

# TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

## COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2007



### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Staff present were Town Administrator Jack McKenzie, Town Attorney Mike Kenyon, Lt. Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Longmire. Also in attendance were guests Chief Denise Turner, Capt. Dan Pingrey, Capt. Shawn Ledford, and Ms. Rebecca Connolly of the King County Sheriff's Dept. Residents Peter Powell, Bruce Swenson and Dave Wright were also in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2007

**MOTION:** Accept the minutes of November 5, 2007 as written. Motion by Williams, seconded by Hughes. Passed 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

### POLICE REPORT

Lt. Yourkoski reported that November was a quiet month for the Town of Hunts Point. At the request of Chief Chen, he informed the Town that Emergency Management radio operators were practicing every Monday night, 7:00 P.M. at Medina City Hall.

### FIRE SERVICES REPORT

The month of November shows the Town had a false alarm and an emergency.

### PRESENTATION BY KING COUNTRY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Capt. Pingrey of the Contracting Unit of the Technical Services Division introduced the King County Sheriff's Dept. personnel attending the meeting. Ms. Connolly provided a presentation on contracts in general. The following was discussed:

- a. Philosophy of the Sheriffs office-Includes Flexibility, Experience, Local Control and Security
- b. Contract Overview-Includes how 12 cities contract with the Sheriff's office and how they participate
- c. Service Framework-Includes 24/7 police response to 9-1-1 calls and routine patrol; supervision, investigations, marine patrol and specialized units
- d. Patrol Service & Local Officer Options-Includes shared patrol and dedicated plus shared patrol options
- e. Charge Framework-Includes costs for personnel, equipment, vehicle and support functions; development of charges, notification of charges; liability for police actions
- f. Conclusion

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The staff of the King County Sheriff's Office opened the floor to questions of the Town Council and Mayor. Some of the questions asked and answered were:

- a. Agency staffing
- b. When Town would get initial costs estimates
- c. Average cost increases
- d. Marine patrol services
- e. 9-1-1 response time, mutual aid requirements
- f. Emergency Management Plan support services
- g. Jail services and charges
- h. Individual city/town police chiefs
- i. How dedicated officer's absence is treated
- j. Flexible hours of dedicated officer
- k. Workload drives cost of services
- l. Time expectations for change of services to King Country Sheriff's Office

Resident Peter Powel questioned whether the Town would lose any services from King County. Any services paid for by property taxes would not be lost. A King County Sheriff contract for police services would be additional coverage.

Mayor McConkey discussed the options of the Town. The City Manager of Medina has said that Hunts Point can get out of its police contract at any time. A June 2008 notice for release of contract for 2009 is not required, but the Town still needs this in writing. He further advised the Council to make a decision on police services when they are comfortable with making the decision. He reiterated that Medina is standing firm on the cost of \$249,000 for the year 2008 and they were not looking to negotiate. The decision should take some time and King County or any other agency can make further presentations. With Medina and Mercer Island (Marine Patrol provider) the total cost will be \$264,000. If Hunts Point goes with King County Sheriff, the basic cost is \$133,000, but with a dedicated police officer it would be \$253,000.

Town Attorney Kenyon made the recommendation that if the Council has any questions, put the questions on paper and then we will get an answer. The decision is not suited for the general public input for one does not know how much information each individual has about the issue. The Council is elected to represent its residents.

Councilmembers Hughes and Nordstrom felt that an opinion from Town residents and having the Town involved helps the Councilmembers make a better decision. A newsletter, informational letter or a town meeting could be used to educate the Town and get feedback.

Mayor McConkey is concerned that residents might react emotionally and they would not fully understand the budget issues behind the decision, but he did encourage Councilmembers to discuss the issue with neighbors. The Councilmembers will decide the police contract for the mayor does not have a vote on the decision. He has decided that the Town will not negotiate with the Medina

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**City Manager. If the Council does not want to change services, then Hunts Point and Medina attorneys will appoint a mediator and mediate the issue.**

