

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY April 2, 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
Pat Finnely
Ted Frantz

Council Members Absent:

Dan Temkin
Kevin Hughes

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:

Jan Deaton, Resident
Dan Galvin, Public Information Manager, ECC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jan Deaton, resident commented on the ECC request for Noise Waiver. She asked that the Council consider limiting the hours ECC can work. She also commented on the noise from the back up alarms on the trucks as well as floodlights shining into people's homes. She is concerned about the ability to enjoy the outdoors during the spring and summer times.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar including the March 5, 2012 minutes and warrants, numbers 149151 through 149186 in the amount of \$33,586.22. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnely
Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

During the discussion of the Consent Calendar Council Member Fisher wanted the minutes to reflect that the statements made by Joe Willis as noted in the minutes of March 5, 2012 are not correct. There are shear walls and mounting to the foundation which is backed up by a study done by a structural engineering firm.

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Dept.

Chief Thomas noted that there was a burglary on March 26 which was the only crime that was reported. It did not appear that they were targeting Hunts Point but that it was a result of a car stolen in Redmond, belonging to a Hunts Point resident. They used the garage door opener in the car to gain entry to the house. He noted that the camera system worked well to help identify the suspects. They have good leads and expect an arrest soon. He also noted that there was not a report of an alarm and reminded residents to set their house alarms any time they are not home. There was also discussion on making sure that keys or other devices used to start cars are not left in the vehicles. There was a comment from the council regarding appreciation for increased police presence in the neighborhoods. The Chief noted that was one of his goals.

Bellevue Fire Dept. : None

Town Engineer

Town Hall: There was a discussion regarding the Town Hall and the proposed new entrance road to Town Hall. The Town Administrator indicated that WSDOT is amenable to turning over property to reconfigure the traffic circle to have the new entrance and limit the number of people who travel into Hunts Point. He also discussed working on helping people stay in their lanes with more signs and traffic lane buttons to warn them when they are crossing lanes. He also noted that the RFQ for a study of the current Town Hall has been done to solicit Structural Engineers. Those on the current Small Works Roster were directly solicited as well as an advertisement placed in the Seattle Times. The Mayor noted that after the estimates are received, the matter will be reviewed. Further that no decision would be made until the lid design was final and the lid was built. Also in a couple more years there would be more capital money in the budget for the Town Hall project. The Mayor noted that the firm that did the original study did not come in the building and a more thorough study was needed.

Council Member Frantz noted that in the drawing of the proposed new entrance it seemed to cut Town Hall off from the park. Perhaps the parking lot should be moved. The Mayor noted that given the new information on the lid and Town Hall the entire project needs to be reviewed. There will be a new plan which will be presented at a later time. Council Member Fisher noted that the new entrance easement seemed to be mostly on State property and there was language that indicated that it would revert to the State if the property was modified. The Mayor indicated that would happen only if there was a dramatic change as in the property was sold to a commercial enterprise. The Town Attorney indicated that this is common language that is used for government property and would be renegotiated if the property became private.

The Town Engineer noted that the estimate from Lakeside Paving was for Phase one at \$80,000 for the road and \$16,000 for the sidewalk. It was suggested by Council Member Finnelly that the matter be referred back to the Planning Commission. The Mayor and the Town Attorney indicated that this was a Council matter. The Planning Commission could be asked to receive public comment but the decision must be done by the Council.

Hunts Point Circle Restriping: It was noted that Hunts Point Circle does not have a good base and since it is coming up for an overlay it is time to redo the street to give it a better roadbed and better surface. There is a proposal from Apply A Line Inc. for the Hunts Point Circle work for \$2,687.50.

MOTION: Approve the proposal from Apply a Line Inc. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Finnelly
Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Town Planner

Shoreline Master Program: The Town Planner discussed the comments received from the Department of Ecology representative on our informal submittal of the update to the Shoreline Master Plan. She has gone over the comments and along with the Watershed company put together a document to use to confer with the Town committee that worked on the plan. The Mayor asked that the document to be sent out and that the committee would meet during the last two weeks in April to discuss.

Cell Town Lease Project: The Town Planner indicated that Verizon and T Mobile have discussed their project with her. They have the design for the equipment building completed. The Mayor asked the Town Planner to send out information to the Council since there are new members who are not familiar with the project.

ECC REQUEST FOR NOISE WAIVER RENEWAL

ECC submitted a request to review their noise waiver until the end of the project. The Mayor noted that at the beginning of the project the Town had told them they would put up with more noise to have the project done faster so part of the bidding process for the

work was having the work done expeditiously. A question was asked as to what kind of work would be done and the noise level to be expected. Dan Galvin, Public Information Manager for ECC indicated that there would be some night work and when they would be doing demolition it will be noisy. Currently they are working on the detention pond which is not as noisy.

There was discussion that the biggest noise concern was the truck back up alarms. Mr. Galvin indicated that they are addressing it as best as they can. They have put ambient sensitive alarms on trucks. Also some of the contractors hired don't want the "squawk" type of alarms as they do not believe they are safe. But they are asked to put on ambient sensitive "beep" type alarms. It was also noted that the gates on the dump trucks can be very noisy when used.

There was discussion of the lights shining into people's homes. Mr. Galvin indicated that if he is notified he can address it quickly. The problem seems to be when they move the lights they do not recheck where they are shining.

There was a discussion of when the noise waiver was needed. Mr. Galvin noted that it was needed when they were working in the Right of Way and when they are working outside of normal working hours. A question was asked if the Town has the option to cancel the permit. The Town Attorney noted that the Town can put on conditions but it may lengthen the time of construction. The Town Planner indicated that the original permit did have some conditions on it. She was asked to provide those to the Council. Mr. Galvin indicated that they understand that if conditions are not met the waiver can be rescinded. ECC was asked to be mindful of the coming summer months and that people will be outside and in their yards more, including at night. Mr. Galvin indicated that they prefer to work during the day but must work at night if lanes are closed. He also indicated that he has developed an extensive email alert list to notify residents when there will be construction that is potentially noisy.

MOTION: Approve the Noise Exemption renewal as proposed. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnelly
Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor discussed the report from the Seattle Marine Patrol providing statistics as to the work they have been doing. It was noted that they have been doing a good job and they are often seen in the area.

The Mayor discussed the Points Communities Mayor's meeting. He indicated the main discussion was about the state budget and the attempts by the state to pass expenses to the cities.

Council Member Fisher asked about the striping and lane buttons on 80th street. It was tabled and he wished to have it proceed. Also the mail pagoda in that area is broken. He was asked to speak to the Town Administrator about those matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Linda Kroner
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date