

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, February 6, 2012
7:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Ken Fisher
Kevin Hughes
Ted Frantz
Pat Finnelly
Dan Temkin

Staff:

Sue Ann Spens, Finance Coordinator
Mona Green, Town Planner
Stacia Schroeder, Town Engineer
Margaret King, Town Attorney
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Chief Mark Thomas, Medina Police

Public Attendees:

Gibran Hashmi, Cascadia PM
Karina O'Malley, Sophia's Way
Klaas Nijhuis, ARCH
Penny O'Byrne, Chair, Park Commission
Heather Smith, Resident
Henrik Nielsen, Planning Commissioner
John Lewison, Resident
Dave Bocek, Park Commissioner
Rod Olson, Planning Commissioner
Vilma McComsey, Planning Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gibran Hashmi, representing Cascadia PM spoke regarding the pending lease agreement with Verizon. He informed the Council that he is now handling the project and expects to have the lease signed by all parties by mid March (there are three

different carriers involved, Clearwire, T Mobile and Verizon). He noted that the lease had to be signed before the permit would be approved. There was an eighteen month window to get it approved and he stated that he may need an extension to get the permits. The Town Attorney noted that the lease is a ground equipment lease with Verizon only and the rest are sub leases done by Verizon. The Mayor informed Mr. Hashmi that the budget was predicated on the anticipated revenue stream from the lease and regardless of when it is signed the Town will expect retroactive payments. Also if the lease is not signed by mid March the Town will review the rates. Mr. Hashmi indicated that he will get back to Town staff on this matter. Council members had questions on the cell tower arrangements and staff will provide a report for them.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar including the January 9, 2012 minutes and warrants, numbers 149068 through 149105 in the amount of \$72,914.51. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Fisher
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Dept.

Chief Mark Thomas reported that there were no crimes in Hunts Point in January. He also noted that crimes are on the increase in the eastern part of the county. He stated that for 2012 the police department is focusing on visibility especially as to traffic control and house checks. They will also be working on reaccreditation from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. They had the accreditation in the past and will work on having it again.

Bellevue Fire Dept.

No report received

Town Engineer

Stacia Schroeder, Town Engineer reported that the City of Bellevue will be changing some water mains and replacing some hydrants. There was a question raised as to whether or not the water main at the south end of Fairweather Place had been repaired. She will find out and report back.

ARCH ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND TRUST FUND APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Klaas Nijhuis, a representative of ARCH discussed the budget and elements of the proposed work program. He noted that ARCH is reviewing their portfolio of loans so all are self sustaining in 15 years. They are also looking for other sources of income. He noted that Hunts Point is being asked to contribute to three projects, South Kirkland TOD, Sophia's Way, and LIHI Bellevue Apartments. The Mayor provided the Council

some background on ARCH and that all eastside cities contribute to provide low income housing. The amount of contribution is determined by population.

Karina O'Malley provided information on the Sophia's Way shelter project for the Council. She also thanked the Council for their support.

MOTION: Approve the ARCH budget and the Hunts Point contribution of \$1,569 and contributions to funding for three projects in the amount of \$5,026

Moved by Frantz, seconded by Fisher

Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

SR 520 UPDATE

The Mayor discussed the meeting with WSDOT regarding the sound walls. The Council received a letter from WSDOT indicating that they will go back to the height of the sound walls as proscribed in the Conditional Use Permit. Also a letter from Deborah Cade, Assistant Attorney General was presented that outlined a process to be followed for plan review between Hunts Point and WSDOT staff. It was noted that the Yarrow Point Mayor is working on getting the same walls through Wetherill. While Hunts Point has been the lead on this issue other points communities will now be discussing the sound walls with WSDOT to restore the height through their communities.

There was a discussion about the trees to be planted as to types, amounts and heights of trees to be planted. WSDOT will work with Penny O'Byrne and the Town Arborist on this topic. The Mayor and Councilmember Finnely will send information to Mrs. O'Byrne regarding the existing planting plans. It was suggested that a presentation to Council be done by Mrs. O'Byrne and the Town Arborist at the appropriate time.

The design for the sound walls was also discussed. There are three different design possibilities and WSDOT needs an answer by Friday February 10 as to which design is requested. There was discussion as to whether or not the design was just for the sound walls or also for the retaining walls. The Town Planner, Mona Green will get clarification on this. Ken Fisher will consult with residents and get a recommendation to Mayor McConkey to forward to WSDOT by the deadline.

There was discussion on the pylons and bulkheads being installed. The concern was structural integrity and adherence to standards. Staff will review the information to ensure structures are appropriate.

It was noted that there will be shoulders built on the 84th street onramp. They will be small to avoid taking property from residents. Also there have been some changes to the regional path. The connector path that the Town had requested be removed is still in the plans. However construction will be deferred to further discuss options with WSDOT and DOE.

The Town Attorney reviewed the Attorney General letter. She indicated that it generally follows the site plan approval process of agreement and documentation.

It was asked whether or not the revision to the traffic circle requested by Yarrow Point was going forward. The Mayor indicated that he would be meeting with the Points Communities Mayors tomorrow and will inquire.

RESOLUTION 12-222 RE: GIFT POLICY

There was a discussion regarding Section 2B and how successive donations of less than \$500 would be handled. It was determined to revisit the policy if that became a problem. There was also discussion of what was covered by section 2D, other dispositions and whether it could cover such matters as installation of a gift and/or storage costs until installation. The Town Attorney indicated that it did.

MOTION: Adopt resolution 12-222 re: Gift Policy
Moved by Temkin, seconded by Finnely
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSED ZONING CODE CHANGE RE: GROSS FLOOR AREA EXCLUSIONS

The Council discussed the proposed zoning code change. Councilmember Fisher noted that he attended the Planning Commission discussion on this matter and recommends the change. A typographical error was noted in the proposed code language.

MOTION: Approve the proposed zoning code change including the typographical correction.
Moved by Fisher, seconded by Hughes
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT

Block Watch

The Mayor reported that he will be starting off Block Watch this spring and will invite other Block Watch captains to attend and then hopefully have their own block watch events.

Planning Commission Appointments/Resignation

The Mayor noted that Councilmember Fisher resigned his position on the Planning Commission due to his Council election. The Mayor also asked the Council to confirm the reappointment of John Torode and Elaine Coles to new terms.

MOTION: Confirm the reappointment of John Torode and Elaine Coles to new terms on the Planning Commission.

Moved by Hughes, seconded by Fisher
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS

SMP

Mona Green, Town Planner informed the Council that the Department of Ecology representative expects to have comments back to the Town on the informal submittal of the SMP within two to three weeks. She also provided information to the Council on the information presented to the Planning Commission regarding the seismic requirements for Town Hall due to the designation as an emergency center.

Survey for Lid and new Town Hall road entrance

Stacia Schroeder, Town Engineer informed the Council that she has received the survey for the new lid and Town Hall road entrance. She will be discussing with ECC and will provide a report to the Council at an upcoming meeting.

Audit

Sue Ann Spens, Finance Coordinator reported that the annual Town Audit has been published. She will forward a copy to the Mayor and Council

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Linda Kroner
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date