

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 2008

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

The second Council meeting for the month of May was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson at 7:00 p.m. at Woodway Town Hall. Councilmembers present were Robert Schillberg, Bill Anderson, Kent Saltonstall, and Kevin Fiske. Mayor Carla Nichols and Councilmember Mike Quinn had excused absences. Town Administrator Eric Faison and Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The following amendments were made to the May 5, 2008 minutes:

- Page 3, motion regarding ordinance 08-489, add the following statement: "Passage of an ordinance requires an affirmative vote by at least three members of the Council. This issue will be raised at a subsequent Council meeting."
- Page 3, revise Councilmember Anderson's comment regarding the motion to read, "Councilmember Anderson advised he would vote no due to his interest in protecting the setbacks and not giving preferential treatment to any one particular zone."

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2008 as amended. *Councilmember Fiske* seconded the motion. It was agreed to schedule Ordinance No. 08-489 on the next meeting agenda and staff was asked to provide the Council with a copy of the revised ordinance. The motion carried (3-0-1), Councilmember Schillberg abstained.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: *Councilmember Schillberg* moved to approve Claims Warrants #6367 through #6386 for the total amount of \$24,146.52. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson recognized Councilmember Schillberg who has been reviewing the vouchers. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: **Councilmember Schillberg** reported one topic of discussion at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was an annual clean-up whereby communities contract with solid waste provider to pick-up oversized items, paint, batteries, etc. 1-2 times per year. He noted it was very popular with the public although it required some oversight to avoid abuse. Councilmember Schillberg offered to confer with Edmonds staff to determine if they were interested in a joint event.

Councilmember Saltonstall requested Councilmember Schillberg provide his thoughts on the setback ordinance before the Council voted on the ordinance.

MAYOR REPORT: **Mayor Pro Tem Anderson** reported Public Works Director Bryant, Town Administrator Faison and he met with Washington State Ferries (WSF) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as a result of the concerns the Council expressed with the lack of noise monitoring for the Edmonds Crossing project on the south side of Pine Street and east of Pine on SR 104. They conducted further study including placing six sound measurement devices to the east of Pine Street on SR 104. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson commented the results were surprising and disappointing; all measurements were below the decibel level where mitigation measures would be required.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson referred to a newspaper article stating WSF may not move the Edmonds ferry terminal and if they do, the holding lanes, roadway width, etc. would be significantly downsized from original plans due to funding shortfalls and the defeat of Prop 1. He noted another problem facing WSF was the tremendous costs of replacing existing ferries. He concluded it did not appear the homes in the NE corner of Woodway would be disrupted by Edmonds Crossing in the near future as it was unlikely construction would occur in the next 10-20 years. Councilmember Schillberg noted the newspaper article also stated gas prices were impacting ridership. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson advised WSF was reducing their 2040 ridership projections for several reasons.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Faison reported Amie Broadsword, PACE Engineers, met with Pt. Edwards' engineer and a representative of Edmonds at the Pt. Edwards site to discuss the right-of-way violation. There was concurrence between the engineers that the rock bed Pt. Edwards laid would need to be removed, the area would need to be re-graded to slope away from Woodway and the area replanted. The Pt. Edwards engineer will provide a formal report.

He advised Public Works Director Terry Bryant and the Public Works crew were out Tuesday and Wednesday attending training. Public Works staff has attended several courses available free of charge from Edmonds and Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).

DISCUSSION ON FEE SCHEDULE

Clerk-Treasurer Bielefeld reviewed recommended changes to the fee schedule.

Councilmember Saltonstall recommended not requiring a permit for 1) hot water heaters installed by a licensed plumber, 2) replacing an existing fence with a similar fence or 3) replacing an existing roof with a similar roof, noting many residents were unaware a permit was required for those activities. Ms. Bielefeld pointed out permits for water heaters were fairly standard in the industry and most companies were aware a permit was required. Councilmember Saltonstall referred to the Building Code and the list of things that did not require permits including a water tank supported directly on grade if the capacity did not exceed 500 gallons. He relayed that the requirement for permits for a hot water heater, fence and roof were included in the Building Code via the Town's adoption of the International Residential Code (IRC).

Discussion followed regarding safety concerns associated with replacing a hot water heater; water tanks versus hot water heaters; concern the fees for a hot water heater, fence, and roof were excessive and unnecessary; value of an improvement used to determine several building permit fees; building permit operational fee (administrative fee); and licenses versus permits. It was agreed to retain the lifetime pet license and raise the fee to \$20 to meet the Town's cost to issue the license.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson requested the Building Inspector attend the next meeting to answer the Council's questions with regard to requiring permits for hot water heaters, fences and roofs. Council requests included the following: staff determine whether other cities required a permit for hot water heaters and why a permit was required, and ensuring the fee for copying public

records covered costs. Mr. Faison recognized Clerk Treasurer Bielefeld and Deputy Clerk Heidi Swenson for their efforts.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

Councilmember Fiske asked when the Council would be discussing RVs/junk vehicle/trailers in the setback. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson advised staff was drafting a recommendation and the item will be on the next meeting agenda. Discussion followed regarding impacts of a change in the regulations regarding storage of RVs in the setback, how to notify residents of the public hearing, and a suggestion for the regulations to differentiate between zones.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Fiske* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Bielefeld, Town Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Bill Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem

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