

# TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

## COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 2011



### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fred McConkey opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Councilmembers Dee Claypool, Ted Frantz and Kevin Hughes were present. Councilmembers John Franklin and Heather Smith were absent. Staff present was Town Attorney Margaret King, Town Planner Mona Green, Town Engineer Joe Willis, Lieutenant Dan Yourkoski of the Medina Police and Deputy Clerk Linda Longmire. Residents present included Elaine Coles, Pat Finnely, Marianne Jones, Vilma McComsey, Bruce Swenson, and Dan Temkin. Amy Summe of Watershed Company was also present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor McConkey opened the meeting for public comment.

Marianne Jones: Ms. Jones informed the Council that an informational meeting was held recently on the status of former Medina Police Chief Jeff Chen. She stated that she has eighty resident signatures in support of Mr. Chen. She encouraged the Town Council and public to be aware of the facts of the situation to determine if they are terminable; lend one's voice to the discussion; and be aware of the contract in the hiring of a new police chief.

Bruce Swenson: Mr. Swenson stated that there should be changes in the policies of the Medina Police Department. Changes should include it being separate from the City Manager's control and be an autonomous department.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2011**

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes of the Town Council May 2, 2011 meeting as written. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3 - 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Medina Police Dept.**

Lt. Yourkoski reported that the Town of Hunts Point has had no criminal activity.

#### **Bellevue Fire Dept.**

There was no Bellevue Fire Dept. activity listed in the report.

#### **Shoreline Master Program/Town Planner Mona Green**

Ms. Green introduced Amy Summe of the Watershed Company. Ms. Green reported that the Planning Commission has been working on the Draft Shoreline Master Program Update that is due June 30, 2011. It still needs additional work and she recommends another meeting or study session prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Additional study sessions during the summer would be beneficial also. A work session with both Planning Commission and

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Town Council members was recommended. The Town Council needs to be engaged for their understanding before the Public Hearings start. There will be Public Hearings in the Fall for further public input and refinement of the document. Residents will be made aware of the issues and of the meetings in the next newsletter.

Mayor McConkey requested a summary of the Draft Shoreline Master Program update for further study. Councilmember Frantz requested pictures to help explain what is being proposed and to aid in further understanding.

Town Planner Green and Deputy Clerk Longmire will work on the Town's website to update the Shoreline Master Program document.

Discussion ensued on hiring an additional consultant for evaluation of the Draft document. Mayor McConkey will look into the issue.

### **MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM/KRIS FINNIGAN**

Mayor McConkey introduced Kris Finnigan. She is the former Medina City Clerk who is now an independent contractor for Emergency Management Preparedness. Ms. Finnigan introduced the Map Your Neighborhood Program. The program's purpose is neighbor helping neighbor which can then be utilized as a Block Watch and/or Emergency Management Organization instrument. Ms. Finnigan will provide material and help the Town get prepared.

**MOTION:** Accept the proposal of Kris Finnigan's Map Your Neighborhood program for the Town of Hunts Point. Moved Frantz, seconded by Hughes. Passed 3 – 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **HUNTS POINT BOOK PROPOSAL**

The Mayor presented the background involved with the writing of the Hunts Point history that began in 2005. Due to many complications, the project has never been completed. Michael Luis has recently completed a history book for the City of Medina. He explained his background and how the project would be handled.

Mayor McConkey explained that the Town of Hunts Point would authorize \$10,000 to research and write a manuscript of the history of Hunts Point to commemorate the contributions of its residents and provide a history of the Town. The Town has an additional \$7,500 of donations to purchase the books from Mr. Luis. These books will be to either sell or give away. Discussion ensued on the merits of the project.

**MOTION:** Accept the proposal from Michael Luis for up to \$10,000. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Claypool. Passed 3 – 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **TRANSPO STUDY ON TRAFFIC SIMULATION FOR ROUNDABOUT**

Transpo has completed an overview of the roundabout SR 520 design, but for further understanding a traffic simulation needs to be completed to see how it works. There are two options for the study; one using the state's information and the second one would use data collected independently. The Mayor recommends a study with the state's information and an independent collection for comparison. This would provide an

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accuracy gauge for information that WSDOT has provided. The cost of the study and the consultant time would be reimbursed by the State.

Councilmembers want to include in the Transpo study the traffic flow information not only reflect the completion date of 2030, but also for the time prior to that when the Seattle side of the new bridge is incomplete. Mayor McConkey agreed and this inclusion will be added to the proposal.

**MOTION:** Approve the expense of \$11,500 for Transpo to undertake the two options in the traffic study as outlined in their proposal. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Claypool. Passed 3 – 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **PROPOSED POINTS LOOP TRAIL ALIGNMENT**

There is a security concern about a proposed loop trail that goes through the detention pond area especially for residents of Fairweather and 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.E. Ms. Green and the Mayor have discussed the issue and there is nothing the Town can do for it is part of the Shoreline Conditional Use Permit where we have to provide public access and we have to comply with ADA. Ms. Green will request minimal width and reduce signage, but it's not in our jurisdiction to require this. Further screening, all underground utilities relocated, fake trees painted on the wall along with a darker, fluted, and textured wall are additional requests from Fairweather Basin.

The Wetherill Nature Preserve has a new 32<sup>nd</sup> Street access from the Town of Yarrow Point.

Comcast is putting overhead lines for two years or more for T.V. and internet access. After completion of local SR 520 construction, these lines will be put underground.

Ms. Green discussed the Town's approval of a noise variance for ECC that has to be renewed every three months. She is not aware of any complaints, but the expiration of the variance is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Since ECC has not asked for an extension, Ms. Green suggested the subject be on the next Town Council agenda. A log should be kept of any noise complaints.

### **K. C. EXTENSION JAIL CONTRACT (SOUTH CORRECTION AGREEMENT)**

Ms. King introduce the subject of negotiations on the housing of King County inmates. This stems from a lawsuit on overcrowding. Three options have been offered. From previous discussions with the former Town Administrator and the Mayor, it appears that the Town really has little or no need for these facilities. Councilmember Frantz felt that the 2016 option that is tied to inflation would suit the Town best.

**MOTION:** The Town would indicate to King County that its preference would be the new 2016 option in the Jail Services Agreement. Moved by Frantz, seconded by Claypool. Passed 3 – 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Clean Up Day was reasonably well attended and costs were down. The rented barbeque did not function correctly and the Town may want to consider purchasing one and storing it in the Emergency Storage Container when not in use.

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Councilmember Frantz commented that dog excrement is not being picked up properly and perhaps a newsletter article could remind everyone to take responsibility for his pet. He suggested the Planning Commission consider the subject at their next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

**MOTION:** Approve Vouchers Nos. 148779 through 148810 in the amount of \$75,652.63, dated June 6, 2011. Moved by Hughes, seconded by Frantz. Passed 3 – 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting. Passed 3 – 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor McConkey adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

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Linda Longmire  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_