

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY February 4, 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
Dan Temkin

Council Members Absent:

Pat Finnely
Heather Smith

Staff:

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator
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:

Rod Olson, Planning Commissioner
Annie Ottesen, Planning Commissioner
Bruce Swenson, Planning Commissioner
Luann Perkins, Resident
Penny O'Byrne, Park Commission Chair
Roger McCracken, Resident
Gary Slotnik, Resident
Michael Heijer, Resident
Mark Bloom, Resident
Dan Niles, Resident
Arthur Sullivan, ARCH Representative

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were several comments made about the new alert signs on SR 520. It was noted that on the plans the signs were shown in a different location. At their current location it can be seen by the residents. The concern was that this was another surprise not known prior to construction. The Mayor noted that he had contacted Fred Tharp, SR 520 project supervisor. Mr. Tharp had stated that when the sound walls are built they will not be visible to the residents. Mr. Tharp also indicated that he would work with the Town on this matter. The Town Planner indicated that she would be receiving more information on this matter on Wednesday February 6, 2013. Residents asked if the signs could be moved and it was noted that it would be unlikely they would be moved at this point. A question was asked if the signs impacted the Shoreline Conditional Use Permit. The Town Planner explained that they were not within the Shoreline area and were not covered by the permit.

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 January 7, 2013 minutes and warrants, numbers 149517 through 149548 in the amount of \$29,949.81.

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Frantz

Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

The Chief reported that there were no incidents in the prior month. He noted that the department is two officers short. However one is hired and currently in the academy and will graduate in March and be operating independently by June. They are looking to fill the other position with a lateral transfer so they will have a trained officer. He also reported that they are still working on their Law Enforcement accreditation. They hope to be finished by May. It is a five year accreditation. It has some impact on insurance but the main purpose is to ensure the professionalism of the department.

Bellevue Fire Department – written

It was noted that there were no fires in the prior month.

Town Planner – SR 520

84th Street/Roundabout area

Town Planner, Mona Green reported on her meeting with Fred Tharp, SR 520 project manager. They discussed all outstanding issues. Drawings showing the Do Not Block areas as well as the wiring of the roundabout area were discussed. It was noted that these drawings are final and no changes are anticipated.

There was further discussion regarding the traffic blocking the ability of Hunts Point residents to get in and out of the town. The Mayor indicated that WSDOT has said they will monitor the situation and install signals or potentially build a separate lane to Hunts Point if needed.

Access Trail

The Mayor provided information on the access trail in the Fairweather area. WSDOT and DOE will not consider or have a meeting regarding any changes to the trail due to the potential of further litigation and legal requirements concerning ADA and public access to the waterfront. The Town Attorney provided written information regarding the possibility of a gate to restrict access. The Mayor indicated the only course of action available is to wait until the trail is built and monitor the situation. Then if problems occur they can be discussed with WSDOT at that time.

There was discussion about signage. It is possible that signs could be placed on the trail indicating that it would open only from dawn to dusk. The Mayor indicated that he will look into that possibility.

There was also discussion on the issue of graffiti on the sound walls and the potential for it along the trail. The Council discussed various options to deal with graffiti including cameras and lights with motion sensors if the problem becomes severe.

ARCH AGREEMENTS – RESOLUTION FOR TRUST FUND PAYMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Arthur Sullivan of ARCH presented an overview of the ARCH organization and the various projects they are involved in. He noted that the Hunts Point trust fund payment would only be used for the Totem Lake senior apartments project. In response to a question, he noted that the fees are set by the Executive Board of ARCH based on the population of the participating cities. For the smaller cities they have kept the administrative fee contribution the same for some time. He indicated that they have extensive financial and project reports that are available to Hunts Point at any time upon request.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 13-225 authorizing the release of funds provided by Hunts Point for the Imagine Housing Totem Lake Phase 2 Senior Apartments in the amount of \$2,500 and the payment of \$1,569 to ARCH for administrative fees. Moved by Frantz seconded by Temkin

Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

HUNTS POINT CIRCLE ENGINEERING SURVEY BID

Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder provided two bids for the Town Council to consider. She also provided a revision to one of the bids that was done due to bidder error. She indicated that she was familiar with both companies and they are both excellent in their field. Also the results of the survey can be used by the Planning Commission in their discussion of the Hunts Point Circle roadway construction. She recommended that they accept the lower bid from Pace and authorize her to ensure that landscaping is included in the survey at a price she can negotiate.

MOTION: Accept the bid from Pace and authorize the Town Engineer to negotiate with Pace to include landscaping in the survey for an amount not to exceed \$7,800. Moved by Frantz seconded by Fisher.

Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY FORUM, MAKERS, INC. ARCHITECTS RE: HUNTS POINT CIRCLE

The Mayor presented a proposal from Makers company to provide a charrette and a site plan illustrating a conceptual street design for Hunts Point circle. At the charrette they would discuss and have public input on whether the roadway should be asphalt or concrete and any other issues involved in the project. It is expected that they will work in conjunction with the Planning Commission on the project.

MOTION: Accept the proposal from Makers in connection with the planning for Hunts Point Circle up to a maximum of \$3,000. Moved by Temkin seconded by Frantz.

Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

TOWN HALL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The Town Administrator presented a proposal for a new telephone system for Town Hall. He indicated that the current system is at the end of its useful life. The provider, SoundTel, has stated that the current system cannot be upgraded as parts are no longer available for the system which is at least twenty five years old.

MOTION: Accept the proposal from SoundTel for a new telephone system for Town Hall up to a maximum of \$2,966 plus sales tax. Moved by Fisher seconded by Temkin.

Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT

Local traffic meeting

The issue was generally covered in the prior SR 520 discussion. He noted that everything provided in the Transpo report has been incorporated.

Other SR 520 issues

The Mayor commented on the media reports of problems with the pontoons. The issues involve only a few of them. He also noted that they are now working on the funding for the Seattle side of the project and they anticipate introducing legislation in 2014 to put tolls on Interstate 90 to go into effect in 2015. The Council discussed the potential timeline for the Eastside part of the project. It was noted that they have said they will be "substantially" done by the end of 2013 with the major structures. The Town Planner noted that they anticipate doing the planting this Spring. She also noted that we do not get monthly reports of project status any longer. She will inquire as to the timeline at the next meeting with WSDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Moved by Frantz seconded by Fisher.
Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer