

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 2010



CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Mayor Fred McConkey Mayor Protem Ted Frantz opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Councilmembers Kevin Hughes, Jim Nordstrom and Dee Claypool were present. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Residents present were Annie Ottesen and Bruce Swenson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF January 4, 2010

MOTION: Accept the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of January 4, 2010 as written. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen reported there was no felony crime in Hunts Point in January.

Councilmember Nordstrom inquired about the success of the Medina Video Surveillance program. Chief Chen expressed satisfaction with the abilities of the cameras to aid in the suppression of crime in Medina. He said that there has been a 15.5% reduction in crime in Medina. Parenthetically he also pointed out that there has been a 40% reduction in crime in Hunts Point since the cameras were introduced.

Councilmember Claypool asked about the status of the requests for information that Medina has received from an individual. Chief Chen said that the hundreds of requests coming in from that, and some allied sources, have cost upwards of \$300,000 to handle over the four years since the situation began.

FIRE REPORT

The fire report showed four EMS calls, one cancelled EMS call and three false alarms for a total of eight in December.

CLEARWIRE POLE EXPANSION

Ms. King told the Council that Kenyon Disend had a lawyer on staff that specialized in leases and contracts with wireless firms. She said his name was Chris Bacha and had been involved in this phase of law for over twenty years. She also said that Mr. Bacha believed that there was a good argument for amending or rewriting the agreement with Clearwire in order to clear the way for additional users of the cell towers.

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Mr. Bacha feels that the value of the land lease would not reach the value the Town should have for the addition of the two antennas and that some of the consideration for the lease should include the income that Clearwire would receive.

Ms. King also said she was working on an agreement for reimbursement by the new tenants and Clearwire to the Town for its costs for legal and staff work to establish the new lease arrangements.

Mayor Pro-Tem Frantz said there had been conversations with the service providers about the land lease and basic specifications for the new equipment building but the Council had not reached any decision about which direction they wished to go.

Ms. King said the tenants had not yet included any building plans in the permit applications they had provided. Mr. McKenzie supplied historical information on the original facility with Cingular in the late 90's and early 00's.

Ms. King went on to say that the Town should ask for two applications on the size and siting of the new building to cover all contingencies resulting from negotiations. She said the Council would need more information before reaching a decision on how the process should continue.

Councilmember Nordstrom reminded everyone that wireless carriers have been consolidating and suggested that be taken into consideration as the size of the building is being discussed. Mr. McKenzie said he felt that, since there were only two additional carriers interested in this, the Town should only concern itself with their needs and not plan nor build in anticipation of other applicants.

Ms. King provided a lengthy description of the possibilities in reaching an agreement with Clearwire and the other users to allow the additional services on an expanded pole. In the discussion that followed Council examined the possibility of dealing only with Clearwire and counting upon Clearwire to deal with their tenants for everything, having the Town deal with the tenants only for land leases for their buildings and various hybrid ideas involving those two elements. Further discussion led to a consensus that the process should be geared to the two wireless firms now working on it and their representatives.

A REGIONAL COALITION FOR HOUSING (ARCH) REPORT

Mr. Arthur Sullivan, Executive Director of ARCH, joined the Council to present information on ARCH programs for 2010. Councilmember Nordstrom started the proceedings by offering praise for the work of ARCH and telling of the Town's work in support.

Mr. Sullivan briefly explained the 2010 Work Program and pointed out that the 2010 Budget was the same as the 2009 Budget. He provided detail on the three new housing projects that ARCH had selected to start in 2010. He said that Hunts Point was not being asked to contribute to any of these particular projects but will probably be included in the summer round of projects.

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Mr. Sullivan explained a new administrative structure that ARCH was working on. In this plan ARCH would remain as a local agency but would not be a separate legal entity from the City of Bellevue. The benefit of this is the simplicity of relationships between ARCH and the other local agencies including Hunts Point. This would set the City of Bellevue as the administrator of the ARCH Trust Fund as well as the Operating Fund. It would enable a single contact for all parties on each project. From the standpoint of the local agencies things would remain much the same as they now are.

Mr. Sullivan also said that ARCH would like to expand its sphere of influence into the Snoqualmie Valley including the possibilities of the cities there becoming members of ARCH.

MOTION: Approve the ARCH Budget for 2010. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Approve the ARCH Work Plan for 2010. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Claypool. Passed 3-0. MOTION CARRIED

RECYCLE COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Mr. McKenzie said this subject was on the agenda at the Mayor's request. He was approached by resident Marilyn Herzberg who felt that it was important that there be a recycle collection every week instead of every other week. Mr. McKenzie said he had discussed possibilities and problems of this with Don Frey the Municipal Services Manager at Allied Waste. After that discussion Mr. Frey provided the Town with a memo explaining the difficulty in trying to change general pickup schedules for a few customers. He pointed out that anyone who is regularly overfilling the regular recycle bin can select to have a second one provided at no added cost.

The Council discussed the matter thoroughly and determined that it wouldn't be prudent to force the residents of Hunts Point into a weekly collection scheme with its added cost for the few with a special need and directed Mr. McKenzie to contact Ms. Herzberg informing her of their decision.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 148228 through 148263 in the amount of \$56,635.87 dated February 1, 2010 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Frantz adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM

Jack McKenzie
Town Administrator

APPROVED _____