

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2011
7:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Councilmembers Dee Claypool, Jill Davis, Ted Frantz and Kevin Hughes were present. Staff present were Assistant Town Attorney Margaret King, Lt. Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police, Town Planner Mona Green, Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire and Town Administrator Jack McKenzie. Residents present included Ken Fisher, Marianne Jones, Penny O'Byrne, Jan Deaton, Pat Finnely, Annie Ottesen, Heather Smith, Dan Niles, Bruce Swenson and Vilma McComsey. Also present were Amanda Cox of WSDOT and Mark Nelson a private citizen of Medina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010 MEETING

MOTION: Approve minutes of the Town Council Meeting of December 6, 2010 as written. Moved by Davis, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Yourkoski reported there was a car prowler in Hunts Point of December 22nd. A workman's car window was smashed and the car entered. The workman disturbed the prowler at work and he ran off.

FIRE REPORT

Mayor McConkey reported there were 6 incidents in November, one EMS call, one EMS cancelled, one service call, one good intent call and three false alarms.

PARKING CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 486

Lt. Yourkoski addressed the need for this legislation since, at present, there is not any code to use to limit parking in the traveled way of Hunts Point Road. Vehicles partially or completely blocking a lane are legally parked. Councilmember Claypool pointed out that fully enforcing this law would prohibit Hunts Point Resident property owners from parking on the shoulder when their driveways and garages were blocked by construction materials.

After discussion Councilmember Claypool's amendment was accepted.

MOTION: Amend Ordinance No. 486 to allow residents to park on the shoulder of the road if they are unable to reach their garage or parking area. Moved by Claypool, seconded by Hughes. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 486 establishing code prohibiting parking in the traveled lanes of Hunts Point Road. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Davis. Passed 4-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

FLYOVER ON RAMP PRESENTATION

Mark Nelson presented his view of a proposed design developed by Mayor Cooper of Yarrow Point and himself. It provided an on ramp to westbound 520 that would begin on the south side of the highway at the intersection of NE 28th Street and 84th Avenue NE. They based the ramp on one designed by INCA Engineering in 2007.

The requested requirements of the Traffic Committee were enumerated; 1. The right lane on 28th has a mix of Hunts Point and HOV traffic, 2. The bicycle path must pass under 84th and be screened from residential areas, 3. The route to the bus stop on the lids will require a private path so Fairweather Basin folks can walk straight up to the bus stop, 4. The arrangement of the settling ponds and the screening of them must reduce the intrusion of them onto the neighborhood.

Councilmember Frantz reminded everyone that WSDOT had seen the requirements list and offered WSDOT's own requirements. 1. There must be a consensus or majority in favor of the ramp design agreed to, 2. Any design must not delay or otherwise interfere with the schedule of construction or the budget. 3. It must not have an adverse effect on the mainline traffic of SR 520.

Mayor McConkey opened the floor to comments.

Dan Niles, 3033 Fairweather Place, likes the simplicity of the loop design and feels the flyover has many of the same problems as the half diamond.

Jan Deaton, 3010 80th Avenue NE, related the history of the design project and offered criticism for the individuals who worked on the design committee.

Ken Fisher, 3033 80th Avenue NE, stated that the Planning Commission needed substantially more time to review this design.

Pat Finnely, 8326 Hunts Point Circle, presented the point of view of the Traffic Committee. He favors the loop. He thinks the flyover would require a full, four way stop light to make it work. He said it will increase noise since the sound walls will move closer to the houses. He questioned the motivation of Mark Nelson in bringing this design in at such a late date. Mr. Nelson said the design resulted from a sincere desire to create a win-win situation that all four communities could buy into.

Penny O'Byrne, 3035 Fairweather Place, restated the history of the 84th Avenue lid and the work that went into reaching the current results.

Jay Blasingame, 3022 Hunts Point Road, said he was impressed with the work that went into the design of the flyover and said he favors it.

Heather Smith, 8488 Hunts Point Lane, spoke strongly for the benefits the park on the lid will bring to the Town.

Mayor McConkey then turned the discussion over to the Council.

Councilmember Frantz explained that WSDOT was aware of the flyover design and were doing a preliminary study on it. He went on to list the mitigations that had already been agreed to by WSDOT. He also said that Clyde Hill had chosen the flyover first and the half diamond second and that Medina had chosen the flyover first and the loop second. Councilmember Hughes favored the loop for its simplicity and familiarity with the flyover as second. Councilmember Claypool also favored

the loop first and the flyover as second. Councilmember Davis too favored the loop first and the flyover second. A discussion followed evaluating the choices and how to notify WSDOT.

Ms. King noted that Yarrow Point had not made a choice yet but were going to at their regular meeting of January 11th. Discussion ensued resulting in a consensus to have a special council meeting at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 12 at Town Hall to formally choose the design to support.

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANCIES

Mayor McConkey spoke to the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Jim Nordstrom from position four. He said that he had reviewed potential candidates now involved as volunteers for the Town and was favorably impressed with Planning Commissioner Heather Smith who was Citizen of the Year in 2009. He then turned the discussion over to the Council for other nominations.

Councilmember Frantz stated that he too was impressed with Ms. Smith's activities and contribution to the community. Councilmember Claypool spoke in agreement with Councilmember Frantz. Councilmember Hughes agreed as did Councilmember Davis.

MOTION: Appoint Planning Commissioner Heather Smith to fill out the term of Jim Nordstrom on position 4 of the Town Council. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Claypool. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor McConkey said the appointment of Heather Smith to the Council created a vacancy on the Planning Commission. He recommended that Vilma McComsey be considered for an appointment to that vacancy based on her eighteen years of residency and her active volunteerism in the Town.

MOTION: Appoint Vilma McComsey to the vacant position on the Planning commission with a term to expire in 2015. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Davis. Passed 4-0.

MOTION CARRIED

STREET LIGHTS

Mayor McConkey explained that the streetlight installation program had been delayed for the last couple of years due to economic conditions. A copy of the street light study done by Transportation Solutions in 2007 was included in the council packets for guidance. Discussion followed closing with instructions to Mr. McKenzie to prepare a multi-year plan for the installation of street lights.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor McConkey offered his compliments and thanks to the Traffic Committee, Council and residents for their work on the design of the westbound on ramp to SR-520. It represented a great deal of work with good results.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Voucher Nos. 148602 through 148644 in the amount of \$151,059.05 dated December 31, 2010 were presented for review, approval and signatures. Approval granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM

APPROVED
