

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 2010



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Councilmembers Dee Claypool, Jill Davis, Ted Frantz, and Kevin Hughes, were present. Councilmember Jim Nordstrom was absent and excused. Staff present was Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Lt. Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2010

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of June 7, 2010 as corrected. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Yourkoski reported that there was very little police related activity in Hunts Point in June. A discussion of vehicle pursuit and the rules used in such cases by the various police departments in the area ensued.

FIRE REPORT

Mayor McConkey reported there were one EMS call and two false alarms in Hunts Point in May.

CLYDE HILL SCHOOL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Mayor McConkey reminded the Council of the Town's commitment to purchase \$5,000 worth of playground equipment for Clyde Hill School that has been on the record for almost two years. Mr. McKenzie said the transaction could not be completed without an interlocal agreement between the Town of Hunts Point and the Bellevue School District covering the Town's payment and Bellevue Schools taking possession of the equipment.

MOTION: Authorize Mayor McConkey to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Hunts Point and the Bellevue School District No. 405 for the Town to pay for, and the School District to take possession of the new playground equipment at Clyde Hill Elementary School. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Davis. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION

Mayor McConkey informed the Council that King County Water District No. 1 (Yarrow Point) has water rights remaining from their operation before merging their customer base into the Bellevue Public Utilities. As part of closing out the Water district they wish to sell the remainder of their water rights. He said Yarrow Point Mayor David Cooper had suggested Hunts Point purchase some these rights

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to provide water for irrigation of the present park and playfield and the park and the new park and playfield to be constructed on the 520 lid when it is built.

Mayor McConkey said for this to happen the council needed to give the Town Administrator authority to enter into negotiations with King County Water District No. 1 for the purchase of these water rights. Councilmember Frantz said he had purchased water rights from KCWD No.1 to irrigate his property. He went on to explain the process for doing this. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Authorize the Town Administrator to pursue the acquisition of the rights to water from Lake Washington for irrigation purposes. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Claypool. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

STATUS OF EMERGENCY RADIOS

Mr. McKenzie told the Council that the chips for a Hunts Point only channel had been installed in all of the Town's radios and the base station. This is Channel 4. At the time of the installation the batteries for all of the radios were checked for strength. He said twelve of the twenty-four batteries lacked the strength to accept another charge and were replaced. Day Wireless, the suppliers of the radios, said this type of battery had a life span of about eighteen months. Discussion followed.

Council directed Mr. McKenzie to investigate the various types of batteries available for the Town's radios and establish an effective battery management program.

PAYOFF OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOTE

Mr. McKenzie explained the Town was in the fourth year of a five year note taken out with Bank of America to pay for construction of Hunts Point Road. He said due to the excellent paying habits of the residents of Hunts Point the debt has been paid down to the point that it is desirable to draw upon reserves and close out the note. Doing this will require the transfer of \$150,000 from the Current Expense Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund.

Mr. McKenzie said among the benefits of this was a change in the earnings of the reserve fund transferred from the 1.5% it now earns from the Local Government Investment Pool to the 6.04% to be earned from collecting the value of the note. He told the Council that two motions would be required. One to authorize the payment of the \$169,051.15 owing on the note and the other to transfer \$150,000 from the Current Expense Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund.

MOTION: Authorize the expenditure of \$169,051.15 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay off the note held by Bank of America. Moved by Claypool, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Authorize the transfer of \$150,000 from the Current Expense Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund to support the pay off of the note at Bank of America. Moved by Claypool, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

ARCH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT- RESOLUTION NO. 10-218

Mr. McKenzie described the content of Resolution No. 10-218 which authorizes ARCH as newly constituted to execute all documents related to projects in which the Town has committed money through the ARCH Trust Fund.

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MOTION: Approve Resolution 10-218 and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Frantz. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

SR-520 PROJECT

Councilman Frantz referenced e-mails he had received from two residents of Hunts Point. The first of these expressed displeasure with the design of the “half-diamond” west bound on ramp from 84th Avenue NE to SR-520. The second protested the actions of the Washington State Department of Highways in violation of Town Code and Zoning.

Mayor McConkey refreshed memories by describing the unique status of twenty homes included in the Fairweather Basin Boat Club. He said the members of the FBBC had recently become aware of the extent of the impact upon them by the creation of retention ponds for SR-520 being located on the property formerly occupied by two of the homes included in the Boat Club Agreement. In addition he described the surprise he, and others felt when they saw the ground-level illustrations of the retaining wall and sound walls south of Fairweather Canal.

Councilmember Frantz inquired further about Mr. Finnely’s concerns. Mayor McConkey said that Mr. Finnely had been interested in the configuration of the on-ramp for some time and had been involved with the Eastside Design committee early in the process. Mayor McConkey went on to say that part of his concern in reaching the half-diamond configuration was a matter of security. If the loop on-ramp stays the Town will continue to have up to 17,000 non-destination cars per day entering it. It eases the task of the would-be burglar to have that easy access.

After some discussion the Council reached a conclusion that their support of the design for the replacement of SR-520 was the proper thing to do when all of the considerations were in.

CORRECTION OF VOUCHER OF APRIL 5, 2010

Mr. McKenzie said that there was an error caused by omitting an entry reflecting an electronic funds transfer to the Internal Revenue Service in the vouchers approved for April 5, 2010. The proper total for all warrants was \$132,002.02 rather than \$131,265.97. Council approved this correction.

MOTION: Amend the Voucher Certification for April 5, 2010 to include a transaction reflecting a funds transfer to the IRS. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. MOTON CARRIED

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 148405 through 148440 in the amount of \$245,020.16 dated July 6, 2010 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

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