

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY May 2, 2016
6:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Sabey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Ted Frantz
Pat Finnely
Elaine Coles (by phone)
Dan Temkin
Ken Fisher

Staff:

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Sue Ann Spens, Clerk Treasurer
Steve Wilcox, Building Official
Jay Long, Town Attorney
Chief Steve Burns, Medina Police

Public Attendees:

Adam Kleven, representative from Aquatechnex
Patty Kuderer, State Representative
Sally and David Wright, 3135 Hunts Point Circle
Cheryl Cooney, 8550 Hunts Point Lane
Jan Deaton, 3010 80th Ave NE
Virginia Park, 2019 Hunts Point Road
Molly and Fred McConkey, 3115 Fairweather Place
Glyn Nordstrom, 4205 Hunts Point Road
Mike Koss, 3614 Hunts Point Road
Dr. Ernie Norehad, 3655 Hunts Point Road
Lori Brennan, 3415 Hunts Point Road
Peter W Powell, 3151 Fairweather Place
Annie Ottesen, 3007 Hunts Point Circle
Rod Olson, 4455 Hunts Point Road North
Laurie Finnely, 8326 Hunts Point Circle
Brett & Liz Blasingame, 3022 Hunts Point Road
Bruce Swenson, 3039 Hunts Point Circle
Vilma McComsey, 3414 Hunts Point Road

PUBLIC COMMENT

Planning Commissioner Bruce Swenson reminded the Council that the next regional disaster exercise will be June 7th, beginning at 8am. Mayor Sabey and Mayor Pro Tem Ted Frantz will be in attendance.

Mr. Swenson proposed that Council consider changing the square footage allowance for R20A homes. He argued that the square footage for R20A homes is inadequate and proposed that the zoning code to be changed to exclude 450 sq ft of garage floor area, with a total gross square footage not to exceed 5,650. Council thanked Mr. Swenson and will take his points under consideration.

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: Move to approve the Consent Calendar, including minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting and the May 2, 2016 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150810 through 150838 in the amount of \$52,180.16. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department:

There was little criminal activity cited during the month of March. One car prowler was reported, the car was unlocked. Medina Police have been working to increase their patrol presence. In doing so, traffic citations have increased by 20%. There is an anticipated vacancy but the department will make the transition as smooth as possible. The camera monitoring system at the Town entrance is getting old and will need to be replaced. The Chief emphasized that while cameras are a great tool for police, they are not a catch-all. Pedestrians and others caught on camera still need to be properly identified and then located.

Staff

Town Attorney Jay Long reported that he has received the revision from Century Link regarding the conduit-use agreement and has forwarded the document to Town Engineer Stacia Schroder for her review.

Town Clerk Sue Ann Spens reminded the Council that the Town is able to apply for AWC Loss-Prevention Grants. Ms. Spens also reminded the Council that she needs one Councilmember to review and sign off on the Treasurer Reports. Councilmember Ted Frantz volunteered for the position.

Every three years, Washington State updates the state building code. On July 1st, Hunts Point will be required to adopt the new state building code. Most of the changes effect commercial construction and will have little effect to the Town's current code. Town Building Steve Wilcox has identified four changes that he believes will have the most impact on the Town. Wood design values have changed which has caused building to become more expensive. The Washington State Energy Code has almost doubled the amount of energy code credits needed meaning that new construction must be increasingly more energy efficient. Basic wind speed has increased which is a design change and will mostly affect waterfront homes. Lastly, the Town will need to adopt the new Swimming Pool and Spa Code. Mr. Wilcox informed the Council that Bellevue Fire has requested that Hunts Point make a change to allow emergency gate access. Mr. Wilcox has identified sections of the zoning code that include regulations that need to be moved to the building code. He plans to present a revised draft of the zoning code to the Planning Commission for review at the May meeting during a public hearing.

Bellevue Fire Department:
Report noted.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE PATTY KUDERER

Patty Kuderer, State Representative of the 48th District, joined the Council to discuss her work in the 2016 session:

- The state Supreme Court recently issued a ruling declaring the state's charter school law unconstitutional. Ms. Kuderer did not support SB 6194, the Senate bill to save charter schools, because she believed the bill will not survive additional constitutional challenges.
- I-405 was another major issue on the legislative radar this year. Ms. Kuderer co-sponsored legislation to enact changes to the express toll lanes. Although the legislation didn't pass, WSDOT will open up the toll lanes on nights, weekends, and major holidays, and will be adding more entry/exit points along the corridor so drivers can more safely and easily merge into the hot lanes – two components of the proposed legislation.
- Ms. Kuderer is aware of the noise problem of the new 520 bridge and has pledged her support to help find a solution. She also worked on a bill for public records release. Although eventually defeated, a main component of the bill would have changed the public records law to state that a request for all information would not be classified as a reasonable request.

The Council thanked State Representative Kuderer for her time.

