

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2010



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ted Frantz opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Councilmembers Dee Claypool, Jill Davis, Kevin Hughes and Jim Nordstrom were present. Staff present were Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Lt. Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Town Planner Mona Green, and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Residents and others present included John Chaney, Heather Smith, Allen Bauman, Leslie Williams, Marianne Jones, Pat Finnely, Janice Olson, Caitlin Moran from Patch.com and Karen Goroski of the Suburban Cities Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2010

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting November 1, 2010 as written. Moved by Claypool, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Yourkoski reported two burglaries in Medina. Activity in Hunts Point was minimal.

FIRE REPORT

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

SUBURBAN CITIES ASSOCIATION REPORT

Karen Goroski, Executive Director of the Suburban Cities Association presented an overall view of that organization and described their activities in support of the suburban cities around Seattle. Following that she urged the Town Council to get involved in those activities.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND 2011 BUDGET

Mayor Frantz recessed the regular council meeting and called a public hearing on the amendment to the 2010 Budget into session at 7:23 PM. Hearing no comments he closed the public hearing at 7:24 PM and called for a motion of adoption.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 484 amending the 2010 Budget to reflect actual experience during the year 2010. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Davis. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Frantz called a public hearing on the 2011 Budget into session at 7:28 PM. Hearing no comments he closed the public hearing at 7:30 PM and called for a motion of adoption.

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MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 485 establishing the 2011 Budget. Moved by Nordstrom, seconded by Davis. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL

Mr. McKenzie explained that the northwest corner of the roof on town Hall had suffered from age and weather developing a condition the required the replacement of some portion of seven rafters and support structures. The shake roof has also become brittle and in need of repairs and an oil treatment to extend its life. He said the bid proposal came from the Town's handyman firm, Tradecraft Builders, who were on the Small Works Roster. The work on the rotting roof structure was bid at \$6,500 and the roof treatment was bid at \$1,813.32.

MOTION: Approve the proposal of Tradecraft Builders for roof treatment and support repairs at a cost of \$8,313.32. Moved by Davis, seconded by Claypool. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

SR-520 REPORT

Mayor Frantz handed out copies of an e-mail from Julie Meredith of WSDOT that reiterates the three qualifications for changing the design of the intersection of SR-520 and 84th Ave. NE. These were; 1. The Points Communities must be in agreement on the design of the on-ramp, 2. There must not be an increase in cost and, 3. The changed design must not delay the 520 Project. Unless these criteria are met the on-ramp design will continue to be the half-diamond.

Mayor Frantz detailed the items that were named as being in need of change at the August council Meeting. He pointed out that most of the concerns had been mitigated by WSDOT to meet the needs of the residents.

The Conditional Use Permit requested by WSDOT for the construction of the settling ponds came under discussion and Mayor Frantz answered several questions before telling everyone that the Hearing held on December 1st had been continued to January 20th so WSDOT could provide more information on the project to the Hearing Examiner.

Mayor Frantz said he had received an e-mail from Dan Temkin requesting an appropriation of \$1,500 to study the design and changes therein. He deferred consideration of the subject until after the Public Comment Period.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mayor Frantz said the Planning Commission held a special meeting on November 30th to clear up two items that had been backlogged for three months.

The first of these was amending Hunts Point Municipal Code 18.40.040 dealing with the level of repairs that could be made to a nonconforming structure each year without having to bring the structure into conformity. After considerable discussion it was determined that the issue should be referred to staff for study of the method used to determine the value of the structure. It was also determined that there may be different types of structures that may be nonconforming and that have different levels of repairs allowed depending on the type of structure.

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The second item dealt with the planting of hedges that might interfere with the views from adjacent properties and whether additional code was necessary for the preservation of views. Mr. Schofield spoke, outlining his problem with a large hedge between his home and his neighbor to the north who planted the hedge. After discussion it was determined that existing code could deal with his problem and it was remanded back to staff for resolution.

SALMON RECOVERY SUMMIT

Mayor Frantz described the Salmon Recovery Summit held by WRIA 8 to review the history and results of the last five years of salmon recovery efforts. He said it was well attended and presented a favorable view of salmon recovery.

COUNCILMEMBER RETIREMENT

Mayor Frantz remarked on Councilmember Nordstrom's retirement from the Council at the end of this Council Meeting. He thanked Mr. Nordstrom for his dedicated service to the residents of Hunts Point from 2003 through 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Frantz opened a public comment period by requesting that those who wish to address the Council limit their comments to no more than three minutes.

Allen Bauman, 8472 Hunts Point Lane, said he supports the loop ramp and stated his wish for copies of the illustrations of the current design. He also wished to know if there is a guarantee that WSDOT will meet the eight decibel reduction in sound goal for SR 520. He then asked if it was the Town that guaranteed it. Mayor Frantz assured him that it was not.

Leslie Williams, 8472 Hunts Point Lane, asked if anyone could explain why the other Points Communities were "stuck" on the half-diamond design for the on ramp to SR 520. Mayor Frantz and Mr. Finnely both responded.

Heather Smith, 8488 Hunts Point Lane, stated she joined Mr. Bauman and Ms. Williams in their concern for the sound levels to be produced by the new SR 520 highway.

Marianne Jones, 8301 Hunts Point Circle, provided more information about the thinking of those Medina City Councilmembers who support the loop on-ramp. She expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians using the intersection of 84th Avenue NE and NE 28th St. if the half diamond on-ramp is built.

Councilmember Hughes commented on a large, chain-saw carving of a bear that has been erected alongside Hunts Point Road next to the driveway for 3257 Hunts Point Road. Discussion followed with general concern about how the Town can deal with this object in the face of community disapproval.

TRANSPO GROUP FOLLOW-ON STUDY

Mayor Frantz again addressed the request from Mr. Temkin to hire Transpo to update its earlier study on the SR 520-84th Ave. NE intersection to evaluate the

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impact of various design changes for it. After discussion it was decided to take action.

MOTION: Grant Mayor Frantz authority to hire the Transpo Group to conduct an evaluation of the impact of design changes on the SR 520-84th Ave. NE intersection, at his volition, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Moved by Davis, seconded by Nordstrom. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Vouchers Nos. 148567 through 148601 in the amount of \$175,952.59 dated December 6, 2010 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Davis. Passed 4-0. MOTION CARRIED

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator

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