

## **TOWN OF HUNTS POINT**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**



#### **CALL TO ORDER**

In Mayor Fred McConkey's absence Mayor Pro-tem Ted Frantz opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Councilmembers Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Larry Williams were present. Councilmember Jeri Boettcher was absent. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Lt. Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Town Planner Mona Green, Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Residents present were Dee Claypool, Mark Bloom, Ken Fisher, Jill Davis and Annie Ottesen, Also present were Kevin Maki of Clearwire and Arthur Sullivan of ARCH.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2009**

**MOTION:** Accept the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of August 3, 2009 as written. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Lt. Yourkoski described an interesting incident that occurred in Hunts Point. It seems an eager job seeker determined to swim to the boat of a resident in an attempt to get a job interview. He made it to the boat but the potential employer was not pleased and called the Medina Police who took the swimmer into custody.

Lt. Yourkoski said that Medina had an opportunity to hire a lateral officer with experience. He said maintaining staff is always a problem. The request for additional staff was under consideration by the Medina Council.

#### **VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA UPGRADE**

Lt. Yourkoski described an improvement to the hookup between the Medina Police Video Surveillance Camera System and the Hunts Point Surveillance System to allow monitoring of all the cameras for both towns on a compatible basis in Medina. Mayor-Pro-Tem Frantz asked if an authorization was required to pay the \$6,022.50 spent to enable this upgrade in the monitoring system. Mr. McKenzie said it was necessary.

**MOTION:** Authorize the expenditure of \$6,022.50 to cover the cost of the upgrade to the monitoring capability of the Video Surveillance Systems. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **JAIL SERVICE CONTRACT REVISION**

Mr. McKenzie said the contract for jail services between King County and the Jail Administrative Group (JAG) is being revised to lengthen its life to 2015 and adjust the fees. Hunts Point is a member of JAG and contracts with the Medina Police Department for jail services.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Frantz pointed out that it provided a variable rate for services that has an automatic rate adjuster to it. Mr. McKenzie recommended that the Town continue to belong to JAG. Lt. Youkoski said the Medina Police only book prisoners into the King County Jail if there is not space in Kirkland or Issaquah or the prisoner needs special services available only at King County.

**FIRE REPORT**

There were three incident calls, and three emergency medical calls in Hunts Point in the month of July.

**FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR 2010**

Mr. McKenzie noted that the new fee schedule from the Bellevue Fire Department for 2010 increase fire service costs by \$7,408 and the LEOFF contribution by \$1,618 for a total of \$9,026, a 8.2% increase. Although this increase is far in excess of the CPI it results from the labor contracts previously agreed upon.

**MOTION: Accept the 2010 Fire Protection Service fee of \$120,867. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0. MOTION CARRIED**

**FIRE PROTECTION CAPACITY COST ALLOCATION**

Mr. McKenzie informed the Council that the City of Bellevue had created a Fire Service Utility that collected the cost of maintenance of the fire flow system through a surcharge on water rates. He said that a recent Supreme Court decision nullified using water rates to pay for the upkeep of a general government service. This shift to the General Fund will push these costs back onto Bellevue and the cities served by its Fire Department including Hunts Point. This cost will be apportioned as spelled out in the contracts between the cities and Bellevue by population. Using this method the Town of Hunts Point should pay \$7,330 in 2010.

**MOTION: Authorize the payment of \$7,330 from the General Fund of the Town of Hunts Point to the Bellevue Fire Department in 2010 to effect the closure of the Fire Utility. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTIVE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Mr. McKenzie said the Town had been approached by the Elcon Corporation seeking permission to work twenty nights during the period from November 2009 to May 2010 while they erect an active traffic management system on SR-520 in Hunts Point. The Elcon Corporation employs a public relations firm (PRR, Inc.) who will notify the nearby residents each time before night work is done.

**MOTION: Approve the request of Elcon Corporation to be allowed to work twenty nights in the period from November of 2009 to May of 2010. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLEARWIRE EXPANSION**

Mr. Maki described the potential for increase in the number of wireless carriers using the Clearwire stealth monopole located near the tennis courts. He said that Clearwire had been contacted by Cricket Communications, Verizon and T-Mobile about that possibility. Mr. Maki noted that the pole would have to be increased in size if this was to happen.

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**Mr. Maki explained the pole would have to be resized from seventy-four to ninety-four feet in height and the diameter of the pole increased from eighteen to thirty-six inches. He said the coverage for all carriers would improve, particularly in Hunts Point.**

**Ms. King inquired about changes in the lease arrangements with Clearwire. Mr. Maki said there wouldn't be any change since the current lease provides sufficient space for the larger pole. The Town would be leasing land to the additional carriers who would construct a building on the land to contain all of the necessary electronic gear for their uses.**

**After discussion of the various factors involved in locating additional wireless antennas the Council reached a consensus to go forward with an examination of the pros and cons involved in adding carriers to Hunts Point.**

**ARCH TRUST FUND PROJECT**

**Mr. Sullivan provided the Council with an outline of a 47 unit low to moderate income apartment building to be constructed in Issaquah. He said this would be built on the corner of Highlands Drive and Northeast High Street by the YWCA. He requested the Council allocate \$2,500 from its budgeted funds already set aside to aid the ARCH Trust Fund.**

**After discussion the Council took action in support of the project.**

**MOTION: Authorize disbursement of \$2,500 to the ARCH Trust Fund to be used in support of construction of a 47 unit of low to moderate income housing by the YWCA. Moved by Williams, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE WATERSHED COMPANY**

**Ms. Green explained the process for managing the state mandated update of the Shoreline Management Plan of Hunts Point. She said the Department of Ecology had provided a grant in the amount of \$50,000 in support of the project.**

**In order to proceed with the project it was necessary to select a contractor to provide technical support to it. Three contractors, all familiar with the requirements of shoreline management plans were solicited to provide proposals. The proposers were URS Corporation, AHBL and the Watershed Company. After reviewing the proposals Town Staff selected The Watershed Company as the best qualified to meet the needs of Hunts Point. It was also a consideration that The Watershed Company is serving Kirkland, Bellevue, Medina and Yarrow Point in the same capacity.**

**After substantial discussion the Council determined that the selected proposal would meet the needs of a Shoreline Management Plan for the Town of Hunts Point.**

**MOTION: Authorize Mr. McKenzie to execute the Agreement for Technical Support for the Shoreline Management Plan update at a cost of \$37,363. Moved by Williams, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

**Vouchers Nos. 148060 through 148094 in the amount of \$59,046.42 dated September 8, 2009 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Protem Frantz adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM**

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**Jack McKenzie**  
**Town Administrator**

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_