

# **TOWN OF HUNTS POINT**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 2, 2007**



### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Protem Ted Frantz called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Councilmembers Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes and Larry Williams were present. Mayor McConkey and Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher and Jim Nordstrom were absent. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Monica Buck, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis, and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Also in attendance were Hunts Point Lane residents Heather Smith and John Hett.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2007**

**MOTION:** Approve minutes of the Council Meeting of March 5th as written. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **UPDATE FOR HUNTS POINT LANE PROJECT**

Ms. Smith said the neighbors on the Lane met and determined they wanted four streetlights located as follows: one on the north side of the Lane between 8430 and 8440 Hunts Point Lane; one on the south side of the Lane at the east end of the Playfield; one on the east side of the Lane between 8541 and 8549 Hunts Point Lane; one on the west side of the lane near 8550 Hunts Point Lane. A discussion of the lights and their impact followed.

Mr. Hett expressed his concern over the statement in the March Newsletter that two speed tables would be installed on Hunts Point Lane. He stated emphatically that there was to be four speed tables installed. Councilmember Williams said the action of the Council, as stated in the minutes of the March Council Meeting, was to install four speed tables on Hunts Point Lane.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Chen said there was a record low crime rate in Hunts Point in March 2007. He explained the strategy of using the cameras and proactive policing was bearing fruit. He again spoke about e-mail scams and the fact that some individuals are being fleeced by strange scams.

Councilmember Williams inquired about the lack of speeding citations. Chief Chen said there have been two officers in training cutting down on the available observations. He pointed out that the DUI arrests are visitors to the area or passing through Hunts Point, not residents. Discussion followed.

### **SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**

Chief Chen again congratulated the Council for their decision to install surveillance cameras. He said the result was so positive that the City of Medina is following suit.

Mr. McKenzie said he was gathering information and quotes for vendors for the ten additional cameras that are scheduled to be installed in Hunts Point in 2007.

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Chief Chen expressed his wish that any cameras and/or software purchased and installed in Hunts Point be fully compatible with those installed in the patrol cars.

### **FIRE SERVICES REPORT**

The written Bellevue Fire Services Report showed the instance of four calls in Hunts Point. Two of these were EMS calls, one was a call for service and one was a false alarm.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT**

Mr. Willis described the pattern and process he intended to use for the traffic speed study requested by the Council at the March meeting. He said there would be two locations on Hunts Point Road and a possible single location on Hunts Point Lane. He said the studies would be run in the next week or so.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone that the next week was Spring Break for the Bellevue School District so traffic patterns would not be normal.

### **STORAGE SHED PROJECT**

Mr. McKenzie said the plan to rehabilitate the old storage shed used by Arreola Gardening to store their equipment had to be scrapped because the base of the original building was rotted out. This meant that new space for storage needed to be created. As an alternative to just a storage shed Mr. McKenzie invited the Council to consider a combined storage shed and emergency services building being erected at the east end of the parking lot. He committed to gathering information about such a project and bringing it to the next Council Meeting. Mr. McKenzie said he was negotiating with Clearwire for some financial help in constructing the proposed building.

### **PARK BENCH DONATION**

Mayor Protem Frantz reviewed a letter from Diana Barton Lyons offering to purchase a commemorative bench for her mother, Mary Barton, the widow of Hunts Point's longest serving mayor.

After discussion a motion was presented.

**MOTION: Accept the donation of \$750.00 from the children of Mary Barton for the purchase and placement of a park bench next to Town Hall in D.K. MacDonald Park. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams. Passed 3-0. MOTION CARRIED**

### **HUNTS POINT LANE TRAFFIC CALMING**

Having earlier left the meeting, Mr. Hett returned to express his further concern that he had not received the promise of a date certain when the speed tables and street lights would be installed. Mr. Willis said he was awaiting cost figures for both and without those figures it would be difficult to establish exact dates for the installation. This did not satisfy Mr. Hett and he volunteered to take over Mr. Willis' tasks related to the work. The Council expressed their confidence in Mr. Willis' work and indicated they did not wish to reassign this task. Further discussion followed.

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**TENNIS COURT SECURITY**

Mr. McKenzie announced the gates at the Tennis Courts were ready for the installation of the keypad locks. He said this should take place in the next ten days.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Mayor Protem Frantz announced the appointment to the Planning Commission of Dee Claypool. All agreed that it was a good choice and appreciate her willingness to accept the appointment.

**SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

Mayor Protem Frantz reminded everyone of the following activities.

- The Town Meeting at Tully's Coffee will be held at 6:30 PM on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be an emergency management exercise at Town Hall beginning at 10:00 AM on May 19<sup>th</sup>. All members of the Emergency Management Committee should attend.
- The 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean-Up Day will be held at Town Hall beginning at 9:30 AM on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

Vouchers No. 13953 through 13991 in the amount of \$97,856.93 dated April 2, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Adjourn the Council Meeting of April 2, 2007. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_