Mona Green asked if the Council had any questions on the draft of the Comprehensive Plan update that was distributed to them. The changes are mostly in response to State mandated requirements. It was noted that the Planning Commission did a thorough review of the plan before recommending it to the Council. Town Planner Green was asked to set up a study session for those Council members who wished more information on the changes. The suggested dates were November 17 or 18 in the afternoon.

Shoreline Master Program

Town Planner Mona Green provided information on the status of the Shoreline Master Program revision. There are a few remaining issues being discussed with the Department of Ecology. It was decided to reconvene the Shoreline Master Program committee to review the outstanding issues.

PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sabey opened the public hearing on the 2015 Proposed Annual Budget at 6:22 pm. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed at 6:23 pm.

The Council discussed revenue projections. Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens noted that revenue projections are based on historical data and any known events. Also the sales tax estimate is very consistent year to year. There was a question regarding the 2014 actuals. Clerk Treasurer Spens noted that only expenditures are budgeted not revenue. Also that only expenditure changes have to be amended when 2014 is closed. There was discussion on the legal and public safety expenditures. An error was noted in one of the figures which will be corrected in the final budget. The Stormwater planning expenditures were noted to be part of the capital improvement fund as it is part of the adopted Capital Improvement Plan. The mail pagoda replacement was discussed and it was determined that money should be placed in the 2016 budget for replacement of

some mail pagodas. It was noted that there is an anticipated budget surplus in the proposed budget.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 504 – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sabey opened the public hearing Ordinance No. 504 the property tax levy at 6:42 pm. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed at 6:43 pm.

The Council determined that there was no reason to increase the property tax levy. The 1% increase can be banked and levied in a future year if needed.

MOTION: Pass Ordinance No. 504 setting the property tax levy for 2015 with no increase in rate. Moved by Fisher seconded by Finnely.

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 505 CLOSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND #106

The recommendation came from the State Auditor. The Fund has a very small amount left and there is no reason to report it separately. Remaining funds (\$3,584) can be moved to the current expense fund.

MOTION Pass Ordinance No. 505 providing for the closure of the Community Development Fund #106 and providing for the transfer of remaining monies in the fund to the Current Expense Fund #001. Moved by Temkin seconded by Frantz

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS

Tree Trimming on Hunts Point Road – A resident wrote a letter concerning large branches hanging over Hunts Point Road. There was a discussion as to Town and/or resident liability if a tree branch falls on the road and causes damage or blockage. Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens was asked to get an estimate from the Town Arborist for an annual review of all trees as to viability and safety. Town Attorney Jay Long indicated that the Town needs to have specific language in the Municipal Code in order to compel a resident to trim a tree on their property. There was also a question regarding how much money is currently in the Tree Fund. Clerk Treasurer Spens will report on the fund at the next meeting.

Down speed limit sign – It was reported that the speed limit sign at the entrance to Hunts Point is down.

Concern from Clyde Hill residents – The Council discussed a letter from Clyde Hill residents regarding striping near Hawthorne Court. Mayor Sabey will discuss with the Mayor of Clyde Hill.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to executive session at 7:03 pm to discuss legal issues. The anticipated time of the session is 15 minutes. The Council reconvened at 7:23 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 4-0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer