

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2007



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Councilmembers Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes, and Jim Nordstrom were present. Councilmember Jeri Boettcher was absent and excused. Staff present were Assistant Town Attorney Lacey Madche, Corporal Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Longmire. Resident Larry Williams and Karen Goroski, Executive Director of Suburban Cities Association were also present.

NEW TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER:

Former Town Council Member Jeff Wright resigned his position, December 31, 2006, after eleven years serving the Town of Hunts Point. Mayor McConkey praised his long service to the community. Former Planning Commission Chair Larry Williams was sworn in by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Longmire to fill Mr. Wright's Council seat.

MOTION: Approve Larry Williams as Town Council member to replace the seat vacated by former Councilmember Jeff Wright. Motion by Frantz, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2006:

MOTION: Accept the minutes of December 4, 2006, as corrected. Motion by Frantz, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT:

Medina Police Corporal Yourkoski reported that there was one stolen vehicle as police activity last month. Corporal Yourkoski said the presence of cameras has made a difference, especially the signs that warn of surveillance. Mayor McConkey asked for a summary of what was done right and wrong in 2006. Corporal Yourkoski said the cameras and signs were positive while the lack of use of the Town's radios during the December windstorm was a detriment to communication.

Mayor McConkey has communicated with Planning Commission Chair John Torode to start with the radio distribution and to purchase a generator right away. A short discussion of the difficulties of the emergency management situation during the recent windstorm ensued.

TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Town Engineer Joe Willis reported that the Medina Public Works crew assisted Hunts Point during the aftermath of the December windstorm. He reported that for

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traffic calming, two speed signs would cost \$3,500. Engineer Willis excused himself at 7:30 PM for attendance at the Medina Town Council meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF KAREN GOROSKI:

Mayor McConkey introduced Karen Goroski, Executive Director of Suburban Cities Association. Ms Goroski presented the goals of the Association as advocacy, education, and information with their energy focused on King County and the Puget Sound area. The biggest change for the Town of Hunts Point is one city gets one vote. She discussed the 2006 Organizational Chart for the Suburban Cities and the SCA long-range goals through 2010. A discussion followed on how the SCA worked with King County and its council members.

The mayor explained that the Town was small, but it was concerned with the issues of transportation, SR520, water rights, security and emergency planning.

Councilmember Frantz said a speaker on emergency management from an area that has experienced real emergencies, such as the Bay area or Japan, would be beneficial.

The Mayor said a proposal from a new vendor was needed on how to spend the Town's \$15,000 on milfoil. There was still time for it to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-208—SEATTLE TIMES AS NEWSPAPER OF RECORD:

Mayor McConkey explained that the King County Journal would stop publishing on a daily basis January 21, 2007. The change to the Seattle Times newspaper for all publishing needs is recommended.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 07-208, the Seattle Times as newspaper of record. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Mayor McConkey reviewed the staffing changes in the Town's Planning Commission. Planning Commission Chair Larry Williams resigned December 31, 2006 to accept a seat on the Town Council. Planning Commissioner Torode has accepted the Chair position. Residents Jill Davis and Arnold Blinn have accepted permanent positions on the Planning Commission beginning this month. There is one alternate position still unfilled.

LEGISLATURE:

Concerning legislative issues, the Town will let the City of Clyde Hill act as lead.

SR 520 STATUS REPORT:

SR 520 is locked down with litigation on the east side because the University of Washington is resisting parts of the project. Work is being done on the west side. The bridge will be replaced, but further work will be delayed by lack of money. Quiet rubberized pavement will be installed this summer from Medina to 108th. It is said to lower noise by 25%. There is staged funding for sound walls and lids. Hunts Point needs to look at private sound walls.

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CLEARWIRE STATUS:

The timeframe for the Clearwire project is unknown. The utilization of the flagpole is out because of conflict with neighbors. The project will relocate to the tennis courts.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Mayor briefly reviewed the priorities of the Strategic Plan for the Town. The priorities of streetlights, police coverage, use of business licenses for frequent business workers, and emergency management remain the same.

Councilmember Frantz thought a tabletop discussion of all emergency management people should meet for coordination of the of the Town's plan. It was suggested that the Planning Commission meet with the Town Council prior to the larger meeting of the emergency management organization. The March Council meeting was suggested as a joint meeting date.

The Mayor explained how the December windstorm downed a lot of significant trees. The Town still hasn't processed what was lost.

FAIRWEATHER BASIN PROBLEMS:

A lengthy discussion of the Fairweather Basin problems followed. The private bulkheads are a problem and dirt is going out from underneath the pavement of the street resulting in the road sinking. Many options were discussed. The Town Engineer is tasked to investigate the situation. Assistant Town Attorney Madche advised that a public meeting to discuss the issue is needed.

CLEAN UP DAY:

The mayor briefly discussed Clean Up Day. Councilmember and Clean Up Day Chair Kevin Hughes said the biggest problem is getting a house to host the party.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:

Vouchers Nos. 13741 through 13785 (including Warrant No. 13781 voided for wrong vendor) in the amount of \$51,999.31 dated December 31, 2006 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

Linda Longmire, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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