

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2007



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Lacey Madche, Acting Lieutenant Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Sergeant Keith McDonough and Technician Greg Levinson of the Mercer Island Marine Patrol, Town Engineer Joe Willis, and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Also in attendance was Max Bigby, of ARCH, and Dan Dolson and Tom Hill of Aquatic Weed Control, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2007

MOTION: Approve minutes of the Council Meeting of January 8 as written. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams. Passed 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

MARINE PATROL REPORT

Sgt. McDonough provided a Power-Point presentation displaying the activities of the Mercer Island Marine Patrol in 2006 and some historical perspective on the Patrol. He said that the Marine Patrol had added two new officers and four technicians for this year. The technicians were usually fire fighter/EMTs. The Boating Under the Influence Task Force was very successful particularly at the time of the SeaFair celebration. The intensive activity of the Task Force has reduced the number of calls for aid during SeaFair to zero. There were 220 calls for aid answered during 2006 including a double drowning in Cozy Cove. A thorough discussion followed.

POLICE REPORT

Cpl. Yourkoski said the month was very slow until the 23rd when a stolen vehicle showed up in the traffic queue at the 84th Avenue on ramp to SR-520. As soon as the officer started to move the driver of the stolen car took off at a high rate of speed down into the traffic on westbound 520. He lost control, hit the median barrier and blew the left front tire. This caused him to slow to 50 miles per hour but he continued on across the bridge even as the tire and then the rim disintegrated. The car was finally cornered in the Montlake area and the Medina Police made the collar. Discussion followed.

FIRE REPORT

Mayor McConkey referenced the report of the Bellevue Fire Department for Hunts Point and said it looked good.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Willis reported that he was working on three projects. The first is the creation and posting of a sign warning motorists against cutting through Hunts Point to bypass the queue for the 84th Avenue on ramp to SR-520 or they will be arrested.

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The second project was the acquisition and installation of pole mounted radar speed display signs. He said they could be solar powered and emit a flash as a car exceeding a preset limit passed.

The third project is the installation of additional streetlights. He said he was waiting for Puget Sound Energy to tell him what the lease arrangement and cost would be for the installation. A discussion about the coordination of this effort with the Planning Commission Street Light Committee ensued,

A discussion of the use of speed humps to slow traffic followed.

TOWN HALL STRUCTURAL EVALUATION

Mayor McConkey introduced the report of KPFF Structural Engineers and Robinson Company cost estimators on the condition of the structure of Town Hall and the cost of bringing it up to standard. After discussion it was decided that the estimates were too low. Mayor McConkey asked Mr. Willis to obtain bids for the work to get costs that are more certain.

A discussion of a shed for the storage of emergency equipment was started. Mr. McKenzie said he was in conversation with Clearwire for them to provide improvements to the present shed at the east end of the parking lot. With those improvements that shed should be suitable for storage of the emergency equipment.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mayor McConkey proposed a “dry run” of the Emergency Management Team at Town Hall on Saturday, May 19th. This is the day before the 87th Annual Clean-Up Day.

ARCH REPORT

Mr. Bigby explained the content of the ARCH Annual Budget and Work Plan for 2007. He said the budget is sufficiently stable that the increase in contribution from Hunts Point for the year will be only \$73.00.

Councilmember Frantz inquired about the operation of the Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Bigby explained the workings of the Trust Fund. This led to a discussion of Accessory Dwelling Unit program that is being conducted by King County using federal funding. Mr. Bigby said there were rather stringent rules for the use of these funds. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Approve the Operating Plan of ARCH for the year 2007. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 5-0. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Approve the Operating Budget of ARCH for the year 2007. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Williams. Passed 5-0. MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Bigby introduced a Trust Fund item that required Council approval. This involved giving authority to ARCH to use Trust Fund money to purchase low-income housing that had gone into default. This program is called “First Right of Refusal Purchase Authority. After considerable discussion the Council expressed serious concern about controls over the security of the Trust Fund money that is used for these purchases. It reached consensus not to support this program without further explanation that would give them comfort concerning the money.

AQUATIC WEED CONTROL PROPOSAL

Mr. Hill described the process by which AWC, Inc. would cut and harvest aquatic weeds in approximately 45 acres of Hunts Point waters four times per year for a fee of \$16,800. This offer was conditioned on the availability of a shore-side off-loading area within Hunts Point.

Mr. Dolson detailed the history of Aquatic Weed Control, Inc. and its capabilities for harvesting aquatic weeds. He also described some of the other invasive, noxious weeds such as Brazilian elodea that are appearing in Lake Washington.

Mayor McConkey asked Mr. Dolson and Mr. Hill for an additional contract proposal to include remote disposal of the cut biomass.

SR-520 STATUS

Mayor McConkey said there isn't much happening at this time.

STATUS OF THE CLEARWIRE PROJECT

Mayor McConkey said the public hearing before the Hearing Examiner was scheduled for February 27th, 2007.

STATUS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mayor McConkey said he is monitoring the transportation bills passing through the Legislature in this session. He also said it appears that the Streamlined Sales Tax will pass during this session.

AMENDMENT TO ACORN PROPERTY SALE AGREEMENT

Mayor McConkey explained the Acorn Property at 3858 Hunts Point Road was being sold. He further explained that, at the time of the previous sale, the Town had reached an agreement with the new owner to settle problems with violations of the building code remaining from the previous owner. In order for the current sale to legally occur a second amendment to the original agreement allowing the sale must be approved. The Council approved the amendment by consensus.

ELECTION TO SUBURBAN CITIES ASSOCIATION BOARD

Mayor McConkey announced that he would be serving on the SCA Board for the next term.

REBUILD OF HAUG CHANNEL BULKHEAD

Mayor McConkey said he is seeking a private solution to the rebuilding of the west bulkhead on Haug Channel.

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AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers No. 13786 through 13916 in the amount of \$29,570.97 dated February 5, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

APPROVED _____