

# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 5, 2009

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Following minor amendments, *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2009 as amended. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve Claims Warrants #7085 through #7093 for the total amount of \$2,408.81. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve Payroll Warrants #9941 through #9967 for the total amount of \$40,646.18. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Councilmember Quinn reported on the South Snohomish Cities meeting where Brier's Finance Director provided details regarding I-1033. Following his report, the Council discussed recent polling regarding I-1033, other cities' positions on I-1033, and the need to educate voters regarding the impacts of I-1033.

**MAYOR REPORT:** **Mayor Nichols** reported eight people spoke on behalf of Woodway's interests at the Snohomish County Council public hearing last Wednesday to request the Council set a limitation on the conceptual size of the project - 800 units and 65 foot heights - and require the County and affected cities to enter into an Interlocal Agreement. Shoreline's Planning Director Joe Tovar requested the Snohomish County Council delay action on the zone until early 2010. Shoreline has conducted a traffic analysis that determined 1500 units and the associated vehicle trips was the maximum that their infrastructure could handle. Shoreline is requesting the developer fund a Richmond Beach Corridor Transportation Study to study the impacts of development at Pt. Wells on Richmond Beach Road. Later on tonight's agenda, Mr. Tovar will provide an update regarding Shoreline's efforts.

At the next Council meeting staff will provide a report on third quarter budget versus expenses as well as year-end projections.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – None**

## RESOLUTION NO. 09-342, OPPOSING INITIATIVE 1033

Town Administrator Eric Faison advised this resolution was drafted at the direction the Town Council provided at the September 28 meeting.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Quinn* moved to approve Resolution No. 09-342, opposing Initiative 1033. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion.

Discussion followed regarding resolutions being approved by other cities, requirement for any revenue growth to be used to offset property taxes, I-1033 limiting cities' ability to provide basic services, and the cost for larger cities to put a levy on the ballot. It was the consensus of the Council to add the following language to the Resolution:

*"WHEREAS, if passed, I-1033 will negate the effect of recent Woodway voter approval of a levy to fund basic services; and*

*WHEREAS, the Town Council is concerned passage of the initiative would threaten the Town's financial stability and independence; and"*

The motion carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 09-343, SUPPORTING THE WASHINGTON AEROSPACE PARTNERSHIP**

Mayor Nichols explained at the South Snohomish Cities dinner Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Director Bob Drewel encouraged all cities to pass a resolution informing Boeing that their presence in Washington State was very important.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-343, supporting the Washington Aerospace Partnership. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OLYMPIC VIEW WATER DISTRICT**

Mr. Faison reported Olympic View's General Manager Roger Eberhart wants to work with the Town on an Interlocal Agreement but Olympic View must maintain the authority to act in the way they view as in accordance with law such as maintaining control over when cross connection control devices must be installed. It was proposed that the Town's Building Official Tom Phillips develop a draft Interlocal Agreement with Mr. Eberhart.

Discussion followed regarding Olympic View requiring backflow prevention devices on sprinkler systems and the need to identify in the Interlocal Agreement which agency is responsible for requiring a backflow device on sprinkler system.

Mayor Nichols agreed to write a letter to Olympic View regarding the requests made at the July 20 meeting with the Olympic View Water Commission concerning the criteria the District's Cross Connection Control Specialist uses in determining when a backflow prevention device is required and provide 4-5 examples of when a backflow prevention device would/would not be required with regard to ponds, wetland and streams. The Town also needs clarification on Olympic View's resolution that non-residential facilities have the option to install a backflow prevention device at the point-of-use rather than the premises isolation that is required for single family residences.

Mayor Nichols suggested having Mr. Phillips attend the next Council meeting to discuss the Interlocal Agreement.

## **DISCUSSION ON POINT WELLS**

Mayor Nichols reported the Council packet includes comments submitted by Shoreline to the County Council regarding their traffic analysis as well as Save Richmond Beach's comments regarding zoning.

Joe Tovar, Planning Director, Shoreline, explained in addition to commenting to the County Council regarding traffic impacts, they recommend the County impose a cap on the number of units and vehicle trips generated by development of Pt. Wells. They recommended 1500 units or 8,250 vehicle trips/day; above that amount of development, the level of service of many intersections in Shoreline begins to fail. As further analysis would be needed to go above that number, they also requested the County Council continue the public hearing until January 2010. The County Council agreed to continue the hearing until December 9.

Shoreline also urged Snohomish County to include them in intergovernmental discussions. Shoreline is opposed to the Urban Center designation of Pt. Wells. The appeal deadline is November 10; the Shoreline City Council will make a decision shortly whether to appeal. Shoreline is also drafting an amendment to their Comprehensive Plan to address Pt. Wells as well as zoning regulations in the event the site was annexed into Shoreline.

Shoreline has taken photographs from various vantage points and used a computer model of the property to illustrate how development on the site would look. He displayed images of 10,000 square foot building footprints with building heights of 65, 90 and 180 feet as viewed from several vantage points. Shoreline has requested that Snohomish County, 1) model the height and mass of buildings, 2) identify on the zoning map the public view corridor that should be preserved, 3) identify the environmentally sensitive area on the site, and 4) divide the zone into smaller zones with different building heights.

Discussion followed regarding impacts of development on Shoreline and Woodway and the process for appealing Snohomish County Council's Urban Center designation.

Zach Hyatt, Graham & Dunn, representing Save Richmond Beach, described the community's involvement in influencing development at Pt. Wells. He reported Save Richmond Beach is considering an appeal of the Urban Center designation and he urged Shoreline and Woodway to also consider an appeal. He identified areas of mutual interest by Shoreline, Save Richmond Beach and Woodway such as, 1) cities having more input regarding development at Pt. Wells, 2) what development will look and how it will fit into the community with regard to views, open space, uses, public accessibility, etc., and 3) traffic.

Discussion followed regarding Save Richmond Beach's position on unit count, Richmond Beach residents' concern that Shoreline's transportation study did not address safety, making development contingent on determining the best solution for intersection design, Shoreline staff's proposal for zoning of the site if annexed into Shoreline, design standards/guidelines Woodway has developed for Pt. Wells, consequences of Snohomish County Council not adopting the Urban Center designation, definition of Urban Village versus Urban Center, and unique aspects of the Pt. Wells site compared to other Urban Centers.

Mayor Nichols suggested in early November, Woodway, Shoreline and Save Richmond Beach meet with Paramount. Mr. Hyatt invited a Woodway representative to speak at a Save Richmond Beach meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS**

Mayor Nichols read a letter from a resident in the Woodway Estates thanking the Town for fixing a water runoff a problem that had existed for many years. He recognized Public Works Director Terry Bryant and his crew for doing an excellent job without leaving a mess. He provided a \$1000 donation to the Town.

**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 8:41 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.)