

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Ted Frantz was absent. Staff present was Town Attorney Kari Sand, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Planning Commissioners Nelson Adams, Bruce Swenson and Ken Fisher were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2008

MOTION: Accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 6, 2008 as written. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen reported that there was no criminal activity in Hunts Point requiring police response in October. He said it was even quiet on Halloween.

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

There was one emergency services call and one courtesy visit in Hunts Point in September.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Mayor McConkey adjourned the regular meeting and called to order a public hearing on the 2009 Tax Levy and dollar amount at 7:27 pm. Comments were heard from the audience in support of a levy of 1.01 percent of the 2008 Levy. The public hearing was adjourned by Mayor McConkey at 7:35 pm.

Mayor McConkey asked for comments from the Councilmembers who discussed the need for any increase in the Levy due to the monetary reserves the Town held.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 473 fixing the amount of taxes to be levied for the Town of Hunts Point for the year 2009 in the amount of \$255,523. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Williams. Tie vote, Nordstrom and Williams voting yea, Boettcher and Hughes voting nay. McConkey voted yea to break the tie and pass the measure.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 474 authorizing the property taxes to be levied for the Town of Hunts Point for the year 2009 at 1.01% of the previous year's levy. Moved by Williams, seconded by Nordstrom. Tie vote, Williams and Nordstrom voting yea, Boettcher and Hughes voting nay. McConkey voted to break the tie and pass the measure.

MOTION CARRIED

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2009

Mayor McConkey introduced the updated Strategic Plan for 2009. He addressed the near term objectives identified as immediate priorities for the Town. These are:

- Reduce expenses to balance the budget matching lower forecasted revenues for 2009 & 2010.
- Establish a minimum account balance of \$500,000 in the Current Expense Fund.
- Prioritize capital expenditures in the following order:
 1. Town Hall Replacement Planning \$30,000
 2. Container Screening 1,400
 3. 80th Avenue NE traffic calming 2,000
 4. Repair Loop Trail 10,000
 5. Repair & replace mail pagodas 2,000
 6. Correct Traffic Circle Yield Issue 5,000
- Capital Expenditures to be deferred:
 1. Add 7 to 10 more security cameras
 2. Add streetlights
 3. Correct Drainage at Tennis Courts
- Increase Town security with Police Substation
- Establish a total Block Watch Program
- Conduct Emergency Management Exercise Annually
- Increase Street Safety
 1. Reconfigure Traffic Circle
- Create Landscape and Tree Plans for Rights-of-Way
- Monitor Salmon Recovery Plan
- Improve Annual Milfoil Treatment Program
- Monitor SR-520 Project through to completion
- Plan and execute 88th Annual Clean-Up Day
- Complete Hunts Point History Book
- Plan and conduct Annual Town Meeting at Tully's
- New Objectives for 2009:
 1. Rewrite Shoreline Master Program
 2. Add Streetlights per plan
 3. Install Wireless Surveillance Cameras
 4. Reconsider Library Tax
 5. Improve Playfield
 6. Incorporate LEED Principles for Town Hall Replacement
 7. Add lights at Tennis Courts
 8. Sell pavers to help finance Town Hall Construction
 9. Plan tree planting areas
 10. Expand Tree Code to include deciduous trees
 11. Install lighting along Loop Trail
 12. Plan for Milfoil removal in Fairweather Channel
 13. Upgrade Children's Swing sets at Playground
 14. Upgrade landscaping at the Stop Sign Intersection
 15. Evaluate consolidation of Police agencies
 16. Upgrade the Town's website
 17. Establish a directory of web addresses for residents

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18. Implement Zip plus four for Hunts Point residences
 19. Obtain an individual Zip Code for Hunts Point
 20. Review Building Permit Fees
 21. Review the Zoning Ordinance conditions for basements
- Evaluate Budgets to prepare for possible tax increases
 - Plan for new Town Hall Building and integrate into design for Lid over SR-520.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2008 meeting

MOTION: Approve minutes of the October 24, 2008 as written. Moved by

Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

TOWN HALL REPLACEMENT

Mayor McConkey described the activity that had taken place on the replacement of Town Hall since the Retreat. He said it appeared the new Town Hall would replace the present Town Hall in the same geographic location. This would mean renting a construction office or similar to house the functions of the Town during construction. He directed the Councilmembers to the agreement from Bassetti Architects in which they offer to prepare the project to the point of working drawings for a fee of \$29,500. After discussion the Council decided to accept the offer and proposed a motion.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Bassetti Architects to conduct the Town Hall Replacement Project to the point of working drawings for a fee not to exceed \$29,500. Moved by Williams, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

SR-520 SOIL TEST DRILLING

Mayor McConkey explained the test boring process to be undertaken in the 520 corridor, including Hunts Point, to establish soil conditions for construction of the new roadway. The boring will take place from November to March and will go on both day and night. Residents within five hundred feet of a bore site will be notified by the State Transportation Department to prepare individuals for the noise involved.

SR-520 PROJECT STATUS

Mayor McConkey said a series of meetings was to be held on the west end of the bridge in an effort to establish the configuration of the traffic flows exiting in the Montlake/Arboretum area. All options are on the table but engineering difficulties, great cost and/or opposition from the University of Washington will keep most of them from consideration for long.

FAIRWEATHER PLACE LANDSCAPING

Councilmember Boettcher noted that the topsoil in the planting area along Fairweather Place still seemed to have a serious depression in it needing an addition of topsoil to bring it level. Mayor McConkey agreed and said that more topsoil will be brought in as the project progresses.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Mayor McConkey and the other attendees at the children's Halloween Party at Town Hall agreed that it was a great success. The objective of giving the children a place to be on Halloween instead of wandering the streets was met. Over \$295 was collected in donations making the Town's contribution less than \$100.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 14698 through 14731 in the amount of \$97,596.72 dated November 3, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM

Jack McKenzie
Town Administrator

APPROVED _____