

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY February 1, 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
Ken Fisher

Council Members Absent:

Elaine Coles
Dan Temkin

Staff:

Sue Ann Spens, Clerk Treasurer
Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Mona Green, Town Planner
Jay Long, Town Attorney
Chief Steve Burns, Medina Police

Guests:

Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember
Denise Cieri, SR 520 Deputy Program Administrator

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 minutes of February 1, 2016 Council meeting and the February 1, 2016 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150712 through 150743 in the amount of \$39,850.91. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Fisher. Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department:

Medina Police recently held a public forum that was well attended by community residents. Much of meeting was focused on home burglaries and ways to prevent break-ins. A survey was sent out to residents via E-alerts. The department is still receiving responses but so far feedback has been positive.

Medina Police are working with Clyde Hill Police to help alleviate ongoing 520 traffic circle related issues.

Bellevue Fire Department:
Report noted.

Staff Report:

Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens reported that the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau recently completed a review of the Town's building codes and practices as part of their review of the Bellevue Fire Department and its contract partners. Hunts Point has moved from a Class 99 to Class 4. This better classification will mean lower insurance rates for residents. AWC and their consultant, FLO, are continuing to work out options for helping small cities develop GIS solutions. Ms. Spens will provide more updates on this matter as they become available.

Ms. Spens reported that the Beautification Committee held its first meeting on January 12th. The overall response was positive. New drawings using the feedback received at the January meeting will be presented at the next meeting on February 18th.

Town Attorney Jay Long reported that the Century Link conduit-use agreement is finished but he is waiting on additional billing information.

PRESENTATION BY KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER CLAUDIA BALDUCCI

Newly elected King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, joined the Council to discuss various regional issues. As a chair on the Regional Transit Committee, Ms. Balducci also discussed various ongoing concerns with the current King County Metro System. The lack of parking in Seattle makes maintaining the system a priority for Eastside commuters. She added that the Committee's work will be focused on ensuring that park-and-ride facilities on the Eastside are adequate to meet the ever growing demand.

WSDOT NOISE VARIANCE

WSDOT has submitted a noise variance request for a total of two consecutive nights for the modification of the 84th Ave NE roundabout. The proposal also includes the screening of the green utility cabinet on the 84th Ave NE lid. Plans for the screening are not finalized but will include wood slats flanked by vegetation.

Motion: Approve WSDOT noise variance request for a total of two consecutive nights for the modification of the 84th Ave NE roundabout which will include the screening of

utility cabinet sitting on the 84th Ave NE lid under second review of the landscape design plans by the Council. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Frantz.
Passed 3 - 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

REVIEW OF TREE CODE – PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Park Commission, in conjunction with the Town Arborist, has reviewed the Town's Tree Code. They are recommending four bulleted revisions to the Code and to the administrative procedures involving the Tree Code. In addition, the Beautification Commission had asked the Planning Commission to consider amending 8.24.050 to support their work on a unified landscaping plan for public property. At the January meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and made a motion to recommend the Town Council approve both proposed amendments. Council members discussed the proposed changes.

Motion: Approve the four recommendations made by the Park Commission as follows:

- Risk tree and hazardous tree definition – to be changed to meet the new international standards that have been adopted
- Add Board Certified Master Arborist certification to qualifications to assess trees and delete Forester as an allowable qualification
- Add Heritage Horse Chestnut tree to trees that require mitigation
- Specify that the tree canopy to be reviewed every 5 years to maintain 60% coverage – no time frame is currently specified

and direct Town Attorney Jay Long to draft changes to the Hunts Point Municipal Code. Moved by Finnely, seconded by Frantz.
Passed 3 - 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

REVIEW OF PARKING RULES – PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission has created a draft of proposed revisions to the Town parking rules in the Municipal Code. The proposal consolidates and simplifies the existing parking code by merging and clarifying the rules for residential and commercial parking into one section. At the January Planning Commission meeting, Commissioners made a motion to recommend that the Town Council approves the proposed edits. Council members reviewed and discussed the proposed changes.

Motion: Approve the recommendations to the Town parking rules made by the Planning Commission and direct Town Attorney Jay Long to draft changes to the Hunts Point Municipal Code. Moved by Finnely, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 3 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Sabey reported that he has completed his review of the proposals for upgrading the Town Hall HVAC system and has decided to enter into contract with Cardinal Heating & A/C. Discussion concerning the 84th Ave NE lid maintenance agreement with

the State is ongoing. In the upcoming week, the Mayor will be meeting with the other towns involved in the agreement and will provide another update at next month's Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Moved by Finnely, seconded by Fisher.
Passed 3 - 0

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer