

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY August 7, 2017
6:00 PM**



CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members Present:

Elaine Coles
Dan Temkin
Ken Fisher
Pat Finnely
Ted Frantz

Staff:

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Sue Ann Spens, Clerk Treasurer
Chief Steve Burns, Medina Police
Officer Austin Gidlof, Medina Police
Mona Green, Town Planner
David Linehan, Town Attorney

Public Attendees:

Jim Keller - Site Workshop
Penny O'Bryne - Hunts Point resident
Geri Frantz – Hunts Point resident
Kelly Purcell – Hunts Point resident
Bob Schofield – Hunts Point resident
Christopher Coburn – Hunts Point resident
Ernie Norehad – Hunts Point resident
Virginia Park – Hunts Point resident
Laurie Finnely – Hunts Point resident
Christine Shephard – Hunts Point resident
Lori Brennan – Hunts Point resident
Denise Niles – Hunts Point resident

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 the July 3, 2017 meeting minutes and the August 7, 2017 Warrant Register for warrant numbers 151283 through 151309 in the amount of \$45,104.24. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Medina Police Department

Chief Burns introduced Officer Austin Gidlof who was recently promoted to Sargent. Chief Burns reported that July was another fairly quiet month. False alarm reports are on the rise however the police are not concerned and continue to encourage residents to continue to set their alarms.

Staff

Clerk Treasurer Sue Ann Spens is still working to close out the Town's Bank of America account. The Town has contracted with TC Quality Solutions to complete the remaining Town Hall repairs. A new picnic table has been purchased and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Bellevue Fire Department:

Report noted.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hunts Point Beautification Plan – *for discussion and review*

Beautification Committee Chair and Councilmember Dan Temkin gave the Town Council and public attendees a brief history of the Beautification Committee and invited Jim Keller with Site Workshop to discuss the project further. The initial phase will include, amongst other elements, new landscaping around Town Hall and the entrance to the Town. Part of the project calls for the selective removal of a row of trees adjacent to the gravel parking strip along Hunts Point Road, west of Town Hall. One of the overall goals of the project is to plant native, low maintenance species that can be enjoyed year round.

MAYOR SABEY OPENS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:05PM

Public attendees were given the opportunity to address the Council, Town staff and Site Workshop. Many spoke in favor of making improvements to Town owned property.

MAYOR SABEY CLOSSES PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:34PM

Site Workshop and Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder are working together to create the project bid packages. Once advertised, Council will have the opportunity to approve and select a final bid from the ones received. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed plan. Council requested that a copy of the preliminary cost estimates that was shown during the Site Workshop presentation be added to the record.

Motion: Approve Phase 1 of the Beautification Project as presented. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Finnely.
Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: Allow for \$12,000 of Beautification Committee Project fund to be used to replace and underground the existing oil tank as well as remove the wood fence surrounding it. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Frantz.
Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORTS

Republic Services will now be able to conduct weekly recycling pickup instead of every other week. The cost increase would be around 15-20% (recycling costs only). Town staff will invite Republic Services to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the matter further.

Medina will be holding a public hearing at their next Council meeting to hear comments on their proposed traffic improvements to 84th. The current plan will keep all four lanes of traffic.

The Port of Seattle recently released an economic study on the Ballard Locks which describes the benefits of reliable operation, the potential losses if they failed, and the steps needed to repair the facility. In 2012 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lowered the dam safety rating of the Locks to "2" (out of 5, 1 being almost certain to fail under normal conditions) because they could fail in an earthquake, with significant economic consequences. Because the vast majority of the traffic passing through the Locks each year is recreational, the Corps considers them to be low use so they rank low for funding. Sound Cities Association has produced a letter for surrounding municipalities to sign asking that the Army Corps of Engineers increase their funding for the Ballard Locks. The Council agreed to the importance of maintaining the Locks and urged the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the Town.

Councilmember Frantz reported that the WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Plan is undergoing a 10-year update and will need to be ratified by the Council sometime this Fall. A portion of the Plan also calls for much needed repairs to the Ballard Locks. The draft plan update is currently accepting comments and a final draft plan will be completed in September. After the Salmon Recovery Council approves the update, it will then be available to individual cities and town councils for ratification.

Town Planner Mona Green has been speaking with WSDOT representatives concerning the replanting of the dead trees along Fairweather Basin. Together they are working on conducting an accurate status survey of the current plantings as well as to create an ongoing reporting

method to use in the future. Responsibility for testing the water quality from the basins in Fairweather falls to the Department of Ecology or the EPA; the Town of Hunts Point is not accountable.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Fisher.

Passed 5 – 0 – 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer