

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

The first Council meeting for the month of May was called to order by Mayor Carla Nichols at 7:00 p.m. at Woodway Town Hall. Councilmembers present were Bill Anderson, Kent Saltonstall, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mike Quinn and Tom Whitson. Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Following minor amendments, *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2010 as amended. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to approve Claims Warrants #7342 through #7357 for the total amount of \$4,494.03. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrants #10170 through #10196 for the total amount of \$44,651.80. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Maryanne Zagorski, Port of Edmonds Commissioner, advised of the workshop at Harbor Square on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. to gather public input regarding redevelopment of the Harbor Square property at the Port of Edmonds.

COUNCIL REPORTS: **Councilmember Whitson** reported *Councilmember Mitchell* and he are assisting neighbors to reach a resolution with regard to trimming of a hedge that blocks views.

Councilmember Quinn asked for an excused absence on May 17. As Councilmembers Saltonstall and Anderson will also be out of country at the time of that meeting, the Council meeting was tentatively rescheduled to Tuesday, May 18 [the second Council meeting in May was later rescheduled to Wednesday, May 19].

Mayor Nichols requested an excused absence from the two meetings in June.

Councilmember Anderson requested an excused absence on May 18. He asked staff to research whether Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) could be used for salaries of Public Works employees.

MAYOR REPORT: **Mayor Nichols** invited Councilmembers interested in attending Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) annual meeting on May 20 to inform staff. She also invited Councilmembers to attend a United Way presentation the needs of the community. She referenced a notice regarding work on the Brightwater tunnel.

Mayor Nichols referred to a National Trust Program that provides federal and private funds to preserve historical buildings; she planned to contact the Sisters at Rosary Heights to inquire about submitting a grant application for Rosary Heights.

Mayor Nichols relayed a request by a Woodway family to use the pavilion in the Reserve for a 10-year old's nature-oriented birthday party on May 16. Following discussion, the Council expressed support for the use of the pavilion as a pilot and requested staff to draft an agreement that would be signed by a Town representative and the parent. The Council was also interested in developing operating policies for the use of the Reserve.

Mayor Nichols reviewed Snohomish County's proposed Urban Centers Demonstration Project Review process. She explained one of the recommended changes in the process was an Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and cities with urban centers in their Municipal Urban Growth Areas (MUGA). On May 5 the Snohomish County Council will be formalizing the zoning for Urban Centers. Discussion followed regarding the weight that the Design Review Board's recommendation would be given in the process and membership on the Design Review Board.

Mayor Nichols suggested once Police Chief Hansen obtained the information the Council requested regarding surveillance cameras from Medina's Police Chief, the Council schedule the topic on an upcoming agenda. If the Council was interested in purchasing the cameras, she suggested a public hearing be held.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

DISCUSSION – SNOHOMISH COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (TBD)

Mayor Nichols explained the Town was contacted by Snohomish County about joining in a countywide TBD. If Woodway agreed to participate and at least 60% of cities in Snohomish County also agreed, the County would enter into an Interlocal Agreement with each city to create a TBD. The funds collected via a \$20 vehicle license fee would be used for projects on new or existing highway of statewide significance, principle arterials of regional significance, high capacity transportation, public transportation or other transportation projects of regional or statewide significance. She acknowledged that although none of those roadway types are within Woodway, Woodway residents drive on those types of roads outside the Town. If Woodway did not agree to participate but 60% of the other cities in Snohomish County did, Woodway would automatically be included. Discussion followed regarding whether Woodway could establish its own TBD, how the funds collected would be used, the need to fund transportation projects, and governance regarding the use of TBD funds.

ACTION: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved that the Town respond to Snohomish County that Woodway wants to join the Countywide TBD. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried (4-1), Councilmember Quinn opposed.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

Councilmember Anderson reported on his meeting last Thursday with the architect selected to evaluate Town Hall. Councilmember Mitchell suggested residents tour the Police and Public Works areas which need to be updated. Councilmember Quinn emphasized that if the Council concluded that improvements were needed, an extensive community education project should be launched so that e residents understand the reasons for upgrading Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING: *Councilmember Quinn* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Joyce Bielefeld, Clerk Treasurer

Carla A. Nichols, Mayor

(These minutes accurately reflect what was said at the Council Meeting. Publication does not vouch for the veracity of these statements.)