

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 7, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Kevin Hughes was absent and excused. Staff present were Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Resident Dr. Wallace Coburn and Planning Commissioners Jill Davis and Ken Fisher were in attendance. Also Present was Eric Anderson of Makers Architects and Jean Garber, Newcastle City Councilmember representing the Suburban Cities Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008

MOTION: Accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 2, 2008 as written. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Williams. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen reported a lack of police activity in Hunts Point in June. He also reported that a new officer had been hired and was on his way to the Law Enforcement Academy.

Mayor McConkey spoke about the efforts to establish a Block Watch program in his neighborhood. Chief Chen said that the program was very valuable and produced positive results in reducing or preventing crime in the areas where it has been established.

Councilmember Boettcher inquired about the process of hiring, training and equipping an officer for duty. Chief Chen explained the process in detail.

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

There was one emergency services call in Hunts Point in May.

CULVERT CLEANING UNDER HUNTS POINT LANE

Mr. Willis reported that he had collected two estimates for the removal of approximately eighteen inches of sediment, sand and gravel from the culvert. The estimates were from Econo-Vac and Pro-Vac each nearly \$6,000 with Econo-Vac being the lower. This is necessary maintenance and was budgeted in the 2008 Budget. Mr. Willis will proceed with the project

STREET LIGHTS ON 80TH AVENUE NE

Mr. Willis explained the engineer from Puget Sound Energy recommended the street light already in place on 80th have its wattage increased and adding two evenly

spaced lights on the street. The order will be placed for these lights in a week and installation will take place in the late summer.

STEEL PLATE IN HUNTS POINT ROAD AT NORTH END

Mayor McConkey and Mr. Willis both reported on their conversations with the owner of 4450 Hunts Point Road about the open trench and steel plate in the driveway. He had given assurances that the problem would be resolved quickly. Discussion followed.

FAIRWEATHER PLACE SHEET PILING PROJECT

Mr. Willis said a preconstruction conference was scheduled with Pacific Pile and Marine for Tuesday morning July 8 to prepare the schedules for the installation of the sheet piling bulkhead on the west shore of Haug Channel. He said work will start within two weeks.

HAUG CHANNEL DREDGING PROJECT

Mayor McConkey explained the project had been taken back by the property owners involved and they were working with dredging companies to arrange for a privately funded operation.

SUBURBAN CITIES ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Jean Garber, a member of the City of Newcastle City Council and member of the Board of Directors of the Suburban Cities Association informed the Town Council of the good work being done on the Town's behalf by the SCA. She described the various avenues for participation available to elected officials in support of the SCA and invited the Mayor and Council to avail themselves of the opportunity to do so.

TOWN HALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mayor McConkey introduced Mr. Anderson a partner in the architectural firm of MAKERS. Mr. Anderson explained the proposal the Town had received from MAKERS as a basic design function to the point where acceptable plans could be assigned cost estimates. He said they planned to have the work competed for Town review by October 31st.

Mayor McConkey noted that it would be valuable to get started on this project so the important factors would be known and planning for financing could be completed.

Councilmember Williams expressed concern about the cost of the design work and what other costs would be involved going forward.

Councilmember Nordstrom expressed his feeling that the work should proceed and explained his view that four factors were involved.

1. The effect and timing of the SR-520 Project and the Town's confidence in any projections made about these factors.
2. The availability of financing from sources such as the sales tax and real estate excise tax.
3. The development of the building design and the cost involved in construction.
4. The efficiencies achieved as a result of this replacement.

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Councilmember Boettcher questioned the need for a new building since the Town was not growing and much of the housing stock had already been renewed in recent years. Mayor McConkey reminded everyone that the present Town Hall did not meet construction codes for earthquake and windstorm adequate for a place of public assembly.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to engage MAKERS Architects to conduct a design and development plan for a replacement Town Hall for Hunts Point at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

TRAFFIC CALMING ON 80TH AVENUE NORTHEAST

Councilmember Williams said he and Mr. Fisher had met with David Markley of Traffic Solutions Inc. at the site on 80th Avenue NE and provided him with their view of the need for traffic calming at that site. Mr. Markley's proposal to conduct a study of needs indicated that the Town would have to provide traffic volume and speed studies for him to do the work. Mr. Willis said the studies could be done.

After discussion the Council moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with TSI for the studies to be completed.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Traffic Solutions Inc. to conduct a study and make recommendations for traffic calming on 80th Avenue NE at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Moved by Williams, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

PEDDLER ORDINANCE NO. 472

Mr. McKenzie said he had worked with the staff of Clyde Hill to learn how they administered an ordinance similar to the proposed Ordinance No.472. After learning how it was done he said he thought it possible to do the same thing in Hunts Point and he said he favored adoption of the ordinance.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 472 replacing Chapter 5.15 of the Hunts Point Municipal Code with language regulating the permitting and activities of peddlers wishing to solicit in the Town of Hunts Point. Moved by Williams, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

MILFOIL TREATMENT FEES RESOLUTION NO. 08-213

Mayor McConkey said the cost of the annual milfoil treatment had increased and it was now necessary to increase the fees charged the waterfront property owners to cover the cost. Mr. McKenzie noted that the treatment applied in June cost \$31,000 and a fee increase to \$300 per waterfront lot was required to cover this cost and the cost of loose milfoil collection later in the summer.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 08-213 increasing the annual fee collected from each waterfront lot to \$300 to cover the cost of treatment for invasive aquatic weeds. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Mayor McConkey referenced the June Planning Commission Minutes and said that linking the Planning Commission meetings to the Town Council Meetings on the same day has proved to be helpful in keeping these groups coordinated.

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Mayor McConkey commended Penny O'Byrne for taking on the task of Chair of the Park Commission and getting results of benefit to the Town.

REPORT ON THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mayor McConkey told the Council that the Fourth of July Celebration was very successful and very well run. There was a good turnout.

SR-520 PROJECT REPORT

Mayor McConkey reported that it appeared the design plans and agreements between the Eastside Cities and the Department of Transportation were holding up. The problem for DOT is getting the same cooperation from the interests on the west end of the bridge. He said the senator and representatives from the 48th District were at the last Mayor's Meeting and were very positive about the project getting under way on the Eastside in 2009.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 14565 through 14603 in the amount of \$79,040.60 dated July 7, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM

Jack McKenzie
Town Administrator

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