



**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, September 12, 2011
7:02 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Dee Claypool
John Franklin
Ted Frantz
Kevin Hughes
Heather Smith

Council Members Absent: None

Staff:

Sue Ann Spens, Town Administrator
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Mona Green, Town Planner

Public attendees:

Bill Powell, Cascadia PM
John Torode, Resident, Planning Commission Chair
Ken Fisher, Resident, Planning Commission Member
Bruce Swenson, Resident, Planning Commission Member
Jan Deaton, Resident
Janet Daly, Resident
Penny O'Bryne, Resident, Park Commission Chair
Rod Olson, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McConkey opened the meeting for public comment. The following comments were received:

Jan Deaton, Resident commented on two topics. The first concerned the decision that Fairweather Boat Basin Club (FBBC) was not granted the right to appeal the decision of the Shoreline Hearing Board. The reason for the denial was an administrative error in not notifying them in a timely manner

and she believed that the Town administration should have supported the FBBC appeal due to their error.

The second issue is the trail through the detention pond. The proposed path leads from the regional bike path directly to her street. It is a wide ADA compliant bicycle path. She is concerned regarding the security of the neighborhood. She wants WSDOT advised that we do not want the path.

Bruce Swenson, Resident, Planning Commissioner commented that the Town Administrator is part time. He was concerned as to who would be in charge in case of a phase 1 or phase 2 emergency. John Torode, Resident, Planning Commission Chair also expressed concerns on this matter. Mayor McConkey commented that the staff on site would be trained to act in that capacity and if no staff was on site it would default to the Mayor.

Janet Daly, Resident commented on the Shoreline Management Plan. She had been at a meeting where the Mercer Island Plan was discussed and wants Hunts Point to review that plan. She also wanted to know the status of citizen review of the plan and noted that active citizen input was required. Mayor McConkey noted that the matter will be addressed in depth on the agenda item later. The Mayor also noted that Bob Sterbank, attorney with the Kenyon Disend law firm has been retained to assist Hunts Point with the plan and he is aware of the Mercer Island Plan. He also noted that the website will be updated to allow for public input on the plan; there will be a Tullys meeting on the plan in November; and it will continue to be an item in Town newsletters. Also citizens should come to the Planning Commission meetings as the plan is in discussion there. The Mayor also noted that citizens are encouraged to submit specific changes that they would like to see in the plan not simply general concerns or issues. Mona Green, Town Planner commented that there have been good turnouts at the Planning Commission and Town Council meetings when the matter has been discussed. Council Member Frantz noted that the comments will be part of the record and they will not be edited or changed. Ms. Daly offered her assistance to work on the plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2011

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting of July 11, 2011 as amended. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Smith.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Dept.

Lt. Dan Yourkoski, Acting Chief of police reported a car was stolen in Hunts Point on August 30. They saw the car and following cars on the license plate cameras and are trying to track down the owners of the following cars. He also noted that they are working with a serial burglar who is in custody and is admitting to various burglaries as part of his plea agreement, including some in Hunts Point.

There was an ensuing discussion on security. Mayor McConkey noted that thieves prowl the neighborhood looking for opportunities and residents need to be more vigilant. Lt. Yourkoski noted that is especially an issue in Hunts Point since the homes are generally not visible from the road. Thieves look for signs that a home is unoccupied and then due to limited visibility can take their time. If they knock on the door and someone is home they say they are from a charity asking for donations. He also noted the most frequent time for burglaries is between 6:00 am and 11:00 am. Ms. Daly, Resident noted that there was a security audit done in 2006 and it provided good information on security measures. Lt. Yourkoski noted that it is a balancing act between security and privacy.

Bellevue Fire Dept.

There was a written Fire Department report indicating five incidents in July. Two were EMS calls, one was a service call and two were false alarms.

Mayor McConkey noted that the fire contract is currently being negotiated. The bill is based on assessed value and is expected to increase approximately \$6,000 per year. The Town Administrator is currently negotiating the rate. The effort is to base the amount on the value of the home only not the home and property but that information is not readily available from the Assessor's office. There was discussion that the issue of response time should be included in the discussion as the current contract does not include any information on response time and the vast majority of calls are aid calls where timeliness is important.

