

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY November 4, 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 Finnelly
Ted Frantz

Staff:

Jack McKenzie, Town Administrator
Sue Ann Spens, Finance Coordinator
Bob Sterbank, Town Attorney
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Lt. Dan Yourkoski, Interim Chief Medina Police
Mona Green, Town Planner

Public Attendees:

Joe Sabey, Planning Commissioner

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 September 7, 2013 minutes and warrants numbers 149829 through 149864 in the amount of \$170,793.90. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Temkin.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

Dan Yourkoski, Interim Chief of Police reported that there were two fraud related incidents and they have put out e-lets to warn people about the scams. Also there have been car prowls in Medina and all involved unlocked cars.

He discussed the issue of drivers using the Hunts Point traffic circle to get onto SR 520 and avoid the backup on 84th. A discussion ensued about a proposed ordinance making it illegal for a single occupancy vehicle to use the traffic circle in that manner. Lt. Yourkoski indicated that they would issue warnings for a period of time and then write tickets for infractions. It was noted that if an individual drove into Hunts Point and then used the traffic circle to enter SR 520 it would not be a violation. The ordinance will probably not stop all violators but should assist in curbing the problem. Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder will order the appropriate signs.

MOTION: Adopt ordinance number 497 making it illegal for any single occupancy vehicle originating south of State Route 520 to travel northbound on 84th Avenue NE through and around the traffic circle located at the intersection of 84th Avenue NE/ Hunts Point Road/ Hunts Point Circle and then make a right hand turn onto the westbound SR 520 onramp. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnely.
Passed 5 - 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

Bellevue Fire Department – No Written Report Received.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 496

Mayor McConkey opened the public hearing on Tax Levy Ordinance No. 496 at 7:30 pm. There being no public comment the hearing was closed at 7:32 pm.

Mayor McConkey explained the tax levy and that the Council must pass a levy or the town will not receive any taxes. An increase does not have to be included. The ordinance proposes the increase allowable by state law.

MOTION: Adopt ordinance number 496 adopting the tax levy for the Town of Hunts Point for 2014. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnely.
Passed 5 - 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

SR 520 Update

Mayor McConkey directed the Council's attention to the several items relating to SR-520 construction:

1. A recent letter from Fred Tharp, WSDOT, summarizing the outstanding issues addressed as follows.

- Bicycle Path Screening – WSDOT is still trying to ascertain the best way to screen at 80th and Hunts Point Lane due to the elevation of the path. Individual residents are working with WSDOT on the area adjacent to their property. We may need to have variances for taller fences in some areas.
- Light Shielding – WSDOT has installed all shields and will not shield other sides of the light due to the weight on the pole and further shielding would not provide enough light on the freeway.
- ECC Non-Compliance Reports - They will be provided.
- Noise Panels – All remaining noise panels in the Hunts Point area will be installed by the end of the year.
- Fairweather Basin Landscaping Plan – The plan provided by the Berger Partnership was reviewed. It includes some 20 foot trees. WSDOT and ECC have authorized their landscape architect, Juliet Vong, to meet with representatives of the Berger Partnership regarding the proposed plan.

MOTION: Approve the landscaping plan proposed by the Berger Partnership and authorize the Berger Partnership to meet with the appropriate WSDOT and ECC staff to discuss. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Finnely.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

2. A proposed letter to Julie Meredith with WSDOT regarding maintenance of the detention pond at the south end of Fairweather Basin. The letter is intended to remind WSDOT of their obligations to maintain the area.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed letter and send to WSDOT. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Temkin.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

3. A proposal for changes to Points Drive NE. The city of Clyde Hill is proposing to move sidewalks on the south side of Points Drive four feet south to allow for larger lanes and a turn lane. It was noted that this was a request of the residents of Hawthorne Court. Clyde Hill is asking that we not oppose this as they try to obtain funding for the project.

The Council discussed their concerns that the proposal would cause traffic problems on Points Drive. Further that very few Clyde Hill residents are involved in the change but many residents of Hunts Point, Yarrow Point and Medina would be negatively impacted by the change. It was noted that Transpo, the Town's consultant on traffic issues has recommended against this due to the resulting smaller traffic lanes. Further the existing

plans include a cross hatch area in front of Hawthorne Court to assist those residents in entering and exiting. The Mayor will speak with the Mayor of Clyde Hill informing him that we do not approve of the project and recommend that the issue be revisited when the roundabout is finished to see if there is a traffic problem on Points Drive.

4. Updated Information about the proposed roundabout. The Council received information regarding the proposed traffic modifications to be done during the final construction of the roundabout. The Mayor stated that he is meeting with WSDOT to ensure that there will be proper outreach and signage.

Council Retreat

The Mayor noted that the Planning Commission asked that the issue of installation of street lights be added to the agenda for the upcoming retreat. Council Member Frantz asked that the Comprehensive plan also be added to the agenda.

POSTS IN FAIRWEATHER BASIN AREA

Council Member Fisher noted that WSDOT was supposed to remove some docks in the Fairweather Basin area. They have partially removed them but there are some posts sticking out of the water which may be a hazard. Town Planner Mona Green was asked to obtain a status of the dock removal.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to executive session at 8:47 pm to discuss a settlement with New Cingular Wireless. The anticipated time of the session is 10 minutes. The Council reconvened at 8:52 pm.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the agreement with New Cingular Wireless. Moved by Temkin seconded by Fisher
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer