

# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

July 6, 2009

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Following minor amendments, *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2009 as amended. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** *Councilmember Anderson* moved to approve Claims Warrants #6940 through #6957 for the total amount of \$40,212.14. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve Payroll Warrants #9852 through #9879. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** **Councilmember Anderson** reported he planned to attend tomorrow's Edmonds City Council meeting where the Council will be discussing contracting with Fire District 1 for fire service/emergency medical service (EMS). Mr. Faison referred to a recent article in the *Everett Herald* that stated Edmonds was in negotiations with Fire District 1 whereby Fire District 1 would purchase Edmonds' fire stations, equipment, etc. and provide fire service/EMS to Edmonds via a contract.

**Councilmember Saltonstall** circulated magazine articles regarding bears eating from bird feeders and regarding urban bee keeping

**MAYOR REPORT:** **Mayor Nichols** reported Councilmember Quinn requested the meeting with Olympic View Water District be rescheduled as he would be out of town. After conferring with staff, it was agreed not to change the date of the meeting with Olympic View (July 20).

Mayor Nichols reported she met with Verizon and Frontier representatives recently; they are visiting each city in the consortium. They assured the transfer costs from Verizon to Frontier would be covered and that Frontier would not change the rates agreed to by Verizon customers. She summarized it would be approximately a year before all the approvals are obtained to formalize the transfer.

Mayor Nichols reported she met with the new Port of Edmonds Executive Director Bob McChesney. One of his top priorities will be to create a master plan for Harbor Square. He plans to provide the Council an update in September.

With regard to the Snohomish County Council public hearing July 8, Mayor Nichols reported she met with all five Snohomish County Councilmembers to request they amend Docket 13 to include the two policies the Woodway Town Council approved regarding urban centers and Pt. Wells. The Mayors of five of the six cities in Snohomish County with urban centers (Mukilteo, Mill Creek, Lynnwood, Woodway and Bothell) have signed a letter endorsing the two policies.

Mayor Nichols thanked the residents who responded to Dr. Bush's request for help with construction of the playground last week.

The Council reviewed topics to be discussed with Olympic View at the meeting on July 20. Staff distributed the letter with the list of topics that was sent to Olympic View.

Councilmember Saltonstall referred to a complaint from a citizen regarding violations of the fireworks ordinance and lack of police presence in the Town on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Council discussed sending a letter to the resident who was violating the fireworks ordinance reminding them of the fine for violating the ordinance

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Faison encouraged residents to call 911 to report fireworks violations.

Mr. Faison reported the Town collected \$22,000 in Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) for June bringing the year-to-date total to \$41,000. The amount budgeted in 2009 for REET revenue was \$20,000. He also reported on the Police Department's resolution of a malicious mischief case.

#### **PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR ROSARY HEIGHTS/TAX RATE COMPARISON**

Mr. Faison reviewed the Estimated Revenue/Expenditure for Town Operations at Rosary Heights. It was agreed to add an introductory paragraph stating the numbers were based on current costs, comparison of like facilities, etc.

Mr. Faison reviewed a chart with a comparison of Woodway, Edmonds and Shoreline current Snohomish County tax rate, and Woodway and Edmonds Snohomish County tax rate assuming proposed ballot measures were passed by voters.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

It was agreed to postpone this item until all Councilmembers present. Mayor Nichols asked staff to determine whether the Town was required to have a Council representative on Snohomish County Solid Waste Board.

#### **ORDINANCE 09-507, AMENDING WMC CHAPTER 13**

Mayor Nichols explained staff discovered a resolution had been passed by Planning Commission recommending approval but an ordinance had not been adopted by the Council.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve Ordinance No. 09-507, an Ordinance Amending Woodway Municipal Codes Chapter 13, Chapter 13.04, Creating a New Section Related to the Timing of Issuing Building Permits, Related to Critical Areas, Providing for Severability and Establishing an Effective Date. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER**

Mayor Nichols explained this was in regard to the consortium formed to negotiate the transfer of the cable franchise agreement from Verizon to Frontier. As Ogden Murphy Wallace represents several of the cities in the consortium, it was standard for them to identify their procedures regarding conflict of interest.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Conflict of Interest Waiver. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Maryanne Burkhart, Port of Edmonds Commissioner, offered to provide contact information for the person responsible for rentals at the Edmonds Yacht Club.

**GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS**

Councilmember Anderson suggested rescheduling the September 21 meeting to September 28 as both Mayor Nichols and he will be out of town. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING:** *Councilmember Anderson* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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Joyce Bielefeld, Clerk Treasurer

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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.)