

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2007



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting 7:08 p.m. for general discussion. Councilmembers Kevin Hughes and Jim Nordstrom were present. Councilmember Ted Frantz was absent and excused; Councilmember Jeri Boettcher was absent. Councilmember Larry Williams arrived at 7:15 p.m. Staff present were Town Attorney Mike Kenyon, Chief Jeff Chen and Patrolman James Marsh of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Longmire.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 and OCTOBER 19, 2007

MOTION: Accept the minutes of October 1, 2007. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: Accept the minutes of October 19, 2007 as corrected. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen introduced Patrolman Marsh who is new to the Medina police staff. Patrolman Marsh was a former member of the Town of Clyde Hill Police Department.

Chief Chen reported that there was a car prowler on Fairweather Lane and numerous incidents have occurred at a rental home on NE 28th. Chief Chen is in contact with the homeowner.

A discussion on soliciting in Hunts Point generated the advice from Chief Chen to post a "No Soliciting" sign. This sign would be a "first line of defense" to make a charge for criminal trespass.

TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

Town Engineer Joe Willis reported that the speed tables were installed on Hunts Point Lane. The Mayor requested that the Town Engineer obtain from contractors a finishing date for projects weather permitting.

Councilmember Williams discussed the next step in the Hunts Point traffic control study would probably be counters installed on Hunts Point Circle to study volume and speed.

TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS, INC. SERVICE PROPOSAL

Councilmember Williams discussed the TSI proposal to provide transportation planning and engineering services to assist the Town with implementation of traffic

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MOTION: Accept TSI proposal dated October 22, 2007 for transportation planning and engineering. Moved by Williams, seconded by Nordstrom.

Passed 3-0.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 461 - PUBLIC NUISANCE

Town staff and Mayor McConkey felt the nuisance ordinance on record needed to be amended as it did not cover situations such as barking dogs and trash accumulation. Councilmember Nordstrom questioned Section 3. HPMC 8.05.010, subsection 5 that contained the phrase "building materials which are not properly stored or neatly piled". The Council decided that the phrase was ambiguous and recommended it be deleted.

MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 461 as amended. Moved by Williams, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 463 – TAX LEVY FOR 2008

Ordinance No. 463 reflects the allowed 1% increase in taxes without going to the voters.

MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 463. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Williams. Vote 2-0 Yes, Councilmember Hughes No.

MOTION FAILED

Town Attorney Kenyon advised the Mayor and Town Council that Ordinance 463 could not be passed with a No vote even though the two votes out of three were a majority. Discussions ensued concerning inflation, the responsibility of the Council to the Town, levy rate, building permit fees, and the possibility of a tax increase request to go to voters at a future date.

MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 463. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Williams. Passed 2-0. Councilmember Hughes abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 464 – PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED

MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 464. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Williams. Passed 3-0.

MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 14247 through 14286 in the amount of \$131,587.44 dated November 5, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

Councilmember Williams had to excuse himself from the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Linda Longmire
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