

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Staff present were Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Planning Commissioner Jill Davis was in attendance. Also present was Brett Scott of Integra Telephone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2008

MOTION: Accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 7, 2008 as written. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Frantz. Passed 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen reported a case of domestic violence with assault in Hunts Point in July. An individual was booked into jail overnight as a result.

Chief Chen expressed appreciation for the action by Ellie McConkey in using the occasion of her birthday to collect twenty teddy bears for use by the Medina Police to provide comfort to children (and others) in stressful situations.

Chief Chen reported he has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Eastside Domestic Violence program.

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

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

CULVERT CLEANING UNDER HUNTS POINT LANE

Mr. Willis reported that the culvert under Hunts Point Lane had been cleaned and the street drains had also been cleaned. He was not able to identify the location of the outfall for the street drains since the drain follows the creek under a rockery.

He said the street drain needs to be cleaned annually to prevent flooding of the road.

SR-520 DRAINAGE

Mayor McConkey said that a detention pond for the freeway project is to be located on the property now occupied by the residence of Dale and Donna Madden. He indicated that the State Department of Transportation had notified the Maddens of their intention to take the property and have given them ten months to vacate it.

FAIRWEATHER SHEET PILING BULKHEAD PROJECT

Mr. Willis provided a report on this project and the problems associated with it. The location of the sheet piling wall was impacted by a large collection of logs and other debris buried under it. After testing it was found the only area available for the installation of the sheet piling, without intruding into the channel, was the route of the old wooden bulkhead. Plans had been drawn for the installation at that location and cost estimates for the changed location assembled. Negotiations for easements from the owners of the bulkhead were underway.

MOTION: Authorize Mr. McKenzie to complete negotiations with David Wright, Mary Lindley and Greg Hubert to obtain signed easements to allow installation of the sheet piling wall along the route of the old bulkhead and to sign the easement agreements. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 5-0.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Willis presented a change order request covering the relocation of the sheet piling. The change in the work and cost of delay for redesign totaled \$166,290.00. He asked the Council for authority to proceed.

MOTION: Authorize the change order relocating the sheet piling bulkhead to the line of the old, wooden bulkhead at a cost of \$166,290.00. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Williams. Passed 5-0.

MOTION CARRIED

TRAFFIC RECORDING NE 32ND ST. AND 80TH AVE. NE

Mr. Willis said the recordings indicated there were 364 vehicles eastbound with an average speed of 19.28 miles per hour and 178 vehicles westbound at an average speed of 22.82 miles per hour. The imbalance in vehicles can only be explained by having westbound vehicles using the eastbound lane.

After discussion the Council determined the problem was not speed and they would wait for the results of the study by Transportation Solutions, Inc. before going any further.

TELEPHONE SERVICE PROPOSAL

Mayor McConkey introduced Brett Scott of Integra Communications. Mr. Scott explained that Integra provided telephone service using the lines and equipment of Qwest Communications. He said their repackaging of service could produce a monthly saving of approximately \$20.00 in comparison with Qwest.

After discussion and a question/answer session Mr. McKenzie was directed to check references for the quality of service and, if they were good, to establish the three year agreement with Integra Communications.

LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR CDBG GRANT

Mr. McKenzie explained that this agreement was similar to the grant agreement now in place but extends it to 2011. After discussion it was determined that it was a benefit to Hunts Point to continue this agreement through 2011.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to enter into the Local Cooperation Agreement regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 5-0.

MOTION CARRIED

KING COUNTY PLANNING POLICY APPROVAL

Mr. McKenzie explained the reason for considering King County Planning Policies is the need for the County to obtain agreement from eighty-five percent of the population of incorporated cities before the policy can go into effect. The Council determined that action by Hunts Point would have little or no effect in reaching the eighty-five percent and reached a consensus to take no action.

TENNIS COURT REPORT

Mr. McKenzie filled the Council in on a quality problem with the surface of the new tennis courts. It is apparent that a series of hairline cracks were showing up in the new surface and there was a problem. The contractor who built the tennis courts is working on identifying the problem and has verbally committed to fixing it. It was suggested a letter be drafted by Ms. King to be sent to Emerald Paving requesting a written commitment.

The correction to the problem will not be undertaken until the late winter of 2009.

TOWN HALL REPLACEMENT REPORT

Mayor McConkey reported that a preliminary design meeting had been held on July 22nd, 2008. Attending that meeting in addition to himself were Eric Anderson, architect with MAKERS, Town Engineer Joe Willis and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. The discussion involved the basic space allocation and facilities needed in a new Town Hall. He noted that a copy of the minutes of the meeting was included in the agenda packet

SR-520 PROJECT REPORT

Mayor McConkey discussed the automatic toll booths that will be included in the project. Conjecture about the uses of the toll booths followed. Mayor McConkey also said the funding for and start of the project on the eastside had been approved.

STEEL PLATE IN ROAD

Mr. McKenzie said the contractor doing the removal of the plate does not have a bond. He said the bond should be forthcoming in the next day or so.

CONSTRUCTION AT 4450 HUNTS POINT ROAD

Mayor McConkey started a discussion on the disposition of the boathouse at 4450 Hunts Point Road. He said it appeared that some work was being done on the shoreline for which permit had been issued. Mr. McKenzie said that, due to the lack of a start on the residence, the dock for which a permit had been issued would have to be removed if built and construction on the house had not started in eighteen months.

CONSTRUCTION APRON AT 3248 HUNTS POINT ROAD

Councilmember Nordstrom expressed concern about a large apron built on the right-of-way at 3248 Hunts Point Road. He noted that it was very large and unattractive. Mr. McKenzie committed to checking it out and reporting back.

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RETREAT PLANNING

Mayor McConkey told the Council that the Annual Retreat would be held on Friday, October 24th 2008 in the Murfield Room of the Golf Club at Newcastle, starting at 9:00 A.M. He promised the highlight of the meeting would be Mike O'Byrne providing a living history of the development of much of the code in use today in Hunts Point.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 14604 through 14628 in the amount of \$33,924.80 dated August 4, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM

Jack McKenzie
Town Administrator

APPROVED _____