

TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2011



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Councilmembers Dee Claypool, John Franklin, Ted Frantz, Kevin Hughes and Heather Smith were present. Staff present was Town Attorney Bob Sterbank, Town Planner Mona Green, Town Engineer Joe Willis, Lieutenant Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police and Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire. Guests were Gibran Hashmi of Verizon Wireless, George Johnson of T-Mobile, Allan Foltz of Waterfront Construction, Dan Galvin, Eastside Corridor Constructors Public Information Manager, Aaron Wiehe of ECC, and Dan Nickel of the Watershed Company. Residents present included Jill Davis and Jan Deaton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McConkey opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Deaton commented on the WSDOT night activity and the problems that residents are encountering. The nightly glare of work lights and the truck backup beep noise have been a source of complaints for the residents of Fairweather Basin, but the sounds were also heard by other residents who live farther away. Mr. Galvin spoke to the problems that WSDOT has encountered. Councilmember Franklin requested additional outreach by WSDOT to demonstrate their attention to resident concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2011 AND JUNE 29, 2011

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of June 6, 2011 as written. Moved by Franklin, seconded by Frantz. Passed 5 - 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting of June 29, 2011 as corrected. Moved by Franklin, seconded by Frantz. Passed 5 – 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Dept.

Lt. Yourkoski reported that the Town of Hunts Point had only one incident of a boat accident on Lake Washington.

Bellevue Fire Dept.

There was no Bellevue Fire Dept. activity except a false alarm listed in the written report.

NOISE VARIANCE RENEWAL REQUEST FOR ECC

Town Planner Green introduced the request for the renewal of the previously approved nighttime temporary noise exemption. Discussions of the problems that have been encountered were reviewed. It was agreed to renew the variance with conditions.

MOTION: Renew variance request for the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV project subject to the following conditions: timely notices to residents as to expected schedule of work; adjust nighttime glare of work lights for better shielding of residential homes; and adjust back up truck sounds for noise shielding for residential homes. Moved by Claypool, seconded by Hughes. Passed 5 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

VERIZON WIRELESS & T-MOBILE CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR CELL TOWER

Gibron Hashmi, Verizon Wireless representative, provided the Town Council and Mayor with a presentation and discussion of the proposed cell tower and equipment shed to be built at the edge of Hunts Point park and sports field. The replacement tower will be 97 feet tall and will accommodate up to 3 antenna stations. Also, there is a proposed installation of an equipment enclosure to be constructed in a manner to blend with the proposed new town hall. Questions and answers on the health standards of signal strength, the position and color of the equipment enclosure, landscape material and its maintenance, cell tower color, and maintenance of the equipment were discussed at length.

MOTION: Approve plans by Verizon and T-Mobile for new cell tower and equipment shed. Moved by Frantz.

Councilmember Franklin stated he would like to insert an interim approval clause.

MOTION: The Town of Hunts Point gives an interim approval of the Verizon and T-Mobile cell tower and equipment shed project. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Franklin. Passed 5 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

Town Attorney Sterbank provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Shoreline Management Act. The presentation covered the following:

- Why Hunts Point is updating its Shoreline Master Program
- Addressed questions concerning the SMP
- Updated the Council on current status
- Outlined the next steps

It was the consensus that the information provided was very helpful in understanding the requirements of the SMP and the responsibilities of the Town of Hunts Point. Everyone agreed that it should be presented to the Planning Commission at the August 29, 2011 meeting by Mr. Sterbank.

Mayor McConkey requested additional information on R20 and R40 zoning be included in the presentation for clarification purposes. He feels the Town Council needs to be more involved.

The Public Hearing schedule of the Planning Commission and Town Council meetings was discussed so that a final draft document can be achieved by December 2011. Then more refinement of the draft can occur.

HUNTS POINT TOWN HALL PROPERTY SURVEY

Town Hall property was recently surveyed so the information could be utilized for consideration of easements with WSDOT. Mayor McConkey feels that one way to keep Town Hall traffic out of the Hunts Point neighborhood is to provide entrance to the new Town Hall from the lid. The vehicle entrance that is now utilized would become a walking path. All Councilmembers agreed.

MOTION: Approve \$6,300 payment to Pace Engineers authorizing a boundary and topographic survey. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Claypool. Passed 4 – 0. **MOTION CARRIED** (Councilmember Franklin stepped out of Council chambers momentarily.)

MEMBERSHIP TO MRSC SMALL WORKS ROSTER

Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington provides membership to their MRSC Small Works roster. For a membership fee of \$100 they will provide agency membership and legal notice posting twice a year. They will receive and review small works business applications for compliance with basic statutory requirements and maintain lists of small works businesses.

MOTION: Authorize the expenditure of \$100 for membership to MRSC Rosters. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 5 – 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

AMENDING SECTION 5.25.030 OF MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PERMIT FEE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS & RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF FEE

Town Staff received a request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to waive the \$500 fee for a Special Event Permit Application. The event is an annual bike ride to raise money for the charity. They wish to include Hunts Point roads as part of one of their bicycle routes. In order to accommodate the request, an ordinance to amend the code needs to be passed followed by a resolution. After consideration and discussion, the Town Council determined it would not be in the best interests of the Town to accommodate the request.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Longmire has been in contact with Donna Hansen, Medina City Manager, concerning Medina Police Department animal control assistance for pets of Hunts Point residents. Since Hunts Point has chosen to not be part of King County Animal Control, the Medina Police Dept. has been handling animal complaints as a courtesy. They will now also issue pet licenses for Hunts Point pets. Ms. Hansen requested that the next police contract contain language on this topic.

Talks are ongoing on the fire contract. Mayor McConkey is working with other mayors to have fees reflect growth rather than assessed value.

Mayor McConkey has received a \$5,000 bid for updating the Hunts Point website. The fee came in higher than he expected so he will continue researching the subject and the Town will send out a request for bids proposal.

The Mayor and WSDOT representative Julie Meredith will meet soon. He asked Council members if there are issues that they wish to have considered. Councilmember Frantz would like further discussion on the 84th Bridge situation. He feels the need for 3 lanes is critical. The Mayor is also working with Park Commission Chair Penny O'Byrne on obscuring the view of the 84th Street gas station and the color of the Hunts Point wall area to be built by WSDOT.

There will be a meeting of the Block Watch Captains on July 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Kris Finnigan will "train" the trainers of the Map Your Neighborhood program.

Councilmember Smith has been given a copy of the City of Medina Emergency Management Plan. She feels the Town should consider it.

The City of Medina has begun their search for a new Police Chief. Councilmember Hughes approached Medina City Manager Hansen and asked to be included in the search as a representative of Hunts Point. She agreed.

Comcast Business Services presented a contract to provide the necessary service for the monitoring of the new cameras on 80th Ave. N.E.

MOTION: Authorize the Comcast monthly expenditure of \$19.95 plus \$104.95 per month for the Premium 22/5 Service and a onetime charge of \$49 for a three year contract. Moved by Smith, seconded by Claypool. Passed 5 – 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

Councilmember Claypool asked if anyone had information on the porta-potty at 3253 Hunts Point Road. The owners are utilizing the property for recreation on weekends. Ms. Green was asked to check the code for screening requirements.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Revised Vouchers Nos. 148779 through 148810 in the amount of \$75,652.63, dated June 6, 2011 was approved.

Vouchers Nos. 148811 through 148848 in the amount of \$155,050.29, dated July 5, 2011 was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Franklin. Passed 5 – 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 10:20 PM.

APPROVED

Sue Ann Spens
Town Administrator

For: Linda Longmire
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer