

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

September 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 17, 2009

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2009. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to approve Claims Warrants #7023 through #7058 for the total amount of \$49,714.98. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve Payroll Warrants #9910 through #9940 for the total amount of \$43,235.20. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: **Councilmember Whitson** reported he planned to leave tonight's Council meeting early in order to attend the Richmond Beach Community Association meeting. Their agenda includes discussion regarding the design charrette and a report from Joe Tovar, Shoreline's Planning Director, regarding the Urban Center designation of Pt. Wells and the traffic analysis.

Councilmember Mitchell reported she recently completed the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) training. WCIA's general meeting will be held in October.

Councilmember Quinn reported he had been contacted by a citizen regarding the height of hedges and view blockages. He suggested to the resident that he present his concerns to the Council.

Councilmember Saltonstall reported he planned to attend the South Snohomish County Cities dinner on September 24; Councilmember Quinn and Mayor Nichols also plan to attend. He reported Woodway's SnoCom (Southwest Snohomish County Communications Agency) assessment will decrease approximately 3% in 2010 due to the decline in property values which is 1/3 of SnoCom's formula (property value, population and usage). The Town will have an additional SnoCom assessment of approximately \$4,000 for a new records management system in police vehicles.

MAYOR REPORT: None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Faison encouraged Councilmembers to attend the South Snohomish County dinner to discuss Pt. Wells with Snohomish County Councilmembers. He reported on September 30, the Snohomish County Council will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Zoning Code, including Woodway's request to allow for an Interlocal Agreement that would limit building heights at Pt. Wells

to 65 feet and limit residential density to 800 units. Information from the consultant conducting the economic feasibility analysis will be available by September 24.

Woodway residents have been invited to a community meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall prior to the September 28 Council meeting where information regarding Pt. Wells and the Town's request to amend Snohomish County's Zoning Code will be provided. Residents will also be encouraged to testify at the September 30 Snohomish County Council public hearing.

Mr. Faison provided updates on several additional topics:

- Department of Transportation (WSDOT) recently rebid the restriping of SR104 and the striping is expected to be removed by October
- Public Works has done a great deal of work this month on the play structure as well as preparing for the Community Fair
- The overlays on Chinook Road, Timber Lane and Woodway Park Road are complete; Public Works Director Terry Bryant is working with Snohomish County regarding repairs to the asphalt next to walkway
- The bid was awarded for the 226th/Algonquin/North Deer stormwater project
- The Town received a completed audit from Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) with no major findings
- The State Auditor's financial and compliance audit was completed on August 17; an exit interview has not yet been scheduled
- The Department of Ecology (DOE) awarded the Town a \$50,000 grant to update its Shoreline Master program
- The Town received \$1,400 from FEMA to reimburse for storm-related expenses
- The Woodway Whisper and stormwater bills have been mailed

(Councilmember Whitson left meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

ELECTION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson relayed the voters approved Prop 1 (levy to support EMS and existing town operations) but did not approve Prop 2 (General Obligation Bonds for the purchase of Rosary Heights). With regard to Prop 1, the Council must approve the rate during the 2010 budget process in October/November. The rate will take effect January 1, 2010.

Mr. Faison reported the Sisters were informed regarding the election results. They asked if the Town was interested in pursuing grant funding to purchase the Rosary Heights property; they were not willing to extend the option and plan to proceed with their plans to sell property. A brief discussion followed regarding a resident who expressed interest of entering into an agreement with the Town to assist with the purchase of Rosary Heights.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-509, RE-DESIGNATING INTERFUND LOANS

Mr. Faison explained State law requires loans from the Capital Fund to the Stormwater Utility Fund be repaid within three years and that the rate be reasonable. The Stormwater Utility does not generate enough revenue to repay the amount of the loan in three years. Because REET funds were used to make the loans and stormwater is an allowable REET expense, he suggested the funds be a contribution from REET to fund stormwater projects instead of a loan to the Stormwater Utility. He recommended the Council adopt an ordinance re-designating the interfund loans as contributions rather than loans.

Discussion followed regarding the inability to transfer the funds back to REET from the Stormwater Utility and the option to delay stormwater projects to build up the balance in the Stormwater Utility Fund. The Council requested an analysis of stormwater projects be added to a future agenda.

ACTION: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved for approval of Ordinance 09-509, re-designating the interfund loans as contributions to the Stormwater Fund. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-340, AMENDING ICMA 457 PLAN

Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld explained the Town's IMCA 457 Plan does not currently allow for loans and this amendment would allow employees to take loans for hardship, etc.

ACTION: *Councilmember Quinn* moved to approve Resolution 09-340, to allow loans from the retirement fund. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR PRO TEM TO SIGN SMA GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson explained this is the \$50,000 grant from the Department of Ecology to update the Town's Shoreline Master Program.

ACTION: *Councilmember Quinn* moved to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the SMA Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology to accept a \$50,000 grant to update the Town's Shoreline Master Program. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 09-341, ESTABLISHING CITY EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM

Ms. Bielefeld explained if the Town establishes a wellness program, Association of Washington Cities (AWC) will provide the Town a 2% discount on medical premiums. The first step is the resolution, followed by establishing a wellness committee, developing a policy and establishing monthly activities, etc.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to adopt Resolution 09-341, Establishing a City Employee Wellness Program. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion.

A brief discussion followed regarding the amount of staff time required to achieve the nine WellCity standards.

The motion carried (3-0-1), Councilmember Saltonstall abstained.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Saltonstall commented on periodic emergency public safety drills, advising of the September 16 Drop, Cover and Hold Drill at 10:15 a.m.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved for Town support of National Preparedness Month and NOAA Weather Radio Awareness Month. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VERIZON/FRONTIER AGREEMENT EXTENDING DATE TO EITHER GRANT OR DENY VERIZON'S REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL TO FRONTIER

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved that the Council approve the agreement extending the date to either grant or deny Verizon's request for transfer of control to Frontier. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Elaine Jorgenson encouraged the Council not to pursue purchase of Rosary Heights any further.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

Councilmember Saltonstall asked whether the Port had an employee wellness program. Port Commissioner Maryanne Burkhart responded yes; the Port's program pays \$55/month for a health club membership, posts reminders regarding flu shots, etc. She offered to share information regarding the Port's wellness program with Ms. Bielefeld.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson announced he would be gone for the next two weeks. Councilmember Saltonstall will be Mayor Pro Tem beginning Monday, September 15.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING: *Councilmember Quinn* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Joyce Bielefeld, Clerk Treasurer

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.)