

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY November 14, 2016
6:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members Present:

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

Staff:

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

Public Attendees

Kathryn Jacoby, Operations Coordinator at Imagine Housing

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathryn Jacoby with Imagine Housing appealed to the Council asking that they increase the Town's year contribution from \$2,500 to \$10,000 noting that rent and housing construction costs continue to rise though out the Eastside. Councilmember Temkin thanked Mrs. Jacoby for her time and passion but reminded her that Hunts Point (much like any other small town) works with a very limited budget. Mr. Temkin encouraged Mrs. Jacoby to stay for the remainder of the meeting as the Council continues to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

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 October 3, 2016 meeting and the November 7, 2016 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 150988 through 151012 in the amount of \$109,926.62. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Frantz.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department:

In connection to September's attempted home burglary, Chief Burns informed the Council that police were able to make an arrest by utilizing the Town's camera system and support from surrounding law enforcement. The Medina Police Department has decided to hold off creating an additional officer position. They will revisit the idea again next year.

Staff

Town Planner Mona Green reported that WSDOT will be replacing the trees along SR520 following the requirements detailed in the original agreement approved by the Council. Planting is slated for late fall to early winter.

Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder reported on last month's flooding incident at the end of Hunts Point Rd where several construction projects are underway. The incident was a combination of factors, including heavy rains and a failed construction erosion control filter, and wasn't directly caused by neglect of the Town. That being said, the Town currently has a very loose maintenance plan for storm drain clearing and there are a few other drains that haven't been camera'd and inspected recently. Mrs. Spens informed the Council that there is still money left in the loss grant money that could be used to cover the costs. Mrs. Schroeder will contact Econovac to inspected and clear out the desired drains and will also work to create a long-term maintenance plan. The mailbox pagodas identified in the Town's 2016 CIP on schedule to be replaced.

Hunts Point is still eligible to participate in the LED Street Lighting Program. Council discussed and decided to install a test LED light on the street light by the pagoda nearest to the intersection of the Town roundabout and Hunts Point Circle. Once installed, staff with include a blurb in the Town newsletter to alert residents and elicit feedback.

Bellevue Fire Department:

Report received and noted.

COUNCIL REPORT

As Beautification Committee liaison, Councilmember Temkin reported that the Beautification Committee will be holding the first of two public open houses on December 7th, 7pm at Town Hall. Attendees will be able to see and discuss the slated plans for the project. Councilmember Temkin would to elicit staff help in procuring bids and information for relocating or

undergrounding the propane tank located near Town hall. A formalized plan and cost estimate would allow for easy implementation once the project plans are finalized and work is able to begin. Council discussed.

Motion: Authorize Town staff to investigate information and bids for the relocating the propane tank as far north as possible as well as look into possibility and costs to underground the tank. All costs are to be taken from the project budget. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 2017 HUNTS POINT BUDGET – for discussion

MAYOR SABEY OPENS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:01PM

No public comment

MAYOR SABEY CLOSSES PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:02PM

Council members reviewed the proposed preliminary 2017 budget. Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens noted that \$30,000 will be removed from Police Services line since the Medina Police has decided against creating another officer position in 2017. The budget is also missing the 2017 Beautification Project costs. As Beautification Committee liaison, Councilmember Temkin will review current project costs totals and compile a projected cost estimate for 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORD. 524 SETTING 2017 LEVY – for approval

MAYOR SABEY OPENS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:14PM

No public comment

MAYOR SABEY CLOSSES PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15PM

Council members reviewed and discussed Ordinance No. 524 which set the tax levy at an amount equal to the 2016 levy plus increases due to new construction, increases in the value of state-assessed property, and re-levies. The levy amount set by Ordinance No. 524 represents a 0% increase and a zero-dollar increase over last year's levy.

Motion: Pass Ordinance No. 524 setting the amount of taxes to be levied on property in the Town of Hunts Point for the year 2017. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Finnelly.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to executive session at 7:24 pm to discuss personnel performance. Session was to last 10 minutes. The Council reconvened at 7:33 pm. No action was taken.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Sabey informed the Council that the Medina City Council will be discussing the 84th Ave NE and NE 24th Street project redesign at their Council meeting tonight and specifically whether or not to move forward with a design that includes a bike lane on the west side of 84th Ave NE.

Council discussed the presentation by Imagine Housing at the beginning of the meeting. The consensus was while they don't fully support all of Imagine Housing claims; they would like to consider increasing their yearly donation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Finnely.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer