

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 4, 2007



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. Councilmembers Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Jeri Boettcher was absent. Staff present was Town Attorney Mike Kenyon, Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Also in attendance was Medina Resident Robert Kropp, MD.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2007

MOTION: Approve minutes of the Council Meeting of May 7th as written. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen reported on criminal activities during May. There was a car theft and the theft of two watercraft (a kayak and a canoe). There was also an incident in which two dogs killed a cat on Hunts Point Lane. Chief Chen described the effort to identify, locate the dogs' home and cite the owners for the dogs' actions.

Mayor McConkey asked Chief Chen to describe the status of the surveillance camera installation in Medina. Chief Chen said the project had slowed down since the arrival of the new City Manager on May 12th. A call for bids for the camera system was to be issued on June 1st. Mayor McConkey said the Councilmember Nordstrom was still the chairman of the surveillance camera effort and Hunts Point will keep moving along the track that was already established. Councilmember Nordstrom said he was proceeding along two tracks. The first of these is reassessing the present surveillance camera system and the second is evaluating information on the latest equipment available including license plate recognition software.

Councilmember Frantz inquired about retention times for the images recorded by the surveillance cameras. Chief Chen said that normally law enforcement agencies would retain the images for a period of ninety days.

Chief Chen spoke about the increase in violent crime in the United States, not only in cities, but also in smaller communities. Councilmember Frantz asked if there were statistics available on these crimes. Chief Chen said available data showed that the principal causes of these crimes involved addiction and drug trafficking, gang violence and crimes involving firearms. He also said that the largest share of these crimes involved young people.

Chief Chen informed the Council that a Medina Police car was being surplused and would be sold for \$4,000. The Council discussed the value of having a display car available to park around Hunts Point as a means of deterring crime.

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MOTION: Authorize the purchase of a surplus police car from the City of Medina at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Mayor McConkey introduced Dr. Robert Kropp, the director of the medical section of emergency management for Medina and Hunts Point. Dr. Kropp explained the creation of the plan for medical services following a disaster. He said that the Overlake Golf & Country Club had been selected as a medical services/triage station to be placed in operation to meet the medical needs of the community following a disaster. He noted that there were medicines still needed to complete the stocking of the medical trailer. After discussion of the items needed and their costs a motion was offered.

MOTION: Provide funds to purchase the medicines requested by Dr. Kropp from Northwest Prescriptions and Medical Supplies at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Williams. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor McConkey mentioned the effect of the “Good Samaritan Law” on the availability of volunteer medical practitioners for service during emergencies. Dr. Kropp said it was a serious problem illustrated by the fact that only six medical practitioners out of forty-four in the Medina/Hunts Point area were willing to serve as volunteers during an emergency. Mayor McConkey offered to contact state legislators and the Attorney General about improving protections for volunteer doctors under the “Good Samaritan Law”.

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

Mayor McConkey reported that there was one EMS call in Hunts Point during April.

TRAFFIC SPEED MONITORING PROJECT

Mayor McConkey explained the traffic monitoring report was the result of a one-week study of traffic speeds on south Hunts Point Road and Hunts Point Lane. The average speed on Hunts Point Lane was twenty-six miles per hour, about six miles per hour over the speed limit. The Hunts Point Road study showed an average speed close to thirty miles per hour or ten miles an hour over the speed limit.

Councilmember Williams asked about the availability of the data underlying the report. He felt it would be helpful if the time of day and direction of travel for the observations could be obtained and analyzed.

HUNTS POINT LANE STREET LIGHTS

Mayor McConkey told the council that the four new streetlights had been ordered for Hunts Point Lane. Puget Sound Energy was waiting for a deposit from the Town in the amount of \$27,715 before they would authorize the purchase of the lights from the manufacturer. The warrant for the deposit was included in the vouchers for council approval

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POINTS DRIVE REPAVING

Mayor McConkey said the paving overlay on Northeast Twenty-eighth Street would be completed in June.

COMPLETION OF HUNTS POINT ROAD PROJECT

Mayor McConkey announced the completion of the Hunts Point Road Project and that Mr. Willis was working with Merlino Construction to complete the paper work.

SURVEY OF PREFERENCES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND STREETLIGHTS.

Mayor McConkey introduced the preliminary results of the household survey conducted by Planning Commissioner Mark Bloom. The results showed a negative reaction to speed tables and illuminated speed indication signs. It also showed a neutral reaction to streetlights. He expressed his belief that these issues would have to be settled neighborhood by neighborhood.

KING COUNTY PLANNING POLICIES

Mr. McKenzie explained that it was a practice of King County to update their planning codes from time-to-time. In order for the changes in the code to become law it was necessary for cities representing seventy percent of the population to ratify the changes. He said Hunts Point, due to its small population, has little or no affect on the matter. The Council came to a consensus not to take action on the matter.

CLEAN-UP DAY REPORT

Mayor McConkey reported that Clean-Up Day was a great success in spite of the rain. The Council whole-heartedly agreed.

SR-520 PROJECT REPORT

Mayor McConkey said work was going forward on the design of the lids over SR-520. He also said there was a design called a "half-diamond" being proposed for westbound traffic using the 84th Avenue on-ramp that would take that traffic out of Hunts Point.

Mayor McConkey described an idea that had been brought forward involving a transit stop at 88th Northeast and possible commercial activity at that site.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXERCISE

Mayor McConkey expressed his pleasure with the success of the emergency management exercise conducted at Town Hall on May 19th. Forty volunteers participated. There were opportunities to use the safety equipment and everything worked except the radios. Mayor McConkey directed Mr. McKenzie to get the radios updated so they operate properly.

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CANCELLATION OF JULY MEETING

Mr. McKenzie said there was no pressing business for the July Council Meeting.

MOTION: Cancel the July Council Meeting and advance the normal business of that meeting to the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for August 6th. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers No. 14037 through 14087 (including 14038 through 14040 and 14042 voided due to printing error) in the amount of \$111,063.61 dated June 4, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

APPROVED_____