



TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Councilmembers Dee Claypool, John Franklin, Ted Frantz and Heather Smith were present. Councilmember Kevin Hughes was excused.

Staff present included Town Attorney Margaret King, Town Planner Mona Green, Town Engineer Joe Willis, Officer Grias of the Medina Police and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

Guests were Rod Olsen, resident.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McConkey opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2011

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of July 11, 2011 as written.

Moved by Frantz, seconded by Franklin.

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Dept.

Officer

Grias reported on behalf of Lt. Yourkoski that the Town of Hunts Point had one incident involving a stolen vehicle. The car has been returned to its owner; the suspect escaped but is expected to be apprehended. He added that the statistics for the month are better than last year's.

Bellevue Fire Dept.

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

REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that the reason for participating in this agreement is Hunts Point's participation makes more funding available to King County for developing and maintaining affordable housing throughout the County. She noted that there is no cost to the Town to participate.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Regional Affordable Housing Program. Moved by Franklin, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 4 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

SR-520 ISSUES

Transpo Report on 84th Ave NE Roundabout

Mayor McConkey directed the Council's attention to Transpo's memo outlining the results of their study of the safety of the roundabout planned for the 84th Ave Onramp. The memo supports WSDOT's findings that the proposed roundabout will operate well and is unlikely to cause spillback onto 84th Ave NE, except under circumstances of extreme freeway congestion caused by a blocking incident on the roadway.

The Town will continue to pursue having WSDOT install wiring to control entry to the roundabout during construction, so that it will be available when needed in the future, as well as signs reading "Do Not Block".

Town Hall Entry Drive

Town Engineer Joe Willis recapped his discussions with WSDOT regarding maintaining sufficient access to Town Hall property. He will continue to work with WSDOT to ensure that driveways to Town Hall are sited so that access to the current Town Hall and the proposed new Town Hall will be served appropriately.

Fairweather Basin Group

Mayor McConkey commented that the Fairweather Basin group have been submitting recommendations directly to WSDOT; however, now that permits have been issued, WSDOT no longer wants to be in the position of negotiating with individuals and will only work with the Town on changes. Going forward, residents need to work with the Planning Commission regarding their desired changes. The Planning Commission will forward recommendations to the Council, and the Council will decide whether to request the changes are part of amending the permits. The Town has already committed to working with the Fairweather Basin Group to reduce the size of or eliminate the trail to the bus stop, increase the height and length of sound walls, and remove the mooring cleats from the docks on the property acquired by WSDOT.

Meeting with ECC

Councilmember Frantz reported that he attended a meeting with ECC to discuss interim traffic issues, including how to keep 2 lanes open across the bridge during construction, and how these issues will be addressed. He explained that there will be three stages:

First: In Winter, 2012, a half-diamond ramp will be constructed to replace the current loop. There will be three traffic lanes. One northbound to Hunts Point only, one southbound from Hunts Point, and a middle lane for freeway access. Drivers using this middle lane will enter the freeway by turning left onto the onramp after stopping to yield to traffic leaving Hunts Point.

Second: In Fall 2012, the lid will be constructed. One of the westbound lanes on Points Drive will be eliminated despite objections by Hunts Point and Clyde Hill. ECC maintains that this change is needed for safety.

Third: In Spring 2013, the traffic circle will be completed replacing the half-diamond.

One full closure of SR-520 is expected each month for various construction aspects. It was the consensus of the Council that the Town be proactive about keeping residents informed throughout this process since it will be disruptive.

Noise Variance

Town Planner Mona Green reminded the Council that last month they revisited the noise variance and approved an extension without making adjustments to the time frame of the extension. She asked if the Council wishes to revisit this question every three months or extend the variance to the duration of the project. It was the consensus of the Council to remain with the original plan to revisit the question every six months so that they can hear and address any concerns that may arise and require further action.

Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding

Town Planner Mona Green introduced a letter from WSDOT to Mayor McConkey asking for written concurrence on their claim of de minimis impact for the relocation of the Points Loop Trail. Our written statement will document our concurrence that moving the trail from the north side of the freeway to the south side for the duration of the SR-520 construction project represents no cultural impact on the community. The Medina City Council is also considering this request from WSDOT.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute the concurrent statement requested by WSDOT.
Moved by Franklin, seconded by Frantz.
Passed 4 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFFING PROPOSAL

Mayor McConkey advised the Council that he wished to defer a discussion of the staffing proposal until an Executive Session later this evening because the discussion will require a review of the qualifications of candidates for the positions. The Council's final discussion and decision will be part of the public meeting when the Council reconvenes.

