

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY May 5, 2014
7:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Sabey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Ken Fisher
Dan Temkin
Pat Finnely
Heather Smith

Council Members Absent:

Ted Frantz

Staff:

Sue Ann Spens, Clerk-Treasurer
Jay Long, Town Attorney
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Officer James Martin, Medina Police
Mona Green, Town Planner

Public Attendees:

Roger McCracken, Resident
Cathy Fisher, Resident
Marianne Jones, Resident
Jan Deaton, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Roger McCracken expressed concern about the SR 520 freeway lights shining into Fairweather Bay area. He noted that the resident's homes sit below the freeway grade so the lights are more visible. He believes that the screening of the lights is not adequate and there is no screening for lights on the South side of the freeway. There is a shield used in Hawaii that he believes would provide better shielding. In his opinion WSDOT is not following the guidelines set forth in the EIS and CUP and asks that the Council have the hearing examiner look at the issue again.

Resident Cathy Fisher discussed three issues. The first is the saw cuts and plantings on 80th Ave NE. The Town should follow up and ensure they are done to the design plan. The second issue is the height of the sound walls. The Town needs to monitor to ensure that they are the height as specified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The last issue is a concern about the individuals using the regional bicycle trail especially coming from the bus stop. There have been incidents with people in the area.

Resident Marianne Jones noted that she believes the height of the sound wall does not comply with the EIS. As to the bicycle path, it has been moved since the EIS was prepared. In its new location, path users generate additional noise that was not considered during the EIS process. During the recent open house with WSDOT she put in a comment card asking them to explain why this was not a violation of the EIS. Ms. Jones also stated that she has told WSDOT and ECC that they may not come onto her property to install the fence along the bicycle trail. ECC has said they will not put the fence on her property line or enter her property during installation. The proposed fence is not what the residents requested. She asked the Town to consider asking WSDOT if the Town and/or the residents could pay to have an upgraded wall installed. Lastly she asked the Council to support her request to change the Hunts Point Park addition plat to allow subdivision of property in the plat area.

Resident Jan Deaton expressed concerns about the regional bicycle trail and people accessing the Town from the trail. She also discussed the fact that the landscaping looks unfinished on 80th Ave NE. On the left side there are three tall trees and on the right side there are small trees. She also noted that WSDOT has suggested a sign on the trail indicating that it is for local access and/or no outlet. Resident McCracken noted that he discussed with WSDOT a sign that says closed at dusk to deter issues at night.

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 March 27 2014 and April 7, 2014 minutes and warrants numbers 150040 through 150064 in the amount of \$100,117.80. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Fisher.
Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

Officer James Martin reported that there had been two felony fraud cases involving fraudulent tax returns. The Seattle Archdiocese had personal information stolen and used for this purpose. Officer Martin asked if anyone knows of someone who had a problem to notify Medina Police.

He discussed the issue of suspicious activity in the Fairweather area due to the bicycle trail. The police have not seen increased criminal activity but he encouraged residents to call 911 if they see anything suspicious.

In response to a question he noted that there has been increased enforcement of the speed limits. He also asked that if residents see a problem in a particular area to notify the police and they can increase enforcement in that area.

He informed the Council that the final candidate for Police Chief is going through background checks at the moment. Also they have finished the oral boards to employ a new officer and anticipate the individual will be on board and active by next year.

Bellevue Fire Department – Report Noted

Clerk Report

Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens reported that she has submitted the required annual report to the State Auditors Office. She added that the State auditors will be doing their three year audit this July. She also reported that the area around the tripping hazard near the traffic circle has been painted bright orange to warn people of the hazard until it can be fixed. She is now getting estimates for the repair and is applying for a loss prevention grant to cover some of the costs.

The area at the northeast corner of Hunts Point Circle has become overgrown. The plantings are growing into the walking area and people are walking on the road. She will get an estimate for taking out the plantings and bring that to the Council for approval.

REVISION TO HUNTS POINT MUNICIPAL CODE 18.20.020 – FENCE HEIGHTS – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sabey opened the public hearing at 7:35 pm. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed at 7:36 pm. The change is to deal with the issue of privacy for residents near the regional bicycle path allowing them to have a fence height up to a maximum of eight feet without going through the variance process. Other properties still have the existing maximum fence height of six feet.

MOTION: Pass Ordinance No. 499 amending Hunts Point Municipal Code 18.30.020 regarding Fence Heights. Moved by Fisher seconded by Temkin.
Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

REVISION TO HUNTS POINT MUNICIPAL CODE 6.05 – PET LICENSES

The Hunts Point Municipal Code currently refers to King County as issuing pet licenses for residents of Hunts Point. However the Town does not have a contract with King County for this purpose. In previous discussion, the Council decided to have Medina issue the licenses under the existing Police contract, a service that Medina is

happy to provide once HPMC 6.05 is revised. There was a question from a resident regarding whether or not pets licensed in Medina would be in the King County database. Staff will research and report the answer to the Council.

MOTION: Pass Ordinance No. 500 amending Hunts Point Municipal Code 6.05 regarding Pet Licenses. Moved by Smith seconded by Finnely.

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

PROCLAMATION – CLEAN UP DAY

Hunts Point Clean Up Day and Arbor Day will be May 18, 2014. This year the focus will be on clearing brush in the Park and in Wetherill Nature Preserve.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation declaring May 18, 2014 as Arbor Day/Clean Up Day in Hunts Point. Moved by Finnely seconded by Fisher.

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Add Executive Session to discuss legal issues to the agenda. Moved by Smith seconded by Temkin.

Passed 4 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

The Council recessed to executive session at 8:10 pm to discuss legal issues. The anticipated time of the session is 20 minutes. The Council reconvened at 8:42 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8: 43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer