

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY August 5, 2013  
7:00 PM**



**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Ted Frantz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Ken Fisher  
Dan Temkin  
Heather Smith  
Pat Finnely  
Ted Frantz

Absent: Mayor Fred McConkey

Staff:

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

Public Attendees:

Joe Sabey, Planning Commissioner  
Richard Herzberg, Resident

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Richard Herzberg expressed his concerns regarding the new roundabout configuration and the potential traffic problems since the bridge completion is delayed due to construction problems. He believes that exiting Hunts Point during the afternoon commute will be difficult due to the many commuters attempting to enter SR 520. He proposed that the Town meet with WSDOT to talk about mitigation. He also had sent an email regarding these concerns and suggestions for possible mitigation. The email was provided to the Council in their packet.

The Council and Mr. Herzberg discussed the issue and it was noted that there were concerns about mitigation even if the bridge construction was on schedule. The Council discussed the issue of signaling. WSDOT has installed the conduit but had not planned on actually installing the signals unless a problem developed. The Council indicated that

it would be better to install them now. Also the Council discussed increased Police presence in the area to insure a smoother flow of traffic. Chief Thomas commented that he can provide more presence but does not have the personnel to station there. He also said that sometimes WSDOT will provide funds for overtime for such situations. He was asked to talk to WSDOT about that. The Council also discussed asking WSDOT to come to the next meeting to discuss mitigation. Town Planner Mona Green was asked to relay that message. She was further asked to tell them not to prepare a presentation but to be prepared to discuss mitigation of traffic problems regarding entering and leaving Hunts Point during high traffic times. It was also requested that they bring a current timeline for the eastside project. A particular concern is the completion of the sound walls to mitigate traffic noise.

**MOTION:** That WSDOT be asked to attend the September Town Council meeting to discuss mitigation of traffic issues related to the new roundabout configuration. Moved by Finnely, seconded by Fisher.  
Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**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 July 8, 2013 minutes as amended, and warrants numbers 149727 through 149763 and including No. 149738 voided for printing error and warrant No. 149753 replacing No. 149711 which was lost/voided in the amount of \$169,303.46. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Fisher.  
Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Medina Police Department**

Chief Mark Thomas reported that there were no incidents during the past month. He informed the Council that Medina Police have been making more of an effort on traffic issues and there have been more traffic stops. Most result in warnings to raise awareness of the speed limits. He noted that there continues to be vehicle prowls and thefts in neighboring communities and said that it important to lock cars and turn on alarms.

### **Bellevue Fire Department – none received**

### **Town Planner**

Town Planner Mona Green reported on her meeting with representatives of the Wetherill Nature Preserve Board and ECC to show where landings or pullouts would be. The Wetherill representatives suggested additional locations which ECC agreed to. Also they indicated they will rework the main entrance which is now very steep to improve access for those with mobility impairments.

She also reported that there had been no additional information or response from the Department of Ecology on the Shoreline Master Program.

### **EASTSIDE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT APPROVAL**

Finance Coordinator Sue Ann Spens reported that the changes proposed in the agreement did not really affect Hunts Point. Further that our voting status stays the same. It was also noted that we have been a part of this for many years and having representation on this issue is valuable.

**MOTION:** Authorize the Mayor to execute the Eastside Transportation Partnership Agreement. Moved by Finnely, seconded by Temkin.  
Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **POINTS DRIVE CHANNELIZATION ILA**

The Council discussed the proposed Interlocal Agreement provided by George Martin, Mayor of Clyde Hill. The purpose is to have a joint agreement on traffic matters on 84<sup>th</sup> and surrounding streets. The Council discussed the various issues with the agreement and the prior study done by Transpo. It was determined that the Mayor and the Town Attorney, Bob Sterbank would discuss this matter with Clyde Hill.

### **SR 520 MITIGATION ISSUES**

#### **Trees along the Sound Wall**

There was discussion regarding the height of the trees along the sound wall at the end of Fairweather. The current WSDOT proposal is for 10 - 20 foot trees and some ivy. However due to the height of the wall and the slow growth of trees, the wall will not have much coverage for some time and is not attractive due to its massive size. The suggestion is that there be an increase in the number of larger trees along the center portion of the wall to provide more coverage. The concern is that the trees are being purchased now and the issue needs to be addressed immediately so the opportunity to have larger trees is not lost. This matter has been discussed with WSDOT previously. Town Planner, Mona Green, was asked to contact WSDOT to find out their plans for the trees and if they are willing to plant taller trees in that area.

### **Lighting Issues**

Concern was expressed that the new lights on SR 520 and the ramps will shine directly into resident's homes. Previously WSDOT had said that the lights will have screening. However the new lights that have been installed have only small screening on one side effectively screening only about a quarter of the light area. It should be screened on all sides. Town Planner, Mona Green, was asked to discuss this matter with WSDOT and find out their plans for screening the lights and ensuring that residences are not affected.

### **End of Bike Trail**

At a previous meeting the issue of what would be done to screen the last hundred feet of the bike trail was discussed. Town Planner, Mona Green, was asked to find out from WSDOT what their plans are for that area.

### **Parking on 80<sup>th</sup>**

There was a concern expressed regarding people parking on 80<sup>th</sup> and perhaps Fairweather and then using the bus and leaving their cars all day. Some of the options discussed were permit parking and limited-time street parking in those areas.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **Fire Department Budget Report**

The Council received the report from the Bellevue Fire Department indicating that the service fee for Hunts Point will decrease next year due to savings in their Capital fund.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Adjourn the Town Council Meeting. Moved by Temkin seconded by Fisher.

Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer