

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY March 7, 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
Elaine Coles
Dan Temkin

Staff:

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

Public Attendees:

Jennifer Fischer, Executive Director for Bellevue LifeSpring
Penny O'Byrne, Resident
Hester Winn, Imagine Housing
Arthur Sullivan, Program Manager for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Fischer with Bellevue LifeSpring invited Councilmembers to attend and represent the Hunts Point community at LifeSpring's annual luncheon, March 24th.

Hester Winn with Imagine Housing thanked the Town for their continued support and contributions to the ARCH Trust Fund. Ms. Winn went on to describe the project which the proposed 2016 Town of Hunts Point ARCH contribution will help fund.

Councilmember Temkin asked that the Council continue discussion on the Beautification Committee's request for an amendment to the Town Tree Code as well as a new discussion on undergrounding existing utility boxes on Town property. The Agenda has been amended to include these two items.

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 March 7, 2016 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150744 through 150775 in the amount of \$45,902.10. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Coles.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department:

On February 5th, Medina Police responded to a license reader hit for a stolen vehicle. Police were able to intercept the vehicle as it tried to exit Hunts Point and arrest the suspect.

Saturday April 2nd is the SR520 Opening Ceremony. The bridge will be closed to all vehicle traffic, and citizens will have the opportunity to walk the entirety of the new bridge. Only residents of the Points Cities will have access to the bridge from the east side. All other persons will need to access the bridge from the Seattle side. Medina Police will be stationed on the east side of the bridge to help facilitate the closure. A morning bike ride event will also be held Sunday April 3rd.

A replacement for the E-lert system is still under construction. Eventually E-lert will be phased out and replaced with the Medina Information Bulletin. Once an individual is signed up, they can opt to receive alerts via email or by text. The new alert system is slated to roll out by the end of March.

Bellevue Fire Department:

Report not received in time for Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-247 ARCH 2016 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET / WORK PROGRAM AND RESOLUTION NO. 16-248 ARCH TRUST FUND RECOMMENDATION

This is the annual adoption of the resolutions needed to continue to participate in the A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) program. Arthur Sullivan, Program Manager for ARCH gave a short annual progress report and briefly described the scope of future projects.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 16-247 approving the 2016 Administrative Budget and Work Program. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Temkin.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 16-248 authorizing the duly-appointed Administering agency for ARCH (which is the City of Bellevue) all documents necessary to enter into Agreements for the funding of affordable housing projects, as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board, utilizing funds from the Town's Housing Trust Fund. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Cole.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

SR-520 UTILITY CABINET SCREENING

Council members reviewed and discussed the finalized landscaping proposal by WSDOT, which was modified from earlier versions based on Council input.

Motion: Approve WSDOT's landscape design proposal for the screening of the utility cabinet sitting on the 84th Ave NE lid and ask that WSDOT begin the work as soon as they are able. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 519 AMENDING THE PARKING CODE:

At the February meeting, the Council reviewed a draft of proposed revisions to the Town parking code made by the Planning Commission. That proposal consolidated and simplified the existing parking code by clarifying the rules for residential and commercial parking and placing them into separate sections of the code. Based on this review, Council members approved these recommendations and directed Town Attorney Jay Long to draft the changes to the Hunts Point Municipal Code.

Council members reviewed and discussed proposed Ordinance No. 519, which amends the code to reflect the approved recommendations, and made some minor revisions.

Motion: Pass Ordinance 519 as revised which amends Chapter 10 of the Hunts Point Municipal Code. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Coles.

Passed 4 – 0 – 1.

MOTION CARRIED

REVIEW OF TREE CODE – BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR TREE CODE REVISIONS:

Councilmember Dan Temkin described the Beautification Committee's request for a change to Chapter 8.25.050 of Town Tree Code which would support the committee's goals for improving the overall look of the Town's public spaces, particularly the entrance.

The Beautification Committee is in the midst of developing a comprehensive landscaping plan for a portion of the Town's public property. The Committee reasons that some leeway to the Tree Code requirements should be allowable if changes are part of the Town-approved comprehensive landscaping plan. Approval of this comprehensive landscaping plan will be a two step process:

1. The Planning Commission would review the plan as part of a public hearing and make recommendations to the Council based on that hearing.
2. Then the Council would also review the plan as part of a public hearing prior to taking action for final approval.

This process will provide plenty of opportunity for public comment on the proposed landscaping plans. While this proposed amendment to the current Tree Code has the potential to include tree removals beyond what a private property owner is allowed to do, mitigation would remain a key element of any proposed landscaping plan.

At the January Planning Commission meeting, Commissioners approved a motion to recommend that the Town Council approve the Beautification Committee's request for a change to Chapter 8.25.050 of Town Tree Code. The changes to the Tree Code approved by Council members at the February Town Council did not include any changes to Chapter 8.25.050.

Council members review and discussed the proposed amendment including whether similar changes should be incorporated for private property owners.

Motion: Approve the change to 8.25.050 of the Town Tree Code made by the Beautification Committee and recommended by the Planning Commission 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.”

and direct Town Attorney Jay Long prepare ordinance language incorporating all of these proposed Tree Code revisions. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Finnely.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

REVIEW OF UTILITY BOXES ON TOWN PROPERTY

Councilmember Dan Temkin would like the Town to look into options to fully underground utility boxes, pedestals and other utility-related equipment currently in the Town right-of-way.

Motion: Authorize Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder to investigate options to underground existing utility-related equipment located on Town property and to report her findings to the Council at the April Council meeting. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Finnely.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR REPORT

Discussion concerning the 84th Ave NE lid maintenance agreement with the State continues. An attorney has been hired to assist Hunts Point and the other towns involved in drafting an agreement. Clyde Hill has installed two traffic counters at the entrance and exit of the Town. They, along with the City of Medina are conducting a traffic study to learn more about who uses the roundabouts. Town Cleanup Day is scheduled for the 3rd Sunday in May (May 15th).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Moved by Finnely, seconded by Fisher.
Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer