

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Jim Nordstrom was absent. Staff present was Town Attorney Margaret King, Lieutenant Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis, Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Planning Commissioners Jill Davis, Dee Claypool and Ken Fisher were in attendance. Also present were Rick Huxley of Bassetti Architects, Kristine Surface a local author and Heather Smith a resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

MOTION: Accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 8, 2008 as written. Moved by Williams, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Mayor McConkey introduced Ms. Smith who made a request of the Council for \$500 in support of the cost of the Annual Halloween Party held at Town Hall on October 31st. After discussion the Council determined that \$300 would be sufficient to provide treats and entertainment at the party.

MOTION: Authorize the expenditure of \$300 in support of the Annual Halloween Party at Town Hall. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Yourkoski reported that a solicitor had entered the Town and attempted to solicit homes for magazine sales. He resisted Police suggestions that he do his business elsewhere and earned a trip to jail.

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

There were three emergency services calls in Hunts Point in August.

SHEET PILE BULKHEAD PROJECT

Mr. Willis was asked about a deep depression in the yard area between the bulkhead and Fairweather Place. He said it would take about forty yards of top soil to raise the depression to street level at an approximate cost of \$2,400. After discussion a motion was offered.

MOTION: Authorize the Town Engineer to arrange for the purchase of forty yards of top soil delivered to the site and used to fill the depression at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Williams. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

HUNTS POINT CIRCLE PAVEMENT REPAIR

Mr. Willis explained a pavement repair job to be done at the corner of Hunts Point Circle and Hunts Point Place to level some paving patches from previous work done on the water system and to raise the curb to prevent flooding onto adjacent property at an estimated cost of \$1,300.

MOTION: Authorize the Town Engineer to direct the patching of Hunts Point Circle and raise the curb to prevent flooding at a cost of \$1,300. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

TRAFFIC CALMING ON NE 32ND ST AND 80TH AVE NE

Mr. Fisher presented the results of a study of traffic patterns and possible traffic calming solutions for the intersection of NE 32nd Street and 80th Avenue NE. He pointed out that TSI, who conducted the study determined that a safety issue existed. He also said that the Planning Commission had asked to have the most effective solutions priced out specifically instead of the range indicated.

Mayor McConkey asked Mr. Fisher to work with TSI to obtain specific costs for the traffic circle and traffic lane options. He asked that the information be available for the Council Retreat on October 24th.

TOWN HALL REPLACEMENT

Mr. Huxley described the architectural practice operated by Bassetti Architects. This practice is heavily centered on public buildings. Mr. Huxley said he has been with Bassetti for twenty-five years and is a partner. He has been involved in the design and construction of eighteen public projects in that time.

Mayor McConkey reminded the Council that \$30,000 has been appropriated for the preliminary work of establishing elevations, drainage and the preparation of initial drawings. The remaining \$29,557 is available for the proposed work.

Mayor McConkey explained the layout of the Lid over SR-520 and its tie-in to D.K. MacDonald Park and Town Hall. He pointed out that Mr. Huxley has been working on the design portion of the SR-520 Project for several years and is in a good position to do a compatible design for Town Hall. After some discussion it was determined that the appointment of Bassetti should be a two step process. The first step is to provide an amount that would allow Bassetti to prepare preliminary design for presentation at the Council Retreat on October 24th. Enough money should be provided to cover the cost of this work.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to employ Bassetti Architects to prepare drawings for presentation at the Council Retreat at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

HUNTS POINT TOWN HISTORY

Mayor McConkey provided a brief history of the Hunts Point History Project from its start as a marker for the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town. Ms. Longmire supplied information on the condition of the materials gathered and written associated with the project. She said that there were severe deficiencies in those materials from the standpoint of having a useable product.

Ms. Surface spoke to her qualifications for writing a history of Hunts Point and laid out her work plan for producing a cohesive narrative of that history.

Mayor McConkey requested that Ms. Surface prepare a proposal outlining work schedules and costs that the Council can use in arriving at a decision to have the History Project go forward at this time.

RADIO FREQUENCY ADDTION

Mayor McConkey said that the Planning Commission had received a proposal from Day Wireless to add a Hunts Point only radio frequency to the Town's communications capabilities. The cost of this added frequency was \$7,480.00. After discussion the Planning Commission determined that the cost of the added frequency far exceeded to possible utility of having it and voted not to go on with the project. The Town Council agreed.

INTEGRA TELEPHONE SERVICE

Mayor McConkey announced that he had signed up for Integra at his business. He found that upon commencing the service it went to pot and shut down his telephone service. He is moving back to Verizon as quickly as possible.

Mr. McKenzie said that the Integra customers he contacted including Medina, Clyde Hill and Newcastle had been using them for some time without trouble. He committed to monitoring the situation to be certain that Hunts Point does not share in Mr. McConkey's problem.

PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET

Mayor McConkey started a discussion on the elements of the Proposed Budget presented to the Council at this meeting. The discussion centered on the availability of money and the effect of the economic woes now visiting the U.S.

It was agreed that the list of capital projects would be part of the Retreat Program and that a prioritization would take place to spread out the pace of accomplishment.

A discussion of several budget items revealed there was not a lot of wiggle room in the budget for cost savings. Mayor McConkey noted that Town services such as Milfoil treatment would have to have full cost recovery from the benefitted homeowners.

MILFOIL SURVEY

Mayor McConkey said a survey of satisfaction with the Milfoil treatment program was being sent out with the Newsletter. Returns from this survey should help determine the type of aquatic weed treatment to be used in Hunts Point waters.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Mayor McConkey mentioned the Planning Commission determined that the Town should delay or defer entirely the purchase of portable generators, and portable water pumps.

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EMERGENCY ZONE MAPS

Mayor McConkey said there were maps identifying service zones in the Town for use in assigning areas to volunteers and doing emergency follow-ups. The emergency zones will also be the Block-Watch Program neighborhoods.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 14666 through 14697 in the amount of \$359,576.36 dated October 6, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM

Jack McKenzie
Town Administrator

APPROVED _____