

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2007



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Ted Frantz was absent. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Lieutenant Dan Yourkoski and Officer Ben Crum of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Also in attendance were Hunts Point residents Donna Shannon and Henrik Nielsen, and Dan Dolson and Tom Hill of Aquatic Weed Control, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2007

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

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Yourkoski announced that it was a light month for crime with no activity to report. He introduced Officer Ben Crum, the newest member of the Medina Police Department.

“CUT-THROUGH” TRAFFIC SIGNS

Mayor McConkey explained the necessity of passing an ordinance making it illegal for cars to “cut-through” Hunts Point to avoid traffic backups waiting to enter the on-ramp to westbound SR-520. Mr. McKenzie said the language for the signs was included in Ordinance No. 459, which also provides authority for the posting of the signs and penalties for violators.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 459 authorizing the Town Engineer to post “turnaround and cut-through prohibited” signs and providing civil fines for violations. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

FLOODING OF NORTH END PUMPING STATION

Mr. Willis explained the surface design of Hunts Point Road at the north end turnaround allowed water to flood off of the street into the pumping station located there. The flaw rested with the design of the lid over the vault in which the pumps were located. Bellevue Public Utilities (BPU) was involved in that design. Mr. Willis provided BPU with the design of a drain system that would solve the problem. BPU insisted the correction was the responsibility of the Town of Hunts Point but offered to glue 5/8-inch thick plastic half rounds in the street south of the pumping station lid to divert the water around it.

Mr. Willis said the situation was not resolved and there was a possibility BPU would bring a claim against the Town over it.

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STREETLIGHTS ON HUNTS POINT LANE

Mr. Willis reported the work of installation of the four new streetlights on Hunts Point Lane would be complete by the end of August.

SPEED TABLES ON HUNTS POINT LANE

Mr. Willis announced he received a construction proposal from Emerald Paving for installation of the speed tables on Hunts Point Lane. This proposal was offered at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.

MOTION: Authorize installation of two speed tables on Hunts Point Lane by Emerald Paving at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. Moved by Williams, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRAFFIC SPEED MONITORING PROJECT

Councilmember Williams said the speed survey for south Hunts Point Road and Hunts Point Lane was completed. The counter in south Hunts Point Road was placed in the middle of the 3000 to 3200 block and the Hunts Point Lane counter was set in the roadway at the mid-point of the playfield. He said the array of data received by the Council was not definitive enough to allow analysis of speed and travel patterns.

A discussion of the average speeds recorded (28 mph for Hunts Point Road and 25 mph for Hunts Point Lane) and the risk to residents followed. Mr. Nielsen suggested that the data indicated a strong need for traffic calming measures on south Hunts Point Road. Councilmember Nordstrom said that safety is a big concern but there is a need to weigh the impact of traffic calming on those using that stretch of road to go on further north. He estimated that a substantial amount of the Town's residents use south Hunts Point Road to their homes beyond the 3100 block.

Discussion of the problems associated with speeding and the solutions to them followed.

UNISON CONTRACT OFFER

Mr. McKenzie explained the Town had received an unsolicited offer from Unison Site Management LLC to take over management responsibility for the Clearwire Antenna site in return for paying the Town the equivalent of five years lease payments or \$111,000. Under the terms of the agreement the Town would get 50% of any lease revenue from the site after the end of the initial five-year period.

After examination of the offer and discussion of its ramifications the Council reached a consensus and directed Mr. McKenzie to reject the offer.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING

Mayor McConkey described the basic design of the proposed emergency services building to be located at the east end of Town Hall Parking Lot. The preliminary design is for a two storey, 1200 square foot building with a 20 foot by 30 foot footprint. The structure would have a full basement for storage of emergency supplies and a ground level upper storey with a garage/equipment storage area, an emergency operating center (office) and a rest room.

Due to its function as an emergency services structure it should be built to the highest level of protection from earthquake and wind damage. Makers Architects, the firm designing the building, have made a preliminary estimate of cost totaling \$184,750.

Mr. McKenzie said that the structural weight of the building made it necessary to conduct soil tests. He said Shannon & Wilson agreed to do this work and offered an agreement to dig two test holes and conduct the necessary tests for \$5,750.

MOTION: Retain Shannon & Wilson to conduct soils tests at the site of the proposed emergency services building at a cost of \$5,750. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

INSPECTION SERVICES PRACTICES

Mr. McKenzie explained Hunts Point has delegated jurisdiction to the Seattle-King County Health District to conduct inspections of sewer hook-ups, sprinkler systems, plumbing and gas connections as part of the Town's inspection protocols. The addition of Steve Wilcox to staff as Building Official/Inspector has brought the skills and certifications in the above listed activities onto the Town Staff. He said by adding these inspections to Mr. Wilcox's work and dropping the involvement of the Health District it should be possible to gain control of the inspection cycles and improve delivery of information to the Town and residents.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 460 which adds inspections for sewer hook-ups, sprinkler systems, plumbing and gas connections to the work of Town Staff. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

SR-520 PROJECT REPORT

Mayor McConkey provided a verbal and schematic description of the proposed design layout for the westbound on-ramp to SR-520 at 84th Avenue Northeast when the route is rebuilt. Discussion followed.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers No. 14126 through 14166 in the amount of \$83,662.47 dated August 6, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

APPROVED