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

520 project – three issues

Planting – Mayor McConkey reported on discussions with WSDOT on planting bigger trees. They need to know what we want and where. It was suggested that Mona Green, Town Planner work with Penny O'Bryne, Park Commission Chair to get information to them. Also the Town has \$7,500 to assist with plantings. Audience members commented that the Town should hold WSDOT to the permit. Mayor McConkey indicated that it was the town's intention to do so.

Length of Screening Wall - The issue is making the screening wall longer to more effectively screen the houses in that area. The Council will have to approve that request. Per Mona Green, Town Planner, the town will receive preliminary specifications and be given two weeks to review and comment. A request was made for Ms. Green to share the preliminary plans with Ken Fisher and she will do so. Then after comments are received and considered, they will send a second set out to review.

Council Member Franklin suggested that our concerns be put in writing to have input into the construction drawings. Mayor McConkey requested Council Member Franklin to draft that letter.

Bike Path – There are concerns regarding the bike path as to necessity, location and size. WSDOT took a citizen comment regarding access to the bus stop and

designed the bike path. They had to design to ADA specifications which is why the path is so large. They cannot do a foot path as was requested. DOE would have to redo the permit in order to change the location of the path which would open it up to public comment and they are concerned about engaging in that process again. Mona Green, Town Planner suggested requesting WSDOT to use alternative access using existing roads rather than just ask to eliminate the path.

MOTION: Authorize Mona Green, Town Planner to contact WSDOT to discuss the town's concerns using the Fairweather Basin Boat Club letter as a guide along with her suggested modification regarding the bike path. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Franklin.

Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mayor McConkey provided information on the discussion at the prior Planning Commission meeting and indicated the following as the major issues discussed:

- Meaning of no net loss provision
- Dock sizes
- Calculating repair versus replacement for compliance with the act
- Pervious and impervious surfaces and when and where each can be used

The Mayor noted that the only specific comments received were on the pervious surface issue and that more specific comments and suggestions from the public is needed.

A suggested revision by Mona Green, Town Planner was discussed. It was not voted upon but will be in the next draft of the plan.

FAIRWEATHER BASIN - LETTER FROM FAIRWEATHER BASIC BOAT CLUB

Item discussed as part of prior items. No further discussion

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COORDINATED POLICY AND DECISION MAKING DURING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Authorize Mayor McConkey to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Resolution Number 11-219 Moved by Frantz, seconded by Claypool.

Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION FOR VERIZON WIRELESS LEASE 11-220

Mayor McConkey noted that it was a lease with an initial term of five years. The payment would be \$2,000 per month with yearly increases of 4%.

MOTION: Approve the resolution for Verizon Wireless lease. Moved by Franklin, seconded by Frantz.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT

520 Update/Transpo Reports

The city of Clyde Hill wants to have a double ramp to 520 with two lights to increase throughput of cars. The shoulder would be lost if that was done but would decrease cars on Clyde Hill, Yarrow Point and Medina streets. The concern was that the loss of the shoulder would increase response time to clear accidents. Further the double ramp would not be an advantage to Hunts Point without significant gain in throughput. There was also a concern about meter time and its effect on travel.

MOTION: The position of Hunts Point is to keep the onramp to one regular lane and one HOV lane as currently proposed. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Claypool.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ROD OLSON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION: Approve the appointment of Rod Olson to the Planning Commission. Moved by Smith, seconded by Hughes.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

There was a discussion regarding the fact that there is likely to be a quorum of Council Members at future Planning Commission meetings and there should be notice of Special Council Meetings. The notice of Special Council Meetings will be done by staff.

RETREAT OCTOBER 21, 2011, OVERLAKE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Mayor McConkey provided information on the upcoming retreat.

Morning – Budget, strategy – Staff and Council Members

Afternoon - Shoreline Management Plan – Staff, Council Members,
Commission members

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

MOTION: Vouchers Nos. 148882 through 148916 in the amount of \$98,123.08, dated September 6, 2011 was approved. Moved by Franklin, seconded by Hughes.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Linda Kroner
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED

Fred McConkey
Mayor