

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2010



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ted Frantz opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Councilmembers Jill Davis, Kevin Hughes and Jim Nordstrom were present. Staff present were Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Chief Jeff Chen of the Medina Police, Town Planner Mona Green, Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Residents present included Dan Niles, Ken Fisher, Annie Ottesen, Marianne Jones, and Bruce Swenson. Also present was Sgt. Mike Pugel of the Seattle Police Marine Patrol.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Frantz and Ms. King agreed to add the adoption of the cost reimbursement agreement for legal costs related to the cell tower with T-Mobile and Verizon as an item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2010

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

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT

Chief Chen reported there was a rash of mailbox break-ins in Hunts Point. Over twenty mailboxes were broken into late Halloween or early Monday morning. He said it was uncertain if any mail had been stolen. The risk of identity theft was high in such situations.

FIRE REPORT

Mayor Frantz reported there was one EMS call in Hunts Point in September.

MARINE PATROL CONTRACT

Mr. McKenzie explained the Medina Police had considered contracting with the Seattle Harbor Patrol for marine patrol services. He collected a copy of the Seattle proposal from Medina and, after looking it over, contacted Seattle Harbor Patrol and to see if they would provide a similar proposal to Hunts Point. This was undertaken to retain our relationship with Medina in the same status it has been if they contracted with Seattle.

At their October Meeting the Medina City Council approved the agreement with Seattle for marine patrol services. A review of the proposal presented to Hunts Point contained the same features as the Medina proposal except for cost. Seattle offered

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marine patrol services to Hunts Point for two years at a cost \$2,000 per below the current fees requested by the Mercer Island Marine Patrol. In addition Seattle has boats in the Lake twelve months of the year, three times the number of boats available and, the boats are manned all of the time.

Sgt. Pugel gave background information and data on the capacity of the Seattle Harbor Patrol including staffing, training and abilities of individual members. He said during daylight hours there is a one boat each on Lake Washington, Lake Union and Elliott Bay. The crews are available, on duty twenty four hours per day although the boats may be tied up. Mayor Frantz asked how long it would take to get to a specific location. Sgt. Pugel said the boats travel at fifty miles per hour and, while usually patrolling, will respond to an emergency anywhere on the Lake.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Marine Patrol Services with the City of Seattle. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Davis. Passed 3-0.

MOTION CARRIED

SR-520 PROJECT COMMENTS

Mayor Frantz announced that two people had asked to make public comment and he had given them each three minutes.

Mr. Niles started by saying he wanted to bring everyone up to date on the activities related to the 84th Ave. NE and SR-520 intersection. He then began a presentation that included a history of the problems with the design of the intersection, the activities of the Traffic Committee, the desires of the Committee for the involvement of the Town Government in promoting the Committee's views and, with the help of Ms. Jones and Mr. Fisher, held the floor for forty-six minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX LEVY FOR 2011

Mayor Frantz recessed the Council Meeting at 8:21 PM and called to order a Public Hearing on the Tax Levy for tax year 2011 at 8:22 PM. He explained the purpose of the Hearing and the choices the Council could make in establishing the levy. Mr. McKenzie said the council had the choice of establishing the levy at the 2010 level or could increase it by one percent (1%) for 2011. Hearing no other discussion Mayor Frantz adjourned the Public Hearing at 8:29 PM and resumed the Council Meeting at 8:30 PM.

After further discussion Mayor Frantz requested a motion.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 482 setting the tax levy for 2011 at 101% of the 2010 levy. Moved by Davis, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 2-1.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 483 establishing the dollar amount of the additional levy for 2011. Moved by Davis, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 2-1.

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO COUNTY JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. McKenzie explained that King county found it necessary to adjust their 2011 prisoner keep rates downward due to the reduction of cost being experienced. Accordingly they have proposed an amendment to the agreement to reflect this. After discussion a motion for acceptance was made.

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MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the Agreement with King County for Jail Services. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3-0. MOTION CARRIED

ARCH FOUNDATION ACCOUNTING

Mr. McKenzie explained that Hunts Point had appropriated \$2,500 for use by the ARCH Trust Fund in each of the last four years. Of the \$10,000 committed to date \$5,000 had been allocated by ARCH to projects and \$5,000 remained with the Town. Under the new accounting plan all funds appropriated for the use of ARCH are to be transferred to ARCH.

FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. McKenzie said this was the latest iteration of the annual contract that resulted from negotiations completed four years ago. Times have changed and revenues are not growing but the contract keeps advancing the costs of the Bellevue Fire Contract at rates established during the good times. The cost of fire services will be \$122,749 for 2011 compared to \$119,249 for 2010.

SOUND SHAKE EXERCISE 2010

Mr. McKenzie added to the report, prepared by Planning Commissioner Bruce Swenson, on an area-wide emergency management exercise called Sound Shake 2010. This exercise was staged as the continued response three days after an earthquake of 6 1/2 to 7 on the Richter scale. Although it was not an event filled time it did give Hunts Point staff the opportunity to interact with the Medina Police and work to resolve any difficulties that appeared during operations.

SR-520 & 84TH AVENUE ON RAMP

Mayor Frantz explained a letter and materials that had been distributed to the mayors and council of the Points Communities in an attempt to gain their support in establishing the loop configuration on-ramp as the preferred alternative in the final design for the intersection.

COUNCILMEMBER RESIGNATION

Mayor Frantz announced that, effective with the end of the December Council Meeting, Councilmember Jim Nordstrom will be leaving the Council.

APPEAL OF LAWSUIT

Mayor Frantz also announced that an appeal had been filed in the lawsuit Jones v. Hunts Point.

AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL COSTS

Ms. King explained the reason for and purpose of an agreement for reimbursement of the Town's legal costs by Verizon and T-Mobile. This has been in process for over a year and was now ready for approval.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for Verizon and T-Mobile to reimburse the Town of Hunts Point for legal costs incurred establishing their antenna sites in Hunts Point. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Davis. Passed 3-0.

MOTION CARRIED

STREET LIGHTING

Councilmember Hughes requested a review of street lighting on Hunts Point Road. Mr. McKenzie committed to resurrecting the Street Lighting Study by Transportation Solutions, Inc.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 148536 through 148566 in the amount of \$54,449.33 dated November 1, 2010 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 9:39 PM. Moved by Davis, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 3-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

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