

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 2008



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes and Jim Nordstrom were present. Councilmember Larry Williams was absent. Staff present was Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Town Engineer Joe Willis and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. A visitor, Rachel Krefetz of the Housing Development Consortium, was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2008

MOTION: Accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 3, 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 November. Chief Chen engaged in discussion and answered questions about the budgetary implications of the shortfall by King County. He described the reductions in sheriff's deputies and deputy prosecutors and provided information on possible actions by Medina and Hunts Point to mitigate, as much as possible, the negative impacts of the County's actions.

FIRE SERVICES REPORT

There was one emergency services call, one courtesy visit and one false alarm in Hunts Point in October.

FAIRWEATHER PLACE LANDSCAPING PLAN

Mayor McConkey described the outline of a landscaping plan for the Fairweather Place Right-of-Way in the area of the sheet piling bulkhead. He discussed the need to increase the height of the surface since there were ponds forming along the margin next to the bulkhead. After discussion about possible solutions it was proposed that sufficient sand be applied to the area in the month of December so that the planting plan could be completed while the weather favored transplanting. Estimates of a cost of \$6,500 were produced and a motion was proposed.

MOTION: Authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$6,500 to complete the landscaping plan for the Fairweather Place Right-of-Way. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPT FAIRWEATHR PLACE BULKHEAD PROJECT

Mayor McConkey asked Mr. Willis to explain the status of the project. Mr. Willis drew the Council's attention to the color photographs of the project and explained what they showed. He said the project was complete and was acceptable.

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MOTION: Accept the completion of the Fairweather Place Bulkhead Project and authorize the closing of the project and payment of the final estimate. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor McConkey recessed the Regular Council Meeting and called to order a public hearing on Ordinance No. 475 amending the 2008 Budget at 7:45 PM. No comment was heard from the audience and the Mayor recessed the public hearing at 7:46 PM and resumed the Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. McKenzie informed the Council that the method of establishing the beginning balance of the funds in each budget year had been flawed for some time in that the budget numbers were carried forward from previous years without tying them to the numbers reported in the Annual Report. He asked the Council for a motion of intent to have the budgetary reports amended to reflect the closing balance from the previous year as soon in the budget year as possible.

MOTION: It is the intent of the Council that all future annual budgets be amended to establish the previous year's closing balance in each fund as the opening balance in the current year. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. McKenzie requested the Council approve the transfer of \$170,000 from the Current Expense Fund (001) to the Capital Improvement Fund (302) to provide a positive balance in the funds at year-end closing.

MOTION: Authorize the transfer of \$170,000 from the Current Expense Fund (001) into the Capital Improvement Fund (302) to provide a positive balance. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 475 amending the 2008 Budget (Ordinance No. 466) to reflect the actual operation of the budget. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2009 BUDGET ADOPTION

Mayor McConkey recessed the Regular Council Meeting and resumed the public hearing for the adoption of the 2009 Budget.

Ms. Rachel Krefetz of the Housing Development Consortium thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the programs for low and moderate income housing on the Eastside over the years and encouraged support in 2009 and beyond.

Following Ms. Krefetz' presentation Mayor McConkey adjourned the public hearing at 8:10 PM and resumed the Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 476 establishing the Annual Budget of the Town of Hunts Point for 2009. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

SCREENING OF STORAGE CONTAINER

Mayor McConkey told the Council that this proposal was to attach screening lattice to the storage container so shrubbery could grow up the lattice to screen and soften

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the appearance of the container. John Jacobson offered to do the job for \$938 which is below the job estimate of \$1,400.

MOTION: Authorize Mayor McConkey to accept the proposal of John Jacobson to mount a lattice-work screen on the storage container for \$938.00. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Boettcher. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

REMOVAL OF OLD SHED AND FENCE

Mayor McConkey explained the project involved removing the old shed and fence at the south end of the parking lot behind the storage container.

MOTION: Authorize Mayor McConkey to accept the proposal of John Jacobson to remove the old shed and fence at the south end of the parking lot for \$2,000.00. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

STATUS OF BASEMENTS IN HUNTS POINT

Mayor McConkey started a discussion about excluding the floor area of all below ground basements from the Gross Floor Area Requirement. Councilmember Hughes said he would like the subject explored. Councilmember Frantz described the way in which some other communities handle this. Ms. King provided an explanation of a legal view of allowing basements. A thorough discussion followed. Afterward the Council reached a consensus assigning this question to the Planning Commission for review.

SR-520 PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor McConkey reported he has been attending the mediation sessions working to sort through the options for dealing with the west end of the bridge. He said the matter had become very political with Seattle pushing for a very expensive tunnel. Most of the options offered to date have costs in excess of the \$3.9 billion available for the project. He said it appeared the mediation was being conducted in a way to deal with the legal actions that will follow selection.

SALMON RECOVERY PLAN

Councilmember Frantz informed the Council that the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Brochure had been distributed. He pointed out a picture of the home at 3412 Hunts Point Road displayed in the booklet as the “poster child” for the type of shoreline being sought in the future.

LANDSCAPING AT THE STOP SIGN INTERSECTION

Councilmember Boettcher said she had received suggestions from Jeanne Frostad of the landscaping firm “Design Inside Out” for the landscaping at the stop sign intersection on Hunts Point Road. She described some of the suggestions and estimated the cost of getting them implemented would be around \$1,000.00.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Authorize expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the improvement of the landscaping of the area at the stop sign intersection. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 14732 through 14771 in the amount of \$162,541.11 dated December 1, 2008 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM

Jack McKenzie
Town Administrator

APPROVED _____