

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 5, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Kevin Hughes and Jim Nordstrom were present. Councilmember Larry Williams arrived at 7:10. Councilmember Ted Frantz was absent and excused. Staff present were Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Longmire Town Planner Mona Green and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Planning Commissioners John Torode, Jill Davis, Bruce Swenson, Dee Claypool and Ken Fisher were in attendance as were residents Dr. Bill Boettcher, Dr. Wally Coburn, and Annie Otteson. Visiting was Medina Councilmember Shawn Whitney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2008 AND APRIL 23, 2008

MOTION: Accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 7, 2008 as written. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: Accept the Minutes of the Town Meeting of April 23, 2008 as written. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen announced a boat ladder had been reported stolen. Other than that it was another quiet month in Hunts Point.

NO TRESPASSING SIGNS

A discussion of the use of “No Trespassing” and “No Solicitor” signs was undertaken. Ms. King explained the real meaning of those signs. She pointed out that the signs did not have a lot of value except as a backup in support of a verbal order for an intruder to leave the premises.

VISITOR

Mayor McConkey introduced Shawn Whitney, a member of the Medina City Council, who was attending the meeting as his guest.

PEDDLER’S LICENSE

Ms. King described a new, replacement ordinance she had drafted covering peddlers and solicitors. She said it was based upon the code in place in the City of Clyde Hill. Discussion centered on the complexity of the code and how to enable compliance. Chief Chen pointed out that there is a time problem and other problems with conducting criminal background checks, particularly if the applicant is from out of state. A concern was raised about the limited open hours of Town Hall which limits the availability of staff to accept applications and the difficulty of enforcement due to lack of staff. The ordinance was tabled to the June meeting.

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TOWN HALL REPLACEMENT

Mayor McConkey informed the Council that he had preliminary discussions with Mayor Nelson of Medina about the possibility of locating the Medina Police Headquarters in a new Hunts Point Town Hall. He said the Planning Commission conducted an evaluation and developed a list of functions and facilities to be included in planning for a new Town Hall. A target date for completion of the replacement Town Hall has been tentatively set for 2011. A consensus was reached by the Council in favor of continued exploration of the police station idea. Councilmember Hughes expressed concern about the size of the building and its impact on the neighbors. Councilmember Boettcher expressed agreement with his concerns.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Torode, Chairman of the Planning Commission, spelled out several issues with which they were dealing. These included emergency equipment storage, a revised Shoreline Master Plan and a proposed traffic circle at NE 32nd Street and 80th Avenue NE. Mayor McConkey assigned Councilmember Williams to work with the Planning Commission in this traffic circle.

TRAFFIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Otteson made a statement about speeding on Hunts Point Circle. She said an officer monitored traffic on Hunts Point Circle for two hours and stopped fourteen speeders traveling over twenty-nine miles per hour. All but one of these speeders was a resident of Hunts Point.

Mayor McConkey read the traffic related items from the Statement of Goals and Objectives. Councilmember Williams explained the cost of the various projects included. Mr. Willis said there will be another traffic speed study on Hunts Point Road starting in a week.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

The members of the Planning Commission discussed their work on preparation for emergencies in Hunts Point. A discussion of the radios now in service and some of the problems encountered as they were placed in service. Mr. McKenzie said the emergency equipment storage container would be on site on May 8th.

FAIRWEATHER PLACE SHEET PILING PROJECT

Mr. Willis said the call for bids on the Sheet Piling Project received a good response with twelve sets being purchased by potential bidders. The opening of these bids was scheduled for May 19th at 10:00 AM.

HAUG CHANNEL DREDGING PROJECT

Mr. Willis said the call for bids for the Haug Channel Dredging Project was being issued this week. The bid opening will take place on May 21st at 11:00 AM.

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STEEL PLATE IN HUNTS POINT ROAD NORTHEND

A letter from Ms. Dorothy Hass, the resident at 4347 Hunts Point Road, explained her vexation with the inability of the Town to get a steel plate covering a utility trench in the street by her house removed. She pointed out the steel plate had been there for almost a year. Mr. Willis and Mr. McKenzie provided details on the negotiations to get the trench filled and closed up. Mayor McConkey assigned Mr. Willis to move forward and get the trench filled and capped even if the Town had to do it and bill the responsible homeowner.

OFFER OF FINANCING FOR HAUG CHANNEL DREDGING PROJECT

Mr. McKenzie explained the offer of construction financing provided to the Town by the Bank of America. After some discussion about the terms of the agreement a motion was offered.

MOTION: Accept the offer of Bank of America to provide project financing for the Haug Channel Dredging Project. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Williams.

Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 471-BOAT HOISTS

Mr. McKenzie explained the matter of increasing the size of boat hoists allowed in Hunts Point had been examined by Council at an earlier time. After some discussion a motion was offered.

MOTION: Increase the allowed size for boat hoists from 23' to 30' and a maximum of ten tons capacity. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

MOSQUITOES IN WETHERILL NATURE PRESERVE

The Wetherill Nature Preserve Board had received a complaint about mosquitoes breeding in the Preserve and flying out to attack the residents along Hunts Point Lane. Mayor McConkey said that chemicals could not be used in the Preserve under the rules by which it was established. He said the Board had determined to install natural controls in the form of swallows and bats in the Preserve to keep the mosquito population down.

HUNTS POINT LANE FLOODING

Mayor McConkey announced a meeting involving the residents of Hunts Point Lane, Town Staff and the Washington Department of Transportation specialists dealing with the design of SR-520 would be held at 8521 Hunts Point Lane on May 22nd at 4:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the design features of the road that will mitigate the flow of water into Cozy Cove Creek and the drainage ditch at the east end of the Playfield and bring an end to the flooding that accompanies every heavy rainfall each winter.

MILFOIL CONTROL

Mayor McConkey said Yarrow Point was involved in getting a natural milfoil control program under way using Milfoil weevils as a deterrent. He explained the emergent nature of this technology. After discussion it was decided that Hunts Point should adopt a wait and see attitude about the program.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXERCISE

Mayor McConkey announced there was to be an Emergency Management Exercise at Town Hall on May 17th at 10:00 AM.

HUNTS POINT BASEBALL CAPS

Mayor McConkey announced that Hunts Point embroidered baseball caps were to be sold for \$10.00 each during Clean-Up Day on May 18th and beyond to help build pride and identification for the residents. He asked the Council to approve the expenditure of \$2,500 to purchase 250 caps for this purpose.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to expend \$2,500 to purchase 250 baseball caps embroidered with the Hunts Point Logo. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

CLEAN-UP DAY 2008

Mayor McConkey reminded everyone that Clean-Up Day was Sunday, May 18th and the festivities start at 9:00 AM at Town Hall with a continental breakfast.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 14486 through 14521 in the amount of \$118,242.79 dated May 5, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM

Jack McKenzie
Town Administrator

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