

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY December 3, 2012
7:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members Present:

Ted Frantz
Ken Fisher
Pat Finnely
Heather Smith

Dan Temkin – present on the telephone through agenda item #3

Staff:

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

Public Attendees:

Ryan Bianchi, WSDOT
Fred Tharp, WSDOT
Michael Horntvedt, WSDOT
Julie Meredith, WSDOT
Roger McCracken, Resident
Bruce Swenson, Resident
Luann Perkins, Resident
Joseph Minor, Resident
Michael Heijer, Resident
Darek Milewski, Resident
Annie Ottesen, Resident
Dan Niles, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR Consists of routine items for which Council discussion is not required. A Councilmember may request that an item be moved to Regular Business for discussion. Consent items are approved with one vote.

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar including the November 5, 2012 minutes as corrected and warrants, numbers 149443 through 149477 in the amount of \$109,316.45. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnely
Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

Chief Mark Thomas reported that there was only one fraud crime reported during the prior month. He noted that crime in general is down for the year. However calls for service such as report of a suspicious person are up over last year. He stated that was a positive statistic as residents are reporting potential issues for the Police to follow up on. He was asked if the calls were tracked by area of the Town and he stated that they were not.

Bellevue Fire Department – written

It was noted that there were only EMS calls. Also the report notes response time which has been very short.

WSDOT PRESENTATION

Representatives of WSDOT made a presentation regarding the SR 520 program. The Program Director, Julie Meredith, provided an overview of the program and updates on the progress. Other staff members provided information on various program elements and timelines. There was discussion on the sound walls. WSDOT staff indicated they are being constructed now. The eastbound walls will be installed first and when the traffic is shifted, the westbound walls will be installed.

A concern was expressed regarding settling from the trench dug near the roundabout. WSDOT staff stated they would look into it. There was also discussion on signaling the ramps. It was stated that the conduit was being installed so signaling could be done later. WSDOT stated they are trying to get a consensus of the affected communities on the striping of the area. The Mayor indicated that Hunts Point had provided information as well as the Transpo report. He requested that WSDOT provide drawings of the area including the striping and the Mayors will review and respond.

The screening of the electrical boxes was discussed. WSDOT indicated that the screening plan done by the Town looked appropriate. They are now reviewing it for maintenance access before proceeding with approval.

The stormwater facilities on Fairweather were discussed. WSDOT explained the two different facilities in the area that treat the water before it is discharged into the basin.

The current problems that occurred during the last rain storm occurred because the facilities are not complete. In response to a question, WSDOT indicated that they will install additional pumps to handle the issues during construction as well as more plastic and compost to handle erosion issues. In response to a question regarding the amount of impervious area that will be there after the construction is complete, WSDOT indicated they would find out and report to the Town.

The bike trail was discussed. WSDOT indicated that it was part of the permit and endorsed by the Department of Ecology (DOE). They have talked to DOE regarding eliminating the connector trail and DOE has said they would not agree to that. DOE did say that they would be willing to meet with the Town regarding alternatives to the current plan. WSDOT noted that the matter needs to be settled soon as they hope to complete construction in that area by next summer.

The Mayor indicated that the Town should seek input from residents as to possible alternatives. The Town Attorney suggested the town meet with DOE with alternatives and a process that would not open the permit process again. The Mayor noted it was better to have those discussions with DOE informally so that it could be worked out. It was determined that the Town Planner, Mayor, Attorney and at least one Council Member should make an appointment with Gordon White, the manager for Ecology's Shorelands and Environmental Assistance program preferably before the Christmas holidays.

ORDINANCE No. 492 - 2012 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Administrator discussed the various amendments to the 2012 budget to align the actual expenditures with the proposed budget. This has to be done before the subsequent year's budget can be adopted.

ORDINANCE No. 493 – 2013 BUDGET – PUBLIC HEARING

The proposed budget for 2013 was reviewed.

A public hearing was held on Ordinance 492, 2012 Budget Amendments and Ordinance 493, 2013 Budget beginning at 8:29 pm. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 8:30 pm.

MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 492, 2012 Budget Amendments. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Fisher.
Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 493, 2013 Budget. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Smith.
Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Planner, Mona Green, provided an overview of the plan and the process. She indicated that the update is required by state law. She also indicated that the Shoreline Management Act has goals for public access, water quality, restoration and public use. It was noted that public access refers to public property only and private property is not affected. Hunts Point provides access through the Wetherill Nature Preserve. She noted that the current plan revision was reviewed extensively by a committee including Peter Powell, Council Member Dan Temkin, Council Member Ted Frantz, Planning Commissioner Rod Olson and Mayor Fred McConkey. The revised plan includes a minimal approach to standards but there are state parameters to meet.

The public hearing was opened at 8:40 pm.

There was discussion and questions from the audience regarding the percentage of repairs done before the new regulations took effect. It was noted that the regulations affect the address and if the property is sold, the prior repairs done would affect what can be done in the future. Questions were also posed regarding the number of allowed ski, plane and boat lifts.

The next steps were outlined. The Town will make a formal submittal to the Department of Ecology (DOE). DOE will review and may or may not have another public hearing. It is expected to be approximately six months before we get a response from DOE. The Town can then choose to negotiate with DOE on any provisions that they do not approve.

It was noted that any new construction or major repairs should be done before the new regulations go into effect. Also it would be prudent for residents to maintain their existing docks and bulkheads as existing ones can be maintained at their current size and configuration.

The public hearing was closed at 9:00 pm.

MOTION: Approve the December 3, 2012 final draft of the Shoreline Master Program for the Town of Hunts Point and submit it to the Department of Ecology.

Moved by Finnely, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that he is working with the other Points Community Mayors on a legislative agenda.

There was a discussion regarding the traffic on 84th and problems created by the new landscape median that has been installed. The fact that Hunts Point residents have only one way in and one way out of the Town needs to be recognized by WSDOT. It was decided that the Town Attorney would do a follow up letter on this matter.

There was a discussion of the lid design and the fact that we have not seen final plans for signalization, channelization and the conduit. The Mayor will send a formal request to WSDOT.

The Mayor announced that Margaret King was leaving Kenyon Disend and would not be the Town Attorney for Hunts Point. In the future the Town Attorney will be Bob Sterbank of Kenyon Disend.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Linda Kroner
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date