

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Councilmembers Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Jeri Boettcher was absent. Staff present was Town Attorney Michael Kenyon, Chief Jeff Chen Town Engineer Joe Willis and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Also in attendance were Hunts Point residents Diane and Frank Fiduccia and Mick Deal. City Manager Mark Weinberg of Medina was present as a guest.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Town Administrator McKenzie witnessed the Oath of Office for Councilmember Hughes, Councilmember Nordstrom and Councilmember Williams all elected at the election in November of 2007.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2007

MOTION: Approve minutes of the Council Meeting of December 3rd as written. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen gave a report on police activity during 2007. This year continued the record of no felonies experienced for twenty-four months. A discussion of police practices and methods followed.

POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT

Mayor McConkey called for a general discussion. A thorough discussion followed. Councilmember Frantz provided a chart comparing the differences between the Medina Police services and those offered by the King County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Weinberg explained the method used to arrive at the fee for police services to Hunts Point. He went on to explain the budgetary impacts upon Medina if Hunts Point was to withdraw from the contract. A wide-ranging question and answer period followed. Mr. Weinberg committed to control the rate of growth in the police budget.

Mr. Weinberg went on to provide detail and support for the creation of a combined Points Communities Police Department serving Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina and Yarrow Point. He extolled the possibility of economies of scale and sharing of management of the agency by all of the communities. Discussion followed.

Mayor McConkey introduced the subject of emergency services support and the level of services supplied to Hunts Point for the cost indicated in the fee schedule. Discussion followed.

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Ms. Fiduccia complimented the Council for the work they have done in an attempt to solve the problem of the increase in costs for police services. This was followed by a general discussion of the pros and cons of creating a Points Communities Police Department.

AMENDMENT TO POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION: Amend the Police Services Contract with Medina to provide a one hundred twenty day cancellation clause. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRAFFIC SPEED STUDY

Mr. Willis said there was a problem with the traffic counter operation on Hunts Point Circle and the counts were being redone.

ORDINANCE NO. 467-SHORT SUBDIVISIONS

Mayor McConkey announced the buyer of 8301 Hunts Point Circle had made inquiries about short-platting the property into two lots. He pointed out that the title report for that property contains a codicil that requires that all the residents of the Hunts Point Circle Addition must be notified of this action and agree to it. Mayor McConkey opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 467 at 8:45 P.M. and, hearing no comments on the proposed ordinance closed the Public Hearing at 8:46 P.M.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 467. Moved by Williams, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

HAUG CHANNEL (CANAL) BULKHEAD PROJECT

Mr. Willis announced the Town received two proposals for design and engineering on the installation of sheet piling along the west side of Haug Channel. One proposal was from Shannon & Wilson at a cost of \$39,000. The other was from the Geotechnical firm, the Riley Group in combination with CT Engineering at a cost of \$14,950. After discussion of the merits of the proposals Mr. Willis pointed out the Riley Group prepared the soils report for others who have done similar work in Haug Channel. Mr. Willis said he was satisfied that the Riley-CT combine could produce the study data needed for this project.

MOTION: Accept the proposal of the Riley Group-CT Engineering for structural engineering services for the new bulkhead wall along the west bank of Haug Channel and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

HAUG CHANNEL DREDGING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Mr. McKenzie explained the petition to form a Local Improvement District for the dredging of Haug Channel was a work product of the residents who wished to dredge it. There are eight properties involved. Five owners are petitioning the Council to form an LID. The other three owners are opposed to it. Since the opponents only hold 29.88% of the assessed value of properties in the proposed LID area they cannot stop the formation if the Council chooses to go ahead with the formation. Mr. Kenyon explained the legal status of the LID and how the cost of construction is paid.

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Councilmember Frantz stated a wish to know the total cost of the project including staff, legal and financing costs as well as the cost of construction.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

Mr. McKenzie said this was the annual affirmation of Hunts Point's membership in the county-wide consortium that obtains federal monies from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Program. The money from these two sources help fund low income housing projects. This agreement is reaffirmed each year. The funds Hunts Point receives under these programs is transferred to Bellevue for use by ARCH.

MOTION: Approve the Interlocal Agreement for funding of Community Development Block Grant projects and projects under the HOME program.

Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

AWC-RMSA LOSS PREVENTION GRANT

Mr. McKenzie said the source of this \$500 grant for use in repairing the Points Loop Trail in Hunts Point was from the Town's casualty insurer, AWC Risk Management Service Agency. The Loop Trail has become a focus for tripping and bicycle hazards due to tree roots pushing up the very thin asphalt overlay.

MOTION: Accept the \$500 Loss Prevention Grant from AWC-RMSA. Moved by Williams, seconded by Frantz. Passes 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

PROPOSITION 2 PARKS LEVY

Mr. McKenzie informed the Council that, with passage of King County Proposition 2 last year a levy was created to provide money for trails throughout the County. King County has notified the Town that its share of the levy will be \$4,761 in 2008 and will increase in the four subsequent years of the levy. This money can be used to repair the Loop Trail.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers No. 14327 through 14367 in the amount of \$53,541.49 dated December 31, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

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