TREE CODE UPDATES – Public Hearing

At the March Council meeting, the Council approved the recommendations made by the Planning Commission for the following changes to the Town Tree Code:

- Approve the four recommendations made by the Park Commission.

- Approve the proposed change to 8.25.050 amended as follows: *A permit shall not be required for the removal of trees on public property that are identified in an approved plan or program recommended by the Planning Commission after a public hearing and approved by the Town Council after a public hearing.*

Also in March, the Council directed Town Attorney Jay Long to draft ordinance language to accomplish the revision.

Proposed Ordinance No. 520, before the Council tonight, presents the Mr. Long's proposed ordinance language to accomplish these changes.

MAYOR SABEY OPENS PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:42PM

No public comment

MAYOR SABEY CLOSSES PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:43PM

Motion: Pass Ordinance No. 520 amending the Hunts Point Tree Code. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Temkin.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

2016 MILFOIL PROGRAM WITH ADAM KLEVEN, AQUATECHNEX

Adam Kleven with Aquatechnex provided an update to the Council regarding proposed shoreline water-treatment program for this year. Milfoil is still the main target of this treatment, and Aquatechnex will be employing the same strategy and chemicals used last year. Aquatechnex will perform another survey at the beginning of July to assess the effectiveness of the first spraying and determine what changes, if any, should be made for the second round of treatment tentatively scheduled for later in July.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Beautification Committee has hosted several public meetings to gather input on how to improve the appearance and functionality of the public spaces at the entrance to Hunts Point, the Town Hall grounds, and the area around the stop-sign intersection of Hunts Point Road and Hunts Point Circle. They have been assisted by SiteWorkshop in developing plans to translate these ideas into concept drawings depicting how the improved spaces would look and feel. Councilmember Temkin has been leading this effort and provided Council with a brief presentation of scope of the project. The project has been broken into three different phases. At the public meetings, it quickly became apparent that residents wanted to replace the screening that was removed during recent construction of SR 520. Phase I will focus on tree screening as well as expanding the current Town entry roundabout. A new entry marker will be placed outside of the roundabout with the intent to emphasize the entry into a residential town. Councilmember Temkin has asked the Town Engineer to conduct a utility survey to

evaluate what boxes and various utilities will be able to be undergrounded. Phase I will include underground these utilities. The design plan will also unify signs including street signs and miscellaneous directionals. The current design plans will not move the roundabout cameras from their current location. Phase II would focus efforts around Town Hall with the overall emphasis being sustainability. Design possibilities include a meadow, large shade trees, sculpture garden and climbing rocks. The asphalt pathway would be removed. Much of the grassed area in front of Town hall would remain. The large propane tank would be moved from the side of the building and buried underground. Phase III, the smallest phase of the overall project, is still in the design phase and subject to change. The Beautification Committee proposed a targeted start date of March 2017 and is asking Town Council to approve up to \$350,000 for Phase I of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN

Resident Dr. Ernie Norehad spoke in opposition to the proposed project. Dr. Norehad worries that overall security may be impacted as viewpoints become obscured by proposed plantings. Trees and shrubs require regular maintenance, the proposed meadows and wildflowers will look shabby. It would not be wise of the Town to spend the majority of its capital funds for this project. WSDOT has already landscaped the area; the Town should wait and see how the existing landscaping will mature.

Resident Fred McConkey spoke in favor of the project. The area as it is now is not what he envisioned when WSDOT initially proposed the first landscaping. The Town reserves have doubled in recent years and he urged Council to pass the project.

Resident Vilma McComsey spoke in favor of the project. Ms. McComsey views it as a restoration project, to restore the area to what is once was.

Resident Jan Deaton, a member of the Beautification Committee, spoke in favor of the project. Ms. Deaton would like to see the project done all at once. She has worked closely with WSDOT for the maintenance along Fairweather. She urges the committee to also consider replacing trees along Fairweather as part of the project.

Resident Glenn Nordstrom spoke in support of the project. Ms. Nordstrom was saddened to see the creation of the cement wall along 520 and worries that what plants that are currently there will not be enough to properly screen the wall. She is concerned that as time goes on, residents will become more and more complacent with the minimal landscaping and forget what was once there.

Resident Peter Powell, also speaking on behalf of John Torode, spoke in support of the project. Mr. Torode would prefer the project to be done all at once, not in phases. Mr. Powell would rather see a two-year plan with \$225,000 towards the project each year. The lower amount

would allow reserves to replenish. Both would like to encourage Council to pass a motion to continue with the project.

Resident Mike Koss spoke in favor of the project. Mr. Koss and his wife enjoy walking around the Town. However he feels once leaving Hunts Pt Rd, the overall landscaping looks like a vacant lot. Overall it currently doesn't feel like a pleasant place to walk. Mr. Koss would like to see something more pedestrian friendly.

Resident Cheryl Cooney, a member of the Beautification Committee, spoke in favor of the project. Ms. Cooney doesn't that safety will be compromised by the planting of large trees.

Resident Annie Ottesen, a member of the Beautification Committee, spoke in favor of the project. Ms. Ottesen urged the Council to listen to what the community is saying, put back the area to what it formally was.

Resident Lori Brennan, a member of the Beautification Committee, spoke in favor of the project. Ms. Brennan remembers her first time driving into the Town and how struck she by the beauty. Now Town is exposed as well as its band aids.

Resident David Wright spoke in favor of the project. Mr. Wright remarked that the Town has funds reserved for a rainy-day. Hunts Point is damaged, and now is the time to fix it.

Resident Brett Blasingame spoke in favor of the project and would like to see screening be a priority of the project.

Resident Rod Olson spoke in favor of the project. Mr. Olson would like to see phases 1 & 2 done as soon as possible but is not sure if phase 3 is needed.

** The Town has received emails from other residents regarding this issue; although not read during the meeting they have been noted and will be archived accordingly. Korynne Wright, Ted Schroth, Michael and Vilma McComsey, Mike Koss, Cheryl Cooney, Doug and Ty Scheumann, Annie Ottesen, David Wright, Michael Heijer, Janet Deaton, Fred McConkey and Kevin Cooney all wrote in support of the proposed project. **

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Councilmembers discussed project funding as well as the possibility the project may conflict with negotiations with WSDOT for the maintenance of the SR 520 lid and roundabout.

Motion:

- 1) The Town Council hereby approves spending of up to \$350,000 (including the previously budgeted \$100,000 for the traffic circle) for design and implementation of Phase 1 of the Beautification Project;

- 2) The Hunts Point Beautification Committee shall solicit bids for the Phase I design work and the Town Council shall select the design team no later than at its July 11, 2016 meeting;
- 3) The work on Phase I shall be scheduled to commence no later than March 15, 2017;
- 4) The Town Council shall determine how to fund the project and shall include the work in its 2017 Six-year Capital Improvement Plan;
- 5) The Town Council shall designate the Mayor or some other representative to obtain the approval from WSDOT to make revisions to the existing landscaping and hardscaping within the Beautification Zone. The Town should not enter into any maintenance agreement with WSDOT that does not include such approval;
- 6) In the event the Town determines that it will not be able to obtain the necessary approvals from WSDOT in time to commence construction of all or a portion of Phase I by March 15, 2017, it shall have the right to accelerate all or a portion of the Phase II work, so long as the total cost does not exceed \$350,000;
- 7) The Hunts Point Beautification Committee shall continue holding public meetings during the design phase allowing the community to provide its input;
- 8) The Town Council will continue working with the Hunts Point Beautification Committee to schedule the design and implementation of additional phases of the Beautification Project.

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Temkin.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

CLEAN UP DAY/ ARBOR DAY – Proclamation

Cleanup Day is a long standing tradition in Hunts Point. The Town has been a Tree City for many years and uses this day to plant and/or maintain its many beautiful trees. Declaring Clean Up Day as Arbor Day for Hunts Point is part of the process to maintain the Town's Tree City certification.

Motion: Authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation declaring May 15, 2016 as Arbor Day/Clean Up Day in Hunts Point. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT NEGOTIATIONS WITH WSDOT

WSDOT has indicated that it hopes to transfer most of the responsibility for maintaining the recently completed lids over SR 520 to the surrounding towns and cities, at significant cost to those entities. In response, the Cities of Medina and Clyde Hill along with the Towns of Hunts Point and Yarrow Point have decided to band together to negotiate a more equitable agreement with WSDOT and have chosen Kantor Taylor to represent them in this negotiation.

At the April meeting, Council reviewed and approved the Engagement Letter from Kantor Taylor spelling out the scope of these services. The agreement present to Council would bind the Town to working together with the Town of Yarrow Point and the Cities of Medina and

Clyde Hill. Council agreed that the Town should not be burdened with the entire expense of maintenance proposed by WSDOT and that currently it is in the Town's best interest to work with the surrounding municipalities on this issue.

The group of cities/towns has prepared an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Negotiation with WSDOT to spell out each entities responsibilities with respect to these negotiations, which is now before the Council for discussion and approval.

Motion: Authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Negotiation with WSDOT for the Maintenance of SR520 Facilities (between the Cities of Clyde Hill and Medina and the Towns of Hunts Point and Yarrow Point). Moved by Finnely, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR REPORT

Since the opening of the westbound lanes of the new SR-520 Bridge, City of Medina has been receiving complaints from residents in the vicinity regarding the "thumping" noise of cars going over the expansion joints. The noise is quite noticeable and different from the usual hum of cars going over the bridge. WSDOT was notified and has contacted their noise experts to investigate. A comparable problem was addressed on the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge by installing sound dampening walls on the sides of the expansion joints. The city of Medina is collecting complaints and sending them to WSDOT to ensure the problem is given the proper attention. An email blast was also sent out to Hunts Point residents. The Mayor also reminded Council members that Town Clean Up Day is scheduled for Sunday May 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Temkin.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer