

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, March 5, 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:

Adam Kleven, Aqua Technex
Joe Willis, Professional Engineer
Annie Ottesen, Planning Commissioner
Christine Trickett, Resident
Rob Trickett, Resident

GIRL SCOUT FLAG CEREMONY

Representatives of local Brownie troops presented a flag ceremony to open the meeting.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring this to be the Year of The Girl in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar including the February 6, 2012 minutes as corrected and warrants, numbers 149106 through 149150 in the amount of \$48,741.09 as amended. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Dept.

Chief Mark Thomas noted that there was no activity to report for Hunts Point for February. However there has been an increase in burglaries in general on the Eastside but not in the Points communities. There have been calls for services and false alarms. They do not want to do anything about the false alarms as they do not want to discourage people from using their alarm systems. He was asked if there was any progress in finding the individual who did the burglary last fall. He indicated that they believe they know who it is but do not have enough information to charge the individual. He was asked if the burglaries included home invasions. He stated that they generally do not. The individuals knock on the door and if someone is home they make up a story and leave.

Bellevue Fire Dept.

The written report from the Fire Department was reviewed. It was noted that there were no fires just emergency services calls.

Town Engineer – Town Hall Entrance Realignment

The Town Engineer handed out a rough draft of a plan for an entrance to Town Hall directly from the traffic circle with additional parking spaces provided at Town Hall. She is working with WSDOT on this matter to get the benefit of reduced costs. She was asked if there would be a problem with relocating utilities and she indicated that, according to the current base map, it did not appear to be a problem. It was noted that the plan would work with the existing Town Hall location or with a relocated new Town Hall. The hope is to reduce the number of non residents coming into Hunts Point by providing direct access to Town Hall. The Council indicated that they would like to see a planting plan and a cost estimate and to keep as much park and lawn as possible. At the next meeting she will provide a preliminary cost estimate for the new road, parking and rockery.

NEW TOWN HALL

The Mayor discussed the proposal for a new Town Hall. He noted that he had asked Joe Sabey, Planning Commissioner to look at the costs for retrofitting the existing Town Hall and had asked Rod Olson, Planning Commissioner to look at the costs and funding for a new Town Hall. He noted that the Planning Commission had discussed at their last meeting that the existing Town Hall could be retrofitted for \$100,000 but that is not correct. Joe Willis, Professional Engineer, provided information on what would be needed to retrofit the current Town Hall. It would need to have shear walls and for them to be anchored to the slab. Also a new roof would be needed. In general the building would have to be rebuilt.

The designation of Town Hall as the emergency center was discussed. The Mayor indicated that there was legislation mandating that cities have an emergency plan and an emergency center. The legislation was passed after Hurricane Katrina but is an unfunded mandate. He also noted that the City of Medina had retrofitted their City Hall but the cost was approximately the same as a new building.

The Council indicated that they wanted information on what it would cost to retrofit the current Town Hall. The Town Attorney noted by State law to receive professional services you have to send out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Annie Ottesen, Planning Commissioner noted that there was a question raised at the Planning Commission as to whether there was a mandate to do the building "green".

The Town Engineer was asked to prepare a RFQ. She will have the scope of work prepared for the next Council meeting. It should include a general assessment of the building and provide an estimate of the costs to retrofit. The Mayor indicated that he will ask the Planning Commission and Commissioner Sabey to not take any further action on this matter at that time.

MILFOIL CONTROL PROGRAM

Adam Kleven of Aqua Technex, the firm the Town uses for the milfoil program, made a presentation regarding their proposal for the milfoil control plan for 2012. He noted that they are proposing the same plan as last year as it seems to work well. The problem is that the lake has milfoil everywhere so we get reinfested and the control has to be redone each year. The plan is to do specific milfoil treatment in the spring and a general treatment that gets at other weeds as well in the summer. They have timeline restrictions for the summer treatment.

In addition to the regular treatment plan he is recommending that we do a survey this year to determine exactly what is there and what is needed in the future. He was asked if there is a cumulative benefit over time of the control program. He stated that it seems to be getting better but he cannot be sure without the survey.

He was asked about Algae. He noted that it is usually not a problem due to the size of the lake. Only certain types of algae are toxic and under certain conditions.

The Mayor noted that there is an ordinance that requires the Town to do the Milfoil control program and bill the residents for the work.

MOTION: Approve the Milfoil Control Program proposed by Aqua Technex including the survey. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Frantz
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT

SR 520 Update

The Mayor noted that he received a letter today regarding the meeting with WSDOT, ECC and Fairweather Basin residents regarding the texture and height of the walls. The outcome was that the retaining wall will have the Cascadian Stone finish and the screen walls facing Fairweather Basin will have a Random Flare finish. They also noted the resident's requests for additional trees in front of the retaining wall, larger trees in front of the retaining wall and between the pond and the water and more evergreen shrubs in the buffer mix of plants around the pond.

The Town Planner indicated that she had met with the Town Arborist and a consulting arborist regarding the planting plan. The consultant indicated a higher tree density would result in reduced growth of individual trees due to competition and the need to eventually remove trees due to overcrowding. The recommendation was to plant shrubs. Also as to the issue of planting on the slopes, the consultant indicated that it would not be a problem if proper planting procedures were followed.

It was noted that the final planting plan from WSDOT was needed to ensure compliance with the Conditional Use Permit. There was concern expressed that the plan will not provide adequate visual screening. A question was asked if there was a way to provide any input at this time to influence the plan. It was indicated that at this time we have to wait for the final plan from WSDOT and we can review and comment at that time.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

The Town Planner reported on a meeting with a representative of the Department of Ecology along with Amy Summe, a town consultant, and Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator. She reported that the representative stated that overall the plan looked appropriate. The issues noted were the proposed dock size would not be approved and the cove areas that were noted as having different needs would have to be more specific in the plan. The actual written report from the representative will be received shortly. The Planner asked what process the Council would like to follow from this point. She was asked to meet with the Committee that worked on the plan after the report was

received and make recommendations to the Council. The Town Attorney indicated that this process was appropriate as the committee could provide direction to the Council.

SALMON RECOVERY REPORT

Council Member Frantz highlighted the Salmon Recovery Report that each Council member received. He represents Hunts Point on the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed Salmon Recovery Council. He noted the progress that the plan is making in slowing down the decline with hopes to stop the decline in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Linda Kroner
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date