TOWN RETREAT ON OCTOBER 21, 2011

Mayor McConkey reported that plans are under way for the Retreat to be held at the Overlake County Club on October 21, 2011 from 9am to 3pm. The Council will work on the Strategic Plan and budgeting priorities in the morning and invite the Planning Commission to join them for an afternoon discussion on completing the Shoreline Master Program updates.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Shoreline Management Program Update

Mayor McConkey asked Councilmember Frantz to provide an update on Shorelines issues.

Councilmember Frantz attended the recent Shoreline Planning meeting to get a sense of what the Department of Ecology expects with regard to updates of our Shoreline Master Program. As part of that discussion, he learned that the DOE is willing to meet with the Town to review our current plan and help determine what may or may not pass muster. The DOE plans to stick closely to its standards for dock size and has already returned the City of Sammamish plan for revisions because they allowed larger docks than the DOE standard.

Some questions included:

- When does the plan take effect? As soon as the DOE approves it.
- If a homeowner has a dock that become non-conforming with the adoption of the new plan, is their ability to replace it as-is grandfathered in or treated as new construction: If the dock will be replaced from scratch, it must conform to the new standards. However, if the owner can get approval from the Corps of Engineers to get mitigation using refinements, the Town will allow replacement of a larger dock.
- What is the maximum dock size? 460 square feet. It was suggested that the Town should negotiate for a number larger than this and not settle for this limitation up front.
- What happens if the DOE doesn't approve our plan? We either revise it to meet their standards or they will write our plan and enforce it.
- How many plans have been approved? About 30. And of those that are still working toward approval, the primary pitfalls have been a lack of rationale for not complying with the DOE standards, failure to state or develop a scientific basis for deviations from the standard (e.g. dock size), and lack of studies, findings, and deliberations that support the Town's chosen standards.
- Once submitted to the DOE, is the plan open to public comment? Yes, the DOE will hold their own public hearing, which often attracts comments from environmental groups throughout the state. It may be useful to attend a DOE hearing to learn how they are run.

Mayor McConkey noted that the Town wants to work with residents on refining this plan and that we have several highly skilled consultants at work making sure we comply with state statutes.

Website Updates

Mayor McConkey reported that the Planning Commission asked that the website be redesigned to make it more responsive to the needs of our residents. He obtained proposals from several firms and has chosen Hale Computers to redesign our website for about \$2,000. This is the firm that produced Yarrow Point's website. The new website will be designed to allow Town staff to update it quickly and simply.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to accept the proposal and award a contract to redesign the Town's website at a cost not to exceed \$2000. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Claypool.

Passed 4 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Roles

Mayor McConkey suggested the following roles for Councilmembers:

Ted Frantz	Shorelines and Shoreline Master Program
John Franklin	Shoreline Master Program and New Town Hall
Heather Smith	Blockwatch and Map Your Neighborhood
Dee Claypool	Milfoil and other project, as needed (Ms. Claypool is not seeking re-election)
Kevin Hughes	Police Issues and Security Cameras

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Vouchers Nos. 148849 through 148881 in the amount of \$52,535.33, dated August 1, 2011 were approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:25pm

MOTION: Adjourn regular meeting for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 Subsection 1C and 1G for the purpose of negotiating a lease and considering the qualifications of candidates for staff positions. The session is estimated to last approximately 15 minutes and the regular meeting will reconvene at approximately 8:40pm.

Moved by Claypool, Seconded by Franklin.

Passed 4 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

At 8:40pm, the Council reopened chambers.

MOTION: Reconvene the regular meeting of the Council. Moved by Smith, Seconded by Franklin.

Passed 4 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

TOWN HALL STAFFING

Mayor McConkey reported that the Council has made a decision of Town Hall Staffing.

MOTION: Accept the staffing proposal as directed by Mayor McConkey and with the compensation stipulated in Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Spens' memo dated July 25, 2011. Moved by Smith, Seconded by Claypool.

Passed 4 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. Moved by Claypool, seconded by Franklin.

Passed 4 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

APPROVED

Sue Ann Spens
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer