

# **TOWN OF HUNTS POINT**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2008**



### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Jim Nordstrom was absent. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen and Lt. Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Sgt. Keith McDonough of the Mercer Island Marine Patrol and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Town Engineer Joe Willis arrived at 8:30. Residents in attendance were Dr. Wallace and Janine Coburn, Dee Claypool, Dr. Bill Boettcher, Peter Powell, David Wright and Bruce Swenson. Guests present were Arthur Sullivan of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), David Markley and Eric Johnston of Traffic Solutions, Inc., Teri Swartner a sister to Councilmember Boettcher and King County Councilmember Jane Hague.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2008**

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

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Chen reported that, once again in January, there were neither felony crimes nor misdemeanor crimes in Hunts Point. He described the efforts to control foot traffic during the SeaFair Marathon to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He said the original plan would have closed 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast for periods of up to three hours thus preventing ingress and egress from Hunts Point. With a little negotiation and some stubbornness the route was revised to allow access to Hunts Point during the entire time of the race.

### **ARCH ANNUAL REPORT**

Arthur Sullivan, the Executive Director of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) presented the annual report for that organization. He described the ongoing programs in the Arch Work Plan for 2008. He also provided details of the activities that go into the work plan including needs identification, legal context for the work and use of county and city policies for guidance in completing the work.

**MOTION:** Approve the ARCH Work Plan for 2008 and release the \$1,467 included in the budget for ARCH operations. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Sullivan explained the workings of the ARCH Trust Fund and how it funds various projects. He reminded the Council of their commitment at the August 2007 Council Meeting to provide \$2,500 for the purchase of a residence for Friends of Youth-New Ground Kirkland to provide a shelter for youths in transition from teenage to adult. The Council quickly reached consensus that this was a worthwhile project and again supported it with the approved funding.

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**ANNUAL REPORT-MERCER ISLAND MARINE PATROL**

Sgt. McDonough provided a power-point presentation on the accomplishments of the Marine Patrol in 2007. He pointed out the enforcement and safety aspects of their work leading to 39 total stops in Hunts Point waters. He said there was a high degree of cooperation among the police agencies patrolling Lake Washington.

Sgt. McDonough also provided a streaming presentation of the public safety and law enforcement activities of the Coast Guard, the various marine patrols and the Washington State Patrol during the 2007 SeaFair celebration on Lake Washington.

**HAUG CHANNEL (CANAL) DREDGING PROJECT**

Dr. Coburn enlightened everyone by describing his personal experiences with dredging in Haug Channel. Mr. Powell explained the current state of the process of getting the project moving at this time. He said the residents involved expect the cost of the project to be close to \$600,000. The actual project should take five to six weeks to complete. Ms. King pointed out that the matter of calling for a public hearing on the formation of a local improvement district to finance the project is not optional. Under state law the presentation of a petition for the formation of an LID by a majority of the residents in the affected area requires the Town Council to call a formation hearing.

A lengthy discussion dealing with ownership of the Channel and the benefits from dredging followed. Ms. King said generally any lots that benefit from the project can be in the LID regardless of ownership. She also said the Council must pass a resolution to establish the date and time of the public hearing on the formation ordinance.

**MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 08-212 establishing the date and time for a public hearing on the formation of and LID to fund the dredging of Haug Channel. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor McConkey reopened the floor for discussion of the Haug Channel Dredging Project and considerable discussion followed.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL PROGRAM**

Councilmember Williams explained the complex work that he and the staff of Transportation Solutions, Inc. had to complete to get a handle on the traffic problems in Hunts Point. He provided a very complete handbook of the work. It established objectives for traffic control within the Town, a strategy for ameliorating the problems, a schedule of priorities to improve traffic and baseline statistics for problem traffic areas.

Mr. Johnston discussed the possibilities for achieving traffic calming using various methods, techniques and designs. A general conversation about these things ensued.

Mayor McConkey asked the council members to weigh-in on how they feel about the traffic situation.

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**Councilmember Williams said they were important but did not reach the level of priority of some of the other matters the Town was facing.**

**Councilmembers Frantz and Hughes agreed with Councilmember Williams comments.**

**Councilmember Boettcher also agreed but noted the construction of the SR-520 Project will have impact on traffic in Hunts Point.**

### **STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION**

**MOTION: Authorize purchase and installation of two street lights to be placed on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams. Passed 4-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **CITIZEN COMPLAINT ABOUT STREET REPAIR**

**A letter from Mrs. Dorothy Hass complaining about a street opening in front of her house that had not been properly repaired was discussed. Mrs. Hass lives at 4347 Hunts Point Road. Mr. McKenzie said the problem had existed since May of 2007 and seemed related to a problem with an easement. He said that, after much trying, there was to be a meeting of all of the parties involved at the site at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to develop a solution to the problem.**

### **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ARCHIVAL SERVICES**

**Mr. McKenzie said that the archival services project with the Secretary of State's Office has been on hold for almost three years due to repeated reorganizations of the department charged with responsibility for archival services. The point has been reached where it is possible to get the Town's records copied in microfilm and digitally then stored in a safe records vault at Bellevue Community College. The cost for this service is \$1,891.67 and an interlocal agreement needs to be executed for the work to go forward.**

**MOTION: Authorize Mayor McConkey to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Documentation, Preparation and Imaging Service with the Secretary of State's Office. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Williams. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED**

### **POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE**

**Mayor McConkey reported on the status of discussions with Medina on the compensation Hunts Point is to pay for Police services. Mr. McKenzie said he was working with the Medina City Manager to have the fee be based upon actual costs, not upon adopted budgets. He went on to say there would not be any mediation because Medina doesn't want to do it. After discussion the members of the Council indicated it was their decisions, made individually, to continue using the services of the Medina Police Department.**

### **SR-520 PROJECT STATUS**

**Mayor McConkey announced that it was almost certain the legislature would pass laws allowing tolling on certain highway routes including SR-520.**

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**CLEAN-UP DAY**

Mayor McConkey said the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean-Up Day would be celebrated on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He expressed concern that the cost of the celebration had been increasing markedly over the last few years and effort should be made to reduce costs and collect more fees for activities. Several suggestions were made about methods of raising funds.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

Mayor McConkey said it appeared the Planning Commission was concerned about communications between them and the Town Council. As indicated in the minutes for January 16, 2008 they proposed having a member of the Planning Commission attend every Town Council meeting and a member of the Town Council attend every Planning Commission meeting. After a group discussion of the relationship Mayor McConkey suggested the Planning Commission meet at 6:00 PM on Council Meeting nights with the Mayor in attendance and then stay on to attend the Council Meeting. He committed to proposing this idea to the Planning Commission.

**HAUG CHANNEL (CANAL) DREDGING PROJECT**

Discussion returned to the Haug Channel Dredging Project. A full and detailed discussion revealing many facts and feelings about this project and the use of an LID to provide financing ensued.

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

A voucher no. 14303 in the amount of \$20,830.00 was omitted from the voucher list originally submitted to the Council for approval. Vouchers No. 14287 through 14326 in the amount of \$153,522.65 dated December 31, 2007 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

Vouchers No. 14369 through 14405 in the amount of \$53,026.42 dated February 4, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 11:00 PM.

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Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_