

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY October 5, 2015  
6:00 PM**



**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joe Sabey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Ted Frantz  
Elaine Coles  
Dan Temkin  
Pat Finnely

**Council Member Absent:**

Ken Fisher

**Staff:**

Sue Ann Spens, Clerk Treasurer  
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk Treasurer  
Jay Long, Town Attorney  
Stacia Schroeder, Town Engineer  
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 minutes of September 14, 2015 Council meeting and the October 5, 2015 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150584 through 150617 in the amount of \$105,355.63. Moved by Finnely seconded by Frantz. Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Medina Police Department:**

Medina Police Chief Burns reported that there was no criminal activity in Hunts Point in September. He did note that there were several car prowls and burglaries in Medina and west Bellevue area in the prior month. The department has increased traffic stops in the roundabout and on 28<sup>th</sup>. They are also starting to enforce not using the Hunts

Point traffic circle as a shortcut to the freeway. The no parking in designated areas will be enforced when the no parking signs are installed.

Bellevue Fire Department: Report noted.

Clerk's Report:

Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens informed the Council that she has contacted WSDOT about adding a sign on the roundabout to let drivers know that it is illegal to use the Hunts Point traffic circle as a shortcut to the freeway; she has not yet received a response. As part of her follow up on this issue, she will ask them about locking the bollards at the entry to the retention pond area from Fairweather.

Clerk Treasurer Spens also reported that she discussed the park reservation system with resident Mark Bloom. It was agreed that the Town will post a notice on the bulletin board at Town Hall with information about how to reserve the field and who has reservations on file. She and Town Attorney Jay Long are working on appropriate wording for a "use at your own risk" sign for the park.

As to the condition of the field, Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder believes that the existing drains are operating but the field needs work done to level the grassy areas and reseed as needed. The work will be done in the fall after the current heavy use has concluded.

Town Attorney Long and Town Engineer Schroeder are working on the agreement with Century Link regarding using the existing conduit.

An email from resident Michael Heijer was distributed to the Council. He expressed some concerns regarding the repaving done on Hunts Point Circle and Fairweather after the recent water main and stormwater project. Town Engineer Schroeder indicated that she is waiting until a major storm occurs so she can assess flooding or water pooling. Then she will contact the City of Bellevue to discuss the road edges and any drainage problems. She will also discuss the sharp corner at the southeast edge across from the traffic circle. She will ask them to grind it into a rolled curb instead of the current sharp corner.

Town Planner Report:

Town Planner Mona Green reported that the Shoreline Master Program has been approved by the Department of Ecology. The new regulations will go into effect on October 8, 2015. She will review the Municipal Code to ensure that any needed zoning code changes are brought forward for approval. Clerk Treasurer Spens indicated that the Town website will be updated to include a link to the new Shoreline Master Program.

### **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Council member Dan Temkin reported that the committee has received three proposals for landscape design of the designated areas. They recently interviewed a fourth firm and expect to receive a proposal from them shortly. The proposals will include the cost to design the improvements as well as estimated costs to implement the design. The focus is on the Town Hall area, traffic circle, and Hunts Point Road intersection as well as uniform signage for the Town. At the next Council meeting, he will present the proposals and a recommendation from the committee for Council review and approval. Because of the level of community interest in some of the areas under consideration, the committee will ensure that residents have opportunities for input into the project. Work is expected to begin next spring.

### **2016 BUDGET – PRELIMINARY REVIEW**

Clerk Treasurer Spens stated that the focus this month is on revenues and asked the Council to consider whether they want to levy the allowable 1% increase in the property tax as part of the budget process. She also indicated that the sales tax, which is a major source of income, is dependent on construction activity and is budgeted to increase next year due to activity on current open permits. Revenue from permits is projected to decrease because the current year saw an increase in permits for dock work due to the impending change to the Shoreline Master Program. Other revenue accounts were also discussed.

There was some discussion of the planned expenditures for next year. The discussion included Capital Improvement projects as well as needed repairs and other work for Town Hall. There will be more details provided at the November Council meeting. Also at that meeting there will be the first of two required public hearings on the 2016 budget. The Council asked that the budget information be provided one week in advance of the meeting to allow them time to study the material thoroughly.

### **HUNTS POINT CIRCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

Mayor Joe Sabey summarized the two plans that have been suggested, one including a complete revamp of the street and the other work only at the corners. Town Engineer Schroeder was asked to look at doing the project in phases. She indicated that it may not be possible to do the project in phases and that the biggest concern was the blind corners and having the ability for pedestrians to get off the road at those locations.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sabey informed the Council that he is meeting with WSDOT along with the cities of Medina, Clyde Hill and Yarrow Point to discuss lid maintenance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Coles.  
Passed 4-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer