

# TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

## COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 7, 2008



### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes, and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Jim Nordstrom was absent and excused. Staff present were Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Longmire. Residents Dr. Bill Boettcher, Dr. Wally Coburn, and Dee Claypool were also in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2008

**MOTION:** Accept the minutes of March 3, 2008 as written. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen reported that there was a possible identity theft in Hunts Point but the person was unsure of the location where her purse was stolen. Under investigation is an additional case of a resident discharging a firearm when confronted by alleged over-aggressive magazine solicitors. An elementary school presentation, upcoming shredder day for 2008, internet parent safety classes, Homeland Security Summit, and the Medina City surveillance camera initiative were discussed briefly. Chief Chen reported that the Medina Police Dept. had received and is in the process of filling ten public disclosure requests from a single requestor. This requestor has continually filed requests for public information for the past eighteen months. The time spent for the police staff just for March was 31 hours to research and processes these requests. The police department received 110 requests from the same individual from April 2007 to September 2007, taking hundreds of hours to research and process. Unsuccessful efforts have been made to rectify the ongoing situation between the requestor and the City of Medina and its Police Department. Police files are managed by police records personnel for it is law enforcement sensitive. It takes police time and affects the police budget, therefore the Hunts Point budget.

### FIRE SERVICES REPORT

There was no fire service report.

### SOLICITOR'S ORDINANCE

Mayor McConkey's attention to the present outdated wording of a portion of our current solicitor's ordinance was brought to his attention by resident and Planning Commissioner Dee Claypool. He requested Town Attorney King to review our present code. After general discussion on solicitors, Town Attorney King advised that the best protection to your property for unwanted solicitors is to post a No Trespassing sign.

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

Town Engineer Joe Willis explained that the structural engineer design is almost completed. There is more information needed from homeowners. Each homeowner needs to specify how close dredging is to come to his private bulkhead when the channel is being dredged. It was recommended to get bids and then go to the homeowner and get specific information. Councilmember Williams recommended the need for full documentation, including a map, the slope of the cut, and have it signed and dated by the homeowner.

Resident Dr. Coburn expressed his wish that no dredging be done for fear of losing his bulkhead. He questioned the completeness of the Environmental Checklist for it did not include fresh water clams and crayfish; the use of terms Haug Channel versus Haug Canal; Hunts Point Circle Yacht Basin; and Haug Channel Homeowners Association. Dr. Coburn feels the entire process of informing residents and permitting has been mishandled.

Dr. Boettcher explained that the Haug Channel Homeowners Association, the name used on the permits for the dredging process of Haug Channel, is used as a convenient term to represent the homeowners who requested the formation of the LID to dredge the Haug Channel.

Mayor McConkey with the assistance of Town Attorney King reviewed the appeal process for Dr. Coburn and Town Attorney King will pursue these issues further and contact Dr. Coburn in writing.

Councilmember Williams explained that he is assisting Mrs. Lindley, 3221 Hunts Point Circle, by bringing in a consultant to advise her. She will speak for herself in making decisions on the Haug Channel dredging.

### **ORDINANCE 469 - PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

Mayor McConkey introduced Ordinance 469 that reduces membership from nine commissioners to seven. The reason for the reduced membership is to assist in reaching a quorum at the monthly meetings.

**MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 469. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED**

### **STORAGE CONTAINER**

The two bids for the purchase of a twenty-foot storage container were discussed along with concerns about the condition of the two containers. Since one bid was eight months old compared to the recent and lower quote, the council chose to accept The Mobile Storage Group sale quote.

**MOTION: Authorize Town Administrator McKenzie to spend \$2,572.66 on a container and to check on its condition. Moved by Williams, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 470 – TOWN HALL HOURS**

Town staff recommended that Hunts Point code be updated to reflect the change in Town Hall days of operation.

**MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 470. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Williams.  
Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED**

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor McConkey has been attending the SR520 mediation hearings. The design choices for the west end of the bridge are still being evaluated. Early tolling will probably start in a year on SR520. Placing tolls on I-90 is being investigated, but it would require legislative change. Work will start first on the eastside while issues on the westside are still being negotiated.

**PARK COMMISSION**

The Park Commission has had its first meeting. They are studying the Tree Solutions recommendations for landscape planting and its maintenance in the Town’s public areas.

**TOWN MEETING**

April 23, 2008 is the next town meeting with presentations to be made by WSDOT, Medina Police Department, Clean Up and Emergency Management Practice information and an open forum for questions and answers between the residents, its elected officials and Town staff.

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

Vouchers Nos. 14438 through 14485 in the amount of \$129,472.08 dated April 7, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Linda Longmire  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_