

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY January 7, 2013
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

Staff:

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

Public Attendees: None

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 December 3, 2012 minutes as corrected and warrants, numbers 149478 through 149516 in the amount of \$109,828.40. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Frantz
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

The Chief reported that there was no activity in the prior month. Further there have been charges filed on both the prior burglary and malicious mischief cases. Only the identify theft case is open and they are very hard to solve as they usually originate outside the

jurisdiction. He noted that there have been many burglaries and vehicle prowls in surrounding cities. Many were in houses for sale or under construction.

The Chief was asked if they prosecute even if nothing was taken and he stated that they would prosecute for attempted burglary. However the prosecutors tend to only proceed with cases where there are multiple charges that will result in significant time in jail. In response to a question about where they tend to enter the Chief noted that often it is the front door. They know that they have a few minutes before the police arrive and they have time to grab small items. It is best to have the house look as if someone is there as burglars tend to enter when they think no one is home.

Bellevue Fire Department – written

Noted that there were only EMS calls.

AUTHORIZATION FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN AMENDED AND RESTATED SOLID WASTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Sue Ann Spens, Finance Coordinator presented an overview of the issue. She noted that participating in the new interlocal agreement (ILA) could result in lower payments and an expanded role in planning the new agreement. Town Attorney, Bob Sterbank, noted that he has been involved in the development of the agreement and there are some concerns about the rates. The Town will not have a say in the bonds however cities that do not sign the new agreement will pay more.

Another issue noted by Bob Sterbank is liability if there is a release from Cedar Hills Landfill. The cities want the County to pay however they will not agree and the Town could still be liable. The current plan is to have insurance to cover such a liability. It was also noted that this agreement is nonbinding and the Town can review the final agreement and decide at that time if they wish to sign. It was asked if the agreement included the Brightwater plant and it does not. The question was also asked as to why the Town is involved in this agreement. Attorney Sterbank noted that per State law we are required to have a solid waste plan.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the non binding Statement of Interest in Amended and Restated Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnely.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

RIGHT OF WAY ENCROACHMENTS

Due to a citizen complaint on one property Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder was asked to survey all properties for Right of Way (ROW) encroachments. Several encroachments were found. Some are just part of the landscaping and some seem to be placed to keep people from parking in front of the property. The Council discussed various options to deal with ROW encroachments. Attorney Sterbank noted that the

Town has an obligation to maintain the roadway in a safe condition to reasonable standards. It was determined that the Planning Commission would be asked to study the situation and make recommendations to the Council regarding standards for ROW encroachments and what exceptions should be allowed.

MOTION: Authorize the Planning Commission to study the ROW encroachment situation and provide recommendations to the Council considering balancing the needs for parking, landscaping and walkway needs. Moved by Frantz seconded by Temkin.

Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

REBUILDING HUNTS POINT CIRCLE

The Mayor noted that Hunts Point Circle is in need of rebuilding as it is sinking in various areas. The Town Engineer noted that the estimate she provided was based on using asphalt and the computations were done using the King County bid specifications. It was noted that a concrete roadway is more durable. Further if it is dug up by a utility they have to replace a complete section which is preferable to the patching that would be done on asphalt.

The LID process used for improvement of Hunts Point Road was discussed. In that situation, the Town funded the asphalt costs and the LID financed the concrete upgrade. It was suggested that the records concerning that LID be reviewed. The Finance Coordinator and the Town Engineer were asked to review the records.

It was noted that a preliminary survey was needed before any design could be defined and any final determination of needs. It was also noted that it would be important to get community input as to asphalt versus concrete and any other issues regarding the road. It was suggested that a consultant be hired to conduct a charette in the community to secure their views. The Mayor noted that we have used the Makers Company in the past with good results.

It was determined that the Town Engineer would get two bids for preliminary survey work for the Council to consider at their next meeting. Further the Mayor will get a proposal from the Makers Company for conducting a charette for consideration at the next meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Access Trail

The Mayor reported on a conversation the Town Administrator had with Gordon White of the Department of Ecology (DOE). DOE is not interested in changing anything about the access trail in the Fairweather Basin area. They have concerns about reopening the permit and being subject to further litigation.

The Council discussed the possibility of approaching them with ideas for modification that would not involve opening the permit process. It was noted that the only option given to WSDOT to discuss with DOE was to not build the trail at all. Perhaps there are modifications they would be amenable to.

The Mayor discussed the idea of a gate with electronic access to a lock box for the utility company and a "man gate" for pedestrian access. There is a legal question regarding the ability block public access. There was further discussion as to who owns the property in that area. The Town Planner noted that the City of Bellevue owns the area surrounding the utility area.

The Council determined that the next course of action was to get the list of ideas for changes that have been discussed by the area residents and forward the list to the Mayor. The Mayor will try to set up a meeting with DOE to discuss the ideas. The review of the gate proposal will be done at the same time.

Signage and Striping Plans

The Mayor noted that he will get together with WSDOT to look at plans for the lid especially as to signage for the roadway, striping, etc. It is important that WSDOT be aware of the Town's concern about ingress and egress and we have only one entrance to the Town.

MISCELLANEOUS

Unkempt Property

A concern was discussed regarding the property at 3009 Fairweather Place. The property has been allowed to deteriorate and part of a balcony has collapsed. It was noted that the Building Official has looked at the property and could not find anything that it could be cited for per our code. It was suggested that the Town Administrator send a letter to the owner noting the Town's concern about the state of the property.

Shoreline Master Plan

The Town Planner informed the Council that the Shoreline Master Plan has been submitted to DOE. She also noted that DOE is considering not holding a public hearing since the Town process provided extensive public input.

Comprehensive Plan

The Town Planner informed the Council that the Comprehensive Plan would need to be updated within a couple of years and they should consider starting the process soon. The plan and the update are required under the Growth Management Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Linda Kroner
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date