**Mayor McConkey summarized the police contract issue:**

- a. If Hunts Point doesn't make a decision by year-end of 2007, then January 1, 2008, Hunts Point will start paying the new annual fee of \$249,000.**
- b. Hunts Point will ask for a month-to-month extension of the contract.**
- c. Hunts Point's decision should be made by the first quarter of 2008 and Medina will let Hunts Point out of its contract at any time – unless the Town elects to go to mediation.**
- d. This Medina position is not in writing, but it has been requested.**
- e. If the Town chooses to go with King County Sheriff's office, the Town could immediately go to the flex program and then start the dedicated officer as soon as possible. In the interim, we could have officers on duty that would be paid overtime.**
- f. Medina will have a new mayor and Councilmembers in January 2008 and Hunts Point will see if their position is more sympathetic than the present.**

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT/HAUG CHANNEL REPAIR**

**Mayor McConkey provided a summary of the Haug Channel and Fairweather Place problem. Homeowners on the east side of Haug Channel own about two feet of the land on the west side of the channel. Fairweather Place was a ferry terminal at one time and is all fill. Everything sinks year to year and pilings come up through the road. The Town has cut them off several times. Owners along the Haug Channel have been working to get a permit to dredge the channel, but some of the owners have not wanted to pay for dredging. The owners have a one-year extension on the permit and then it expires. The homeowners concern is that if they start dredging the summer of 2008, it may destabilize the west-side bank and damage Fairweather Place. At the October Retreat, \$30,000 was determined to be necessary for permits. If the project is done out of the water, it can be started this spring and installation of sheet piling at a \$1,000 a foot on the grass strip could start. This would shore up and take pressure off the bulkhead. The bulkhead will probably have to be rebuilt by the homeowners; some have already done so.**

**The Town Engineer has had two bids of \$240,000 and \$460,000. The lower bid would be repair from the land and a barge would not be used. The contractor will not supply liability insurance. The larger bid would be repairs from the water.**

**Town Administrator McKenzie recommends sheet piling this year, let it settle and then work on Fairweather Lane to stabilize it further. The Council is being asked if it wants to prioritize this expenditure for 2008. June 2008 would be a fast track goal for the Town and the Town has sufficient cash even if the Council chose the \$460,000 bid. Other projects would have to be put on hold until the Capital Projects fund is replenished by future property sales. The \$30,000 would be spent to prep for bids; then the Town would be in the position to call for bids to repair the 230 feet along the west side of Haug Channel. Actual cost per foot would be between \$1,000**

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and \$2,000 per foot if taxes and landscaping were included in the estimate. A proper oil separator or sediment pond is requested to be the Town portion of the project.

**MOTION:** Authorize the expenditure of \$30,000 to prepare permits and prep for bids on the repair of 230 feet of the west side of Haug Channel along Fairweather Place. Moved by Williams, seconded by Frantz. Passed 5-0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Authorize issuance of bids for sheet piling repair of 230 feet of the west side of Haug Channel along Fairweather Place. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Williams. Passed 5-0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Town Engineer Willis updated the Council on traffic monitoring on Hunts Point Circle. One counter didn't do its job so it will be redone along with Hunts Point Road. The speed tables on Hunts Point Lane have reduced speed to 24 mph, a drop of two and a half miles per hour.

The new striping on the entry portion of Hunts Point Road has received no complaints at the Town Hall.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The mayor opened the Public Hearing at 8:50 PM to discuss the 2007 and 2008 budgets. After general discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:00 PM.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 465 – ADOPT AMENDED 2007 BUDGET**

**MOTION:** Approve Ordinance No. 465. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 5-0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 466 – ADOPT 2008 ANNUAL BUDGET**

**MOTION:** Approve Ordinance No. 466. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Frantz. Passed 5-0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SCHEDULE**

Town Administrator McKenzie is dealing with Curtis McMillan to use chemicals for the first kill of milfoil in May 2008. Another application is to be administered in July along with continued harvesting during the summer.

### **GENERATOR**

A 35 KW generator will be purchased and will be located on the west side of the Town Hall. The dual fuel (natural gas or propane) tank will be located by the cedar trees along with a sound enclosure. Both neighbors have been notified. The location will be near the new Town Hall when it is built.

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**PLANNING COMMISSIONER BRUCE SWENSON**

Commissioner Swenson was congratulated on his new six-year term and thanked for his many years of service, especially on the Emergency Management Plan.

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

Vouchers Nos. 14287 through 14325 in the amount of \$132,693.65 dated December 3, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Passed 5-0.  
MOTION CARRIED**

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Linda Longmire  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_