

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz and Jim Nordstrom was present. Council members Kevin Hughes and Larry Williams were absent. Staff present were Town Attorney Michael Kenyon, Lt. Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Yvonne Gillette of Seattle Deposition Reporters, Deborah Foreman of Allen Brackett Shed (Appraisers), Judith Andrews and Gregory Hitzel of Gottleib Fisher Andrews (Town Bond Counsel) and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Residents in attendance were Dr. Wallace and Janine Coburn, Debbie Coburn Acton, Dee Claypool, Dr. Bill Boettcher, David Wright, Greg Hubert and Rick Tsang.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Councilmember Boettcher pointed out the misspelling of a guest's name.

MOTION: Approve minutes of the Council Meeting of February 4 as corrected. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Boetcher. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Yourkoski said there was no criminal activity in Hunts Point for the month of February 2008.

HAUG CHANNEL (CANAL) DREDGING PROJECT

Mayor McConkey introduced the subject and noted that Peter and Molly Powell, Peter Lemman and Bill and Jeri Boettcher had written letters in support of the formation of a Local Improvement District to finance dredging of Haug Channel. He then introduced Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright explained the history and current status of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit that allows the dredging to take place. Mr. Wright explained the permit expires in November of 2008 and, if it does, there will probably not be an opportunity to get it reissued.

He said based upon this permit the Channel can be dredged to a level eight feet below the low water line. This will require the removal of approximately 10,000 cubic yards of material. Costs have been estimated to range from \$400,000 to 750,000. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FORMATION OF LID 08-01

Mayor McConkey recessed the Regular Meeting and called the Public Hearing to order a 7:20 PM. He informed the audience that the Council would be listening to their comments and would vote after all comments had been received.

Mr. Kenyon advised the audience that a Public Hearing had an official meaning in the Law. He said a Court Reporter was present and, in order to get a proper record, everyone who speaks should identify themselves, spell their last name and provide a

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mailing address. He said he would monitor comments to be certain the legal forms were met.

Mayor McConkey asked Mr. Wright to take the floor and explain the scope of the Haug Channel Dredging Project. Mr. Wright displayed an aerial photograph of Haug Channel and associated uplands with the area of the dredging shaded and overlaid with property lines.

Mr. Wright provided a history of the project dating from its start in 1999 when a group of homeowners around Haug Channel became concerned about the silting of the Channel and decrease in available water depth. The Corps of Engineers issued a permit for dredging of the Channel five years ago. In the interim no dredging took place and, in November or 2007 the permit was extended for one more year with the caveat that another permit would probably not be issued.

Mr. Wright went on to provide some basic information on the project. He said the two estimates received were for \$400,000 and \$750,000. The Project is expected to remove 10,000 cubic yards of material and establish the bottom of the Channel at eight feet below low water.

Mayor McConkey thanked Mr. Wright for his presentation then opened the floor for presentations from the audience.

Dr. Coburn presented his reasons for not supporting the Dredging Project. He also provided a complaint about the formation of the group to get permits and dredge Haug Channel. He felt he was left out until it was too late to stop the process. His presentation brought forth comments from several members of the audience seeking clarification of the process.

Ms. Claypool expressed concern that any dredging activities not have an adverse effect on adjacent property owners.

Mayor McConkey asked Ms. Foreman to explain how the benefits were calculated. She did then took a question from Mr. Tsang about the basis for the cost.

Mr. Kenyon explained the ownership ratio of Haug Channel in an effort to clear up any misunderstandings about how eight people have six shares. This was followed by a lengthy give-and-take about the process involved in creating the LID.

After discussion the members of the Council determined to go forward with the formation of the Local Improvement District to fund the dredging of Haug Channel. **MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 468 establishing LID No. 08-01 for the dredging of Haug Channel. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0.**

MOTION CARRIED

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FAIRWEATHER PLACE SHEET PILING INSTALLATION

Mr. McKenzie said the soils report was in hand and engineering should be done by the fourteenth of March. The bid call will go out shortly thereafter and bids should be received and an award made by April 14th. Discussion followed.

POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. McKenzie explained that he was working with the City Manager of Medina to change the language in the police services contract to make the Town responsible for its share of Medina's actual expenditures rather than a set number. At the end of each year the costs would be calculated and any adjustments to be made would take place in the following year.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Police Services Agreement with Medina to establish the Town of Hunts Point's responsible for its share of the actual expenditures of the City of Medina for police services. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

LOOP TRAIL REPAIRS

Mr. McKenzie informed the Council he had budgeted \$25,000 for repairs to the Loop Trail in 2008. Earlier in the year the Town received a grant of \$500.00 from AWC-RMSA to be used on the Trail. Last month the Town received notice from the County that it would receive \$4,956.00 from the proceeds of County Park Proposition 2 Levy. The Town received a proposal from Triple R Aggregate to rebuild ninety feet of the most broken surface on the trail for \$10,256.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Triple R Aggregate to rebuild ninety feet of the Loop Trail at a cost of \$10,256.00. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

GRAVEL PAD FOR STORAGE CONTAINER

Mr. McKenzie reminded Council that they had authorized the purchase of a twenty foot storage container to be located at the east end of the parking lot. He said the container needed to be placed upon a pad. This crushed rock pad was to be twenty-five feet long and twelve feet wide with a depth of eight inches. Mr. McKenzie said he had received a proposal from Triple R Aggregate to construct the pad for \$4,660.90. The pad would be constructed at the same time as the trail repair to avoid paying more than one mobilization charge.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Triple R Aggregate for the construction of a gravel pad for a twenty foot storage container at a cost of \$4,660.90. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 3-0.

MOTION CARRIED

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

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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.

SR-520 REPORT

Mayor McConkey reported that he had been appointed to the design committee for the 520 project. He said that this committee is to negotiate design elements for the project. Discussion followed.

MILFOIL TREATMENT

Mayor McConkey said he was working with Yarrow Point and Medina in an effort to establish a Lake Management District for control of aquatic weeds in the Points Communities waters. Discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McConkey announced that the Tully's Town Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30 PM and Clean-Up Day has been scheduled for Sunday, May 18th starting at 9:30 AM.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers No. 14406 through 14437 in the amount of \$75,559.64 dated March 3, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

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