

# **TOWN OF HUNTS POINT**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2009**



### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Councilmembers Jeri Boettcher, Kevin Hughes and Larry Williams were present. Councilmembers Jim Nordstrom and Ted Frantz were absent. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Lt. Dan Yourkoski and Officer Christina Morovies of the Medina Police, Deputy Clerk Sue Israel and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Residents present were Annie Ottesen and Jill Davis. Also present were Julie Merideth, Bill Blaylock, Bob Hornvedt and Daniel Babuca of the Washington Department of Transportation.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2009**

**MOTION:** Accept the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of October 5, 2009 as written. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Williams. Passed 3-0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **POLICE REPORT**

Lt. Yourkoski reported that there was no police activity in Hunts Point in September and introduced new officer Christina Morovies.

### **FIRE REPORT**

The fire report showed little activity in September with one false alarm.

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 TAX LEVY**

Mayor McConkey recessed the regular council meeting and called a public hearing for the 2010 Tax Levy to order at 7:05 PM. Mr. McKenzie explained the basis for the 2010 Tax Levy was provided by the King County Assessor's Office. He said the assessed valuation of Hunts Point had dropped from \$853,534,091 for 2009 to \$773,885,286 for 2010. A reduction of \$79,648,805.

Mr. McKenzie pointed out that the total allowable increase in dollars would be \$4,186 if the one percent reflected in the draft ordinance was passed. After some discussion Mayor McConkey adjourned the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Councilmember Hughes inquired about what happened if the ordinance was not brought to a motion. Mr. McKenzie said the Town would not be able to collect the \$2,555 provided by the one percent in 2010 but would still get the increase of \$1,681 from new construction. That added to last year's levy of \$255,523 would bring in the 2010 levy at \$257,154.

No motion was offered.

**FINAL PAYMENT APPROVAL-FAIRWEATHER BASIN BULKHEAD.**

Mr. McKenzie described a situation that occurred almost a year ago in which a payment was made to Pacific Pile and Marine to final the Fairweather Place Bulkhead construction project. The State Auditor discovered the Town had overpaid the final change order by \$25,956. Research showed that the final change order as approved by Council had been submitted without sales tax. When the final estimate was submitted the sales tax of \$25,931.85 was included and was paid in full. Since the Council had not included sales tax in their approval it constituted an overpayment.

Mr. McKenzie asked the Council to approve this overpayment.

**MOTION:** Authorize payment in the amount of 25,931.85 to Pacific Pile and Marine. Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING COUNCILMEMBER**

Mayor McConkey honored retiring Councilmember Boettcher for her eight years of dedicated and faithful service on the Town Council. Her presented her with a commemorative clock suitably engraved for the occasion.

Councilmember Boettcher received the honor with grace and charm.

**WSDOT REPORT ON SR-520 PROJECT**

MS. Merideth provided an outline of the information to be presented. She described the effect of tolling on the driving habits of commuters including varying routes, changing travel times and using public transportation in lieu of individual trips.

She said WSDOT was building pontoons for the 520 bridge and they will be stored in Grays Harbor for use in case there is a catastrophe before the new bridge can be built and the old bridge must be restored. This will require another environmental evaluation.

Ms. Merideth told the Council that the subject of the presentation was the portion of the project from the east shore of Lake Washington to Redmond. The cost estimate for this work is \$776 million.

Mr. Babuca took the floor and described the environmental assessment of the HOV and Eastside Transit Project as it relates to the whole SR-520 Prooject.

A discussion of tolling followed. It was revealed that WSDOT anticipated the start of tolling in 2010 and that the peak hour toll will be \$3.80 per trip each way.

**BUILDING PERMIT FEE CHANGES**

Mayor McConkey told the Council he had asked for a review of the building permit fees to ascertain if they should be raised since it has been eleven years since the last increase. He also noted that the RCW places a prohibition fees that exceed the cost of the service provided.

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Ms. Israel explained the results of the review as it applied to the permit fees. She said that the fees shown in the examples provided represented about a twenty percent increase. Councilmember Williams asked that a comparison of Hunts Point rates, both current and proposed, be made with neighboring cities and towns.

Ms. King spoke to the controlling language in the RCW and the need for a cost study to establish the relationship of cost to recovery. Discussion followed.

**TREE CODE**

Discussion of the changes to the Tree Code revolved around the methods to be used to present a revised code to the residents and obtain input that would lead to a generally acceptable code that provides basic protection for trees in Hunts Point.

**WETHERILL NATURE PRESERVE**

Mayor McConkey noted the WNP had sent a letter of thanks for the support provided by Hunts Point. The support was a contribution of \$2,000.

**2010 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Mr. McKenzie said the draft preliminary budget in the packets was essentially the budget for adoption once it was modified to reflect the lower level of property tax receipts resulting from Council action in setting the levy.

**SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE**

Councilmember Boettcher clarified a comment she made at the retreat concerning additional speed limit signage on Hunts Point Road. She said the additional speed limit sign should be on the road surface on the south edge of the property known as 3140 Hunts Point Road.

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

Vouchers Nos. 148162 through 148194 in the amount of \$158,336.15 dated December 7, 2009 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM

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Jack McKenzie  
Town Administrator

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