

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY September 12, 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  
Mona Green, Town Planner  
David Linehan, Town Attorney  
Chief Steve Burns, Medina Police  
Captain Dave Scherf, Medina Police  
Officer Scott Eng, Medina Police

*Public Attendees:*

Jeff Wright, resident at 4056 Hunts Point Road  
Joyce Schweickert, resident at 3638 Hunts Point Road  
Laurie Finnely, resident at 8326 Hunts Point Circle

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hunts Point resident Jeff Wright publically thanked the Medina Police for their diligence and service to the citizens of Hunts Point. Mr. Wright also inquired as to when the agreement with Centurylink will be finalized. Town Attorney, David Linehan reported that negotiations are wrapping up and plans to have something to present for a Council vote at the October Council meeting.

Joyce Schweickert (Hunts Point resident) inquired if she is allowed to put up a small political endorsement sign at the entrance to her property. Town staff informed her that the Town's Sign Code allows political signs on private property provided they meet requirements for size and duration.

**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 August 1, 2016 meeting and the September 6, 2016 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150934 through 150959 in the amount of \$138,686.26. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Coles.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### Medina Police Department:

Chief Burns introduced Captain Dave Scherf and Officer Scott Eng to the Council. Captain Scherf joined the Medina Police Department in March 2015 with 25 years prior experience in law enforcement assignments including detective, narcotics, homeland security, and emergency management. He began his new role as Captain at the beginning of this month.

Officer Eng joined the Medina Police Department at the beginning of September after 13 years with the Washington State Patrol as a Trooper. Both have a wealth of experience and will be assets to the department and the community in their new roles.

Chief Burns reported that there was one attempted home burglary. The thieves gained entry through an unlocked garage side door which triggered the home alarm. The homeowners confronted the individuals who were then able to escape. Police are following up on potential leads. As a reminder, if a homeowner believes that someone is in their home they should first call 911 so police will be alerted and respond as quickly as possible. Police also responded to a reported car prowler. The vehicle was unlocked and \$8,100.00 was taken from the car.

### Staff

Clerk Treasurer, Sue Ann Spens reported the following:

- The sharp curb next to the ADA-ramp at the Town entrance has been ground down to a rounded shape. The new curved shape should eliminate any potential tire damage from hitting the curb. Mrs. Spens also applied for a loss-prevention grant through the AWC to cover the cost of this work.
- At Mayor Sabey's request, Mitch Wassermen (Clyde Hill City Administrator) and Mrs. Spens accompanied Glenn Amster of Kantor Taylor Nelson Evatt & Decina PC, to a meeting with WSDOT to discuss possible scenarios for the SR520 maintenance agreements.
- The 2017 budget cycle will begin next month with the review of this year's budget performance and a preliminary budget for 2017. If Council members have any budget items suggestions, Mrs. Spens asks that they be submitted no later than October.

Town Planner, Mona Green asked the Council to allow the Planning Commission to further study accessory dwelling units and adult family homes, both of which are not clearly defined

within the current Town Municipal Code. Council members agreed that both items should be directed to the Planning Commission for further study.

Bellevue Fire Department:  
Report received and noted.

### **TOWN SECURITY ISSUES**

In response to the recent upturn in police activity, Chief Burns led the Council in a general discussion about the Town's overall security. Chief Burns emphasized that most of the recent crimes have been that of opportunity where thieves gained access through an unlocked door. Overall, Hunts Point remains a relatively safe community. Most residents have cameras and/or fully equipped home security systems. Police have been working with WSDOT to install cameras on the new SR 520 Bridge to monitor pedestrian traffic. The Town cameras are up to date and have been vital in several past police incidents. Chief Burns suggested that the Town could install a sign advertizing the monitoring system at the town entrance. Later in the month, Medina Police plan to hold a forum with the Medina and Hunts Point communities to discuss the recent criminal activity as well as have residents share their own concerns and ask questions.

### **BELLEVUE FIRE CONTRACT**

Last month Clerk Treasurer, Sue Ann Spens informed the Council that Bellevue Fire Department will soon be proposing a 20-year capital-improvement plan valued at approximately \$143 million. Late July, Bellevue Fire Department representatives met with attendees representing five of their six contract cities (Beaux Arts, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, Newcastle were present). 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 cites with which it has contacts, but they will be asking the cities to share a portion of the added capital costs. At a follow-up meeting in September, Bellevue Fire provided contract cities with several new spreadsheets that detailed CIP cost-sharing scenarios. Overall, Hunts Point's share of the CIP cost projections is significantly lower than the \$120,000/year the Town could raise by asking for a levy equivalent to what Bellevue has proposed for their residents. Mrs. Spens noted that a fifth scenario was presented just last week that even more significantly reduces the contract cities share of the proposed CIP costs. She will obtain a copy of that scenario and share it with the Council next month. The Council also asked for a comparison of the fees we have paid to Bellevue for fire services over the last five years and what we are projected to pay over the next five years, which Mrs. Spens will prepare for the October Council meeting.

### **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council recessed to executive session at 7:38 pm to discuss the current situation regarding the back utility taxes that Verizon owes to the Town. Session was to last 15 minutes. The Council reconvened at 7:58 pm. No action was taken.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Discussion and negotiations concerning the 84<sup>th</sup> Ave NE lid maintenance agreement with the State is still on-going as are conversations with WSDOT regarding joint noise on the new SR-520 Bridge. The Cities of Medina and Clyde Hill are still deciding how best to mitigate traffic congestion around 84th Ave NE and NE 24th Street. Both Cities' most recent plans include an addition of a bike lane.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Coles.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

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Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer