

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY September 9, 2013
7:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members Present:

Ken Fisher
Dan Temkin
Heather Smith
Pat Finnely
Ted Frantz

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:

Fred Tharp, WSDOT
Andrew Richardson, WSDOT
Joe Sabey, Planning Commissioner
Rod Olson, Planning Commissioner
Annie Ottesen, Planning Commissioner
Vilma McComsey, Planning Commissioner
Richard Herzberg, Resident
Catherine Fisher, Resident
Roger McCracken, Resident
Mary Norris, Resident
Michael Heijer, Resident
John Lewison, Resident
Gary Slotnik, Resident
Dan Niles, Resident
Kathy Enkema, Resident
Neil Enkema, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Roger McCracken expressed concern regarding spills into Fairweather Basin. He noted that there is a record of various incidents and he is concerned about pollution.

Resident Catherine Fisher noted that ECC has resurfaced the end of 80th recently as it was prior to construction and it was supposed to taper with plantings. She wanted to know if the current surface is temporary or if it will be done like the original plans. She also asked about the status of the bike wall at the end of 80th and if it would be extended. She also expressed concern regarding noise issues with the construction. She asked the Council to remind WSDOT regarding the noise variance and that there should not be yelling and cursing at the site and leaving cigarette butts.

Resident Richard Herzberg noted that he appreciated the efforts being made to mitigate the traffic issues with the new SR 520 westbound onramp. However 84th is significantly backed up due to the new median causing all traffic to be in one lane. He wanted to know what WSDOT is doing to mitigate that issue.

Resident Michael Heijer is concerned regarding the lights that are not shielded and shine into houses.

Resident John Lewison expressed concern regarding the screening of the bike path. He does not want those on the path to be able to see into the resident's properties which due to the height of the path they will be able to do without adequate screening.

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 August 5, 2013 minutes and warrants numbers 149764 through 149796 in the amount of \$40,012.75.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

Chief Mark Thomas noted that in the last month here was one theft from a dock in Hunts Point. There have been other similar incidents in Medina. He also stated that there had been some malicious mischief incidents involving knocking down street signs.

He announced that this would be his last meeting and expressed his appreciation to the Council, Staff and Residents for allowing him to serve during his tenure here. He

indicated that Lieutenant Dan Yourkoski will serve as interim Chief until a new chief is appointed.

Bellevue Fire Department – Written Report Received.

Town Planner

Town Planner Mona Green informed the Council that a letter has been sent to the Department of Ecology informing them that the Town will be responding to their Conditional Approval of the Shoreline Master Plan. It is expected that the Shoreline committee will meet in October and a response will be developed. She was asked to provide information to the committee prior to their next meeting regarding what other jurisdictions have had approved.

She also informed the Council that the Department of Commerce will award a \$10,000 grant to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. She will submit the grant application and the Planning Commission will begin work on the plan update in January.

WSDOT - QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mayor McConkey provided some background information on the SR 520 project and the current state of the project. He specifically discussed the problems related to the new onramp and the backups that resulted. He indicated that they have worked with WSDOT and ECC to come up with mitigation plans some of which have been implemented and some that will be done shortly.

Fred Tharpe of WSDOT provided information on the current state of the project. He indicated that the current emphasis is on completing fish culverts since September is the time they are allowed to work on them. He provided information on the status of the various lids in the area and that a major shift in westbound traffic will occur shortly to get work space for the project. He noted that the infrastructure for the large roundabout on the 84th lid is now visible and it should be operational by November. The scheduled completion for the project is May 2014.

He discussed the landscaping in the Hunts Point area. He stated that the pre work is being done now so they will be ready to plant in the fall. They have to wait until the plants are dormant before they can transplant. The landscaping is projected to be done by February. He noted that the plantings in the Fairweather Basin area have competing interests. The fast growing vegetation has to be planted when it is small so they did a mix of smaller fast growing and larger plantings. The original plan was as a result of the shoreline permit but has been upgraded based on later conversations. There will be larger trees and more dense brush but as some point there will be too much and vegetation will be choked out.

He discussed the screening of the regional path. It was designed to follow the shoreline permit. East of 84th the screening is to be vegetation. As to shielding the lights he is aware that some do not have shields and he will look into it.

He discussed the problems with the new SR 520 onramp. He agreed that initially it was a problem but it is better now. The contractor is working on a plan so that when the new roundabout on the lid is opened there will not be the same initial problems.

He discussed the issue of the sound walls. He said they are being installed as fast as they are received. However they are pre fabricated and pre cast and there is only one manufacturer in the Puget Sound area and they are behind. The ground has been prepared so they can be installed as soon as possible. He will attempt to get a firm date as to when the walls next to the westbound onramp will be installed.

He noted that WSDOT, because of the design build process, does not have entire control over the design.

The meeting then went into a question and answer period organized around the following topics:

Fairweather Basin Trees – There was concern that 10 foot trees would not adequately cover the large wall for many years. The Council felt that the current plan did not match the plan outlined in the shoreline permit. Mr. Tharp asked for details as to where it differed as they intend to follow the permit. There was discussion about the Town hiring a landscape architect to come up with a plan. The money for the plan could come from the money the Town receives from WSDOT to hire consultants. The Town has received a proposal from the Berger Partnership to do this work.

MOTION: That the proposal from the Berger Partnership for consultation on the SR 520 Screening Wall be approved in an amount not to exceed \$4,500. Moved by Temkin seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

It was also decided that Dan Temkin would work with the staff from the Berger Partnership on a plan.

The issue of the planting at the end of 80th Ave was discussed. Mr. Tharp indicated the current paving is in compliance with the permit. If it is not in compliance he will need written evidence to that effect. Town Planner Mona Green was asked to work with resident Catherine Fisher on this issue.

Regional Path Screening – There was a discussion of the screening along the bike trail. Some thought it was to be a wall for the entire length of the path. However past a certain point the screening will be vegetation only. Mr. Tharp indicated that if a commitment was made for the entire screening to be a wall we need to forward that written commitment to him. The Town Planner was asked to confirm exactly what is being built and what barriers are to be installed.

Lighting – There was a concern that not all the lights are shielded and those that are shielded have shields on one side only. That does not help people across the freeway from those lights. It was thought that there would be more of a box around the lights to shield from all sides. Mr. Tharp agreed that not all the lights had shielding but that the smaller shields are effective.

Sound Walls – The prior discussion regarding the backlog of wall construction was reiterated. There was discussion of exactly where the sound walls would be placed. The Town Planner was asked to determine exactly where the walls will be placed and report to the Council.

Half Diamond Traffic Issues – The Mayor discussed the various mitigation issues that have been or will be put in place. There was discussion about removing some part of the median on 84th to help with the backup of cars coming to Hunts Point having to wait for cars waiting to enter SR 520. The Mayor indicated that he has asked that before and the city of Clyde Hill is not interested in that.

Roundabout Mitigation – There was a discussion about installation of traffic signals in the roundabout on the lid. The conduit for the lights is being installed so that they can be added if needed. There was a request to see a plan of the conduits and where the signals would be placed. The Town Planner was asked to obtain the plans. Mr. Tharp noted that they would be placed only on entrances not on exits and there would be signals on both sides of the entrances to the roundabout. He also stated that they could not be intermittent based on traffic, they would be on or off. He believes that striping is a better answer and that is what is currently planned. The Mayor indicated that he has the striping plan and will send it out to interested parties. There was further discussion of the necessity of having the signals installed immediately or waiting until there is some experience with the roundabout.

MOTION: That the Mayor be authorized to contract with Transpo up to a maximum of \$5,000 to study the striping plan versus immediate installation of some type of signalization on the roundabout. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnely.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Landscape Maintenance on the Lid – There was a question about who will pay for the cost of maintaining the landscaping on the lid. Mr. Tharp indicated that he believed an agreement is being worked on and will try to ask them to send it to us soon.

Pollution in Fairweather Basin – There was discussion on the information provided by Resident Roger McCracken regarding discharges into Fairweather basic. The Town Planner was asked to report on any incidents as to what was done, what was the impact, what was dumped. The Town Attorney Bob Sterbank indicated that information was available from the Department of Ecology.

Meeting with ECC – The Mayor was asked to meet with ECC to discuss what is being built versus what the plans may have initially showed. Mr. Tharp indicated that we need to show proof of any commitment that is not being met by ECC and he can proceed. Also any non conformance issues are reported whether they are reported by ECC or by WSDOT. The Town Planner was asked to get copies of the non conformance reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer