

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY August 1, 2016
6:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members Present:

Elaine Coles
Ken Fisher
Ted Frantz
Pat Finnely
Dan Temkin

Staff:

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Sue Ann Spens, Clerk Treasurer
Stacia Schroder, Town Engineer
David Linehan, Town Attorney
Chief Steve Burns, Medina Police

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: Move to approve the Consent Calendar, including minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting and the August 1, 2016 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150908 through 150933 in the amount of \$78,010.84. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Coles.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department:

There was one reported car prowler in the month of July. The car was unlocked allowing the thief easy access. The eastside as a whole has seen an increase in reported vehicle prowls and home burglaries. Most of the reported crimes were that of opportunity in where a thief gained access through an unlocked door.

Staff

Clerk Treasurer, Sue Ann Spens reported that Bellevue Fire Department will soon be proposing a 20-year capital-improvement plan valued at approximately \$143 million. The proposed improvements will include building a new downtown fire station as well as seismic retrofits/ structural upgrades that were postponed during the last recession. Bellevue intends to place a special levy request on an upcoming ballot asking Bellevue residents to approve a tax increase of \$0.125 per thousand in assessed valuation (AV). Bellevue cannot impose the same tax on Hunts Point properties or on the other cities with which it has contracts, but they will be asking the cities to share a portion of the added capital costs, which will be shared using the current contract formula based on each municipality's AV, annual calls for service, and population. At this point, it looks as though Hunts Point will be asked to contribute up to \$120,000 annually, though that number is based solely on Bellevue's estimates of the money Hunts Point would realize from imposing its own special levy of \$0.125 per thousand in AV. There will be another meeting late August but in the meantime, Mrs. Spens and Town Attorney David Linehan will review the Town's current contract with Bellevue Fire and discuss potential options.

Town Engineer, Stacia Schroder provided Council with a status update to projects of the 2016 Hunts Point Capital Improvement Project. Approximately 20 traffic and road signs around Hunts Point have been replaced. The pagodas that are part of the maintenance plan are still on schedule to be replaced. Mrs. Schroder is still trying to find a company who will be able to refinish the curb on the east side of the town entrance off the roundabout. Council suggested that Mrs. Schroder find a company who would at least be able to grind down the curb as it presents a potential driving hazard in its current state. Mrs. Schroder is working to complete the utility survey and once finished, will present her findings as well as overall recommendation to the Council.

Bellevue Fire Department:
Report received and noted.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - UPDATE

The contract between the Town and Site Workshop for the design of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Hunts Point Beautification Project has been signed and authorized. Site Workshop design plans will include improvements on both Town property as well as potential work on WSDOT right-of-way; however, no work including communication in regards to potential design will be done on WSDOT right-of-way until the Town finalizes negotiations with WSDOT regarding maintenance of that right-of-way.

FIREWORKS IN HUNTS POINT

At the July Council meeting, a resident voiced their concern regarding private firework shows in Hunts Point. Their foremost concern was that private firework shows, particularly those that take place during the Point's 4th public fireworks show are becoming larger and potentially more dangerous each year. Council discussed private fireworks shows and noted that large scale displays also take place throughout the rest of the year outside of the 4th of July holiday. Council was made aware that the Town asks residents who put on large private shows to contact and register their event with Bellevue Fire. Council would like to continue discussion again towards next year.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT – FOR AUTHORIZATION

Council reviewed the proposed contract.

Motion: Authorize the Mayor to execute a Consent to Assignment of Contracts between the O'Brien Law Firm, the law firm of Stewart, MacNichols Harmell, and the Town of Hunt Point. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR REPORT

Conversations with WSDOT regarding the new SR-520 Bridge joint noise are on-going. The Medina led committee recently met with WSDOT officials to further discuss viable options. WSDOT currently doesn't have anywhere in their budget to finance any of the desired fixes therefore any proposed changes will need to go before and be approved by the state legislature.

Discussion and negotiations concerning the 84th Ave NE lid maintenance agreement with the State is still ongoing.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to executive session at 7:04 pm to discuss utility tax claim per RCW 42.30.100 (1)(i). The Council reconvened at 7:14 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Moved by Finnely, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer