

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

August 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

The second Council meeting for the month of August 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, Tom Whitson and Mike Quinn. Town Administrator Eric Faison and Deputy Clerk Heidi Napolitano were also present.

Mayor Nichols requested the agenda be amended to add confirmation of a Planning Commissioner.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to add confirmation of a Planning Commissioner following the Census Presentation. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 3, 2009

Following minor amendments, *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2009 as amended. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve Claims Warrants #7002 through #7022 for the total amount of \$12,619.59. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: **Maryanne Burkhart, Port of Edmonds**, announced the Port Commission is beginning its budgeting process and provided a meeting schedule.

COUNCIL REPORTS: **Councilmember Whitson** reported on the South Snohomish Cities meeting and the legislative dinner scheduled on September 24 at the Lynnwood Convention Center. The speaker at the dinner is Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Director Bob Drewel and each city will have an opportunity to speak for five minutes. He encouraged Councilmembers and the Mayor to attend the dinner.

Councilmember Saltonstall referred to a letter from the Olympic View Water District General Manager that appears to add language to the resolution passed by Commissioners. He suggested the Town raise an objection. The Council also inquired about the status of the Interlocal Agreement. It was agreed to add a discussion regarding Olympic View to the agenda of a future Council meeting.

Councilmember Anderson expressed concern with the quality of the overlay on Woodway Park Road. Mayor Nichols advised Public Works staff is working with the contractor.

MAYOR REPORT: **Mayor Nichols** thanked the Quinn family for hosting the staff appreciation dinner.

Mayor Nichols requested an excused absence from the September 8 meeting. The Council agreed to reschedule the September 21 meeting to September 28. Councilmember Quinn

requested an excused absence from the September 28 meeting. Councilmember Anderson requested an excused absence from the September 28 and October 5 meetings.

Mayor Nichols reported on Snohomish County Council's August 10 public hearing on amendments to Docket 13 which included the amendment to allow cities to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County regarding design standards. Two Paramount representatives, an attorney representing Save Richmond Beach group and she spoke at the public hearing. Following the Council's deliberation, the amendment regarding an Interlocal Agreement was not approved; an amendment proposed by Snohomish County staff encouraging the County to work with cities was approved. The Council expressed a preference to address the Interlocal Agreement and design standards in the Zone District text. The Council ultimately approved the change in the Pt. Wells land use designation from Industrial to Urban Center.

Mayor Nichols advised the change in the Pt. Wells land use designation will take effect in six months to allow the County time to approve changes to the Zoning Code. She emphasized the importance of working with Snohomish County staff to draft development standards for Pt. Wells, to testify at public hearings regarding amendments to the Zoning Code as well as seeking support from other organizations.

Mayor Nichols advised Richmond Beach has scheduled a design charrette regarding the Pt. Wells site on Saturday, August 22. A presentation on the results of the charrette will be made to the Richmond Beach Community Club on September 8.

Discussion followed regarding Paramount's plans for the Pt. Wells site, Snohomish County Council's support for cleanup of Pt. Wells, and stakeholders in the process. Council suggested staff develop a decision tree matrix that outlines the Town's strategy and that Town representatives meet with the developer.

Mayor Nichols suggested the Town hire economist Greg Easton to conduct a financial feasibility analysis to determine whether cleanup of the site and development of 800 units on the site was a financially feasible project; the estimated cost of that analysis is \$5,000-\$8,000.

ACTION: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to hire Greg Easton and his firm to conduct a financial feasibility analysis of the Pt. Wells project not to exceed \$6,000. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Nichols reported Mr. Faison and she met with Fire District 1 to discuss contracting with them for fire service.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

CENSUS PRESENTATION – MARCEL MADDOX

This item was postponed as the presenter was not present.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER CONFIRMATION

Mayor Nichols recalled Pat Tallon applied for the vacancy on the Town Council. A brief discussion followed regarding Mr. Tallon's qualifications.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved the Council confirm Mayor Nichols's appointment of Pat Tallon to the Planning Commission. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CASE FORENSICS – PROPERTY ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

Mayor Nichols recalled the Council requested an assessment of Rosary Heights if the voters approve the levy to purchase the property. The estimated cost of the assessment of the Primary House and the Carriage House is \$22,500.

Mr. Faison advised if the ballot measure is approved, the next step will be Council action later this month to exercise the Purchase and Sale Agreement. A future action will be issuance of the bonds which also must occur at a public meeting.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to authorize Mayor Nichols to execute an agreement with CASE Forensics to conduct a property assessment review if the Rosary Heights ballot proposition is approved. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Mayor Nichols and the Council reviewed the list of representatives to regional organizations. It was agreed a Councilmember would begin attending Olympic View Water District meetings at least quarterly. It was also suggested Olympic View's agenda be distributed to the Council.

WASHINGTON AEROSPACE PARTNERSHIP

Mayor Nichols referred to a request for funding in the amount of \$1000 from the Washington Aerospace Partnership to support their lobbying efforts to ensure Boeing's proposal to build the U.S. Air Force's next mid-air refueling tanker gets a fair hearing and is ultimately chosen by Defense Secretary Gates. The Council discussed whether to provide funding.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved that the Town support the Washington Aerospace Partnership in the amount of \$500. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Council Choice of Topics

The Council briefly discussed the need to develop a strategy for Pt. Wells that includes identifying and involving stakeholders. Mayor Nichols reported she invited Shoreline to review the design standards the Town proposed for Pt. Wells. It was suggested the Town send an email to residents informing them of the status of the Pt. Wells property, inviting them to attend an informational meeting and inviting them to attend public hearings at Snohomish County regarding changes to the Zoning Code that will impact the site. Mayor Nichols offered to send a memo to the Planning Commission regarding the status of Pt. Wells.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Heidi Napolitano, Deputy Clerk

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.)