

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2010 as amended. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to approve 2009 Claims Warrants #7210 through #7213, #7239 and #7240 for the total amount of \$5,533.74. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve 2010 Claims Warrants #7214 through #7238 for the total amount of \$63,450.50. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At Mayor Nichols' request, the Council took the following action:

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to amend the agenda to add Resolution 10-346 supporting State legislation to allow flexibility in the use of Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenue. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: **Councilmember Mitchell** reported PACE made a presentation at tonight's Olympic View Water District Commission meeting regarding Olympic View servicing Pt. Wells. She also reported Olympic View is considering furloughing employees as a cost saving measure.

Councilmember Quinn reported the South Snohomish Cities meeting included discussion regarding HB 1744 that would allow REET proceeds to be used for park maintenance and operation expenditures as well as to expand the list of capital projects for which certain REET proceeds may be used. The meeting also included discussion regarding how South Snohomish could be more effective in addressing issues facing cities.

MAYOR REPORT: **Mayor Nichols** reported the first community meeting regarding security held on January 11 was very well attended. She commended Chief Hansen for his presentation which included an explanation of the 911 system, recent burglaries statistics, and an opportunity for questions/answers. Another community meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Nichols relayed that Councilmember Mitchell and she plan to attend the Cities and Town's meeting tomorrow. She also planned to attend a panel discussion regarding Pt. Wells on January 26 at the Richmond Beach Congregational Church.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Public Works Director Terry Bryant reported a small slide occurred near the bottom of the bluff on private property at the corner of Dogwood Place and Dogwood Lane. The property owner previously applied for a permit for stormwater work on their property which will be reviewed by the Council due to the critical area.

In response to a question asked at the last meeting regarding whether Snohomish County was obligated to coordinate their Comprehensive Plan with the City of Shoreline, Mr. Faison responded RCW requires coordination across county boundaries. He provided Councilmembers a copy of the applicable RCW.

Mr. Faison reported on the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) Board meeting he attended and training provided by WCIA regarding implementation of Referendum 71.

WOODHAVEN STORMWATER

Mayor Nichols explained the Comprehensive Stormwater Plan identified the Woodhaven stormwater project as a top priority. Water from the Woodhaven collection area is collected by a series of catch basins and piped to a French drain located in an easement on private property. The French drain is overwhelmed during heavy rainfall and the downstream catch basin also overflows. At meetings held with the neighborhood in the past, residents were not supportive of a low impact bio swale approach which would have diverted some of the water from the catch basins.

Mr. Bryant described pros/cons and the estimated cost of each of the following options to address the situation: 1) discharge directly over the bluff, 2) tight-line with catch basins and pipe south, 3) Install a pump station to move water to the Woodway Park Rd bio swale, 4) do nothing. Mr. Bryant advised staff is still researching options and will report to the Council as further information is developed. Councilmembers discussed the existing situation and options.

PORT OF EDMONDS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOB MCCHESENEY

Mr. McChesney distributed a fact sheet, map of the marina, and a map of the Port District. Mr. McChesney described the Port's operating revenues, property tax assessments, operating expenses, net annual income, marina revenue, and commercial property rental revenue.

He reviewed the original Port purchase of the Harbor Square land, development of the site by a private developer, the Port's purchase of the buildings in 2006 and annual debt service on the loan. The Port recently hired LMN Architects and a financial planning firm to conduct a financial feasibility study and to develop economically feasible development scenarios. He displayed scenarios that include a mixed use residential option within the existing 35-foot height limit and a 3-5 story mixed use residential option. A 2010 Comprehensive Plan amendment has been submitted to the City of Edmonds. The next stage will be to engage the public; an open house is planned in February.

He responded to Council questions regarding views from upper units, challenges with development of the site, determining the minimum necessary to create sufficient economic

incentive, the previous process that included the Safeway and Skippers properties, retaining the athletic club, seasonal Port staff, benefits to Woodway residents of being in the Port District, and the timeline for the Comprehensive Plan amendment, Master Plan, SEPA review, etc.

Mr. McChesney advised the Harbor Square development concepts were available on the Port's website.

ORDINANCE 09-518, 2009 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Nichols reviewed amendments to the 2009 budget. Unbudgeted expenditures for 2009 included primary election costs, increased audit costs, Rosary Heights, and a Snohomish County overlay invoice. The Council is required to review and approve these amendments.

ACTION: *Councilmember Quinn* moved to approve Ordinance 09-518, amending the 2009 budget, increasing the 2009 expenditures by \$173,989. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Mr. Faison relayed the State recently informed the Town it can purchase non-collateralized CDs up to \$250,000 through 2013. Ms. Bielefeld's reviewed her research of banks that will/will not accept public funds.

Councilmember Whitson reviewed and the Council discussed the following proposed changes to the Town's Investment Policy:

- Adopt the Eligible Investments for Municipalities in the State of Washington which would allow the Town the flexibility to include municipal bonds as an investment
- Change the maximum maturity provision to allow up to 20% of the Town's invested reserves to have a maturity longer than 24 months but in no case longer than 36 months
- Add a provision that no more than \$250,000 can be invested in any one security or CD
- Raise the amount in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) from \$200,000 to either \$300,000 or 25% of reserves

The Council directed staff to revise the Investment Policy to include the above changes with the exception of raising the amount in the LGIP.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to authorize the Town Clerk to purchase three CDs in \$250,000 amounts with a maturity of 12 months with a minimum yield of 1.5%, and maturities of 18 months and 24 months with a minimum yield of 1.75%. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF FIRE/EMS SERVICES

Mr. Faison relayed his discussion with the Ruston Fire Chief about their volunteer Fire Department. Ruston is approximately ¼ mile square surrounded by the City of Tacoma. Ruston's annual budget is \$42,000, they have 15 volunteers and they provide volunteers dorm rooms and firefighters training in exchange for a 1-year commitment. Fire suppression and Basic Life Support (BLS) is provided by the volunteer firefighters. Pierce County does not have

Medic 1; Advanced Life Support (ALS) is provided via an ambulance company that directly bills patients. If Woodway selected a volunteer model, a method of providing ALS would need to be identified.

Mr. Faison relayed he also discussed the provision of fire/EMS services with the Shoreline Fire Department Chief who agreed to discuss it with their Board.

PROPOSED COMMERCIAL AIR TRAFFIC AT PAINE FIELD

Mayor Nichols advised the final public hearing is Thursday, January 21; written comments will be accepted until February 5. Councilmembers briefly discussed pros and cons of commercial air traffic at Paine Field and took no further action on this item.

RESOLUTION 10-346, SUPPORTING PROPOSED HB 1744, SUPPORTING FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF REET FUNDS

Mayor Nichols explained HB 1744, if approved, would provide flexibility to use Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds for maintenance. Mr. Faison explained HB 1744 applied to cities with population over 5,000; the Council's support of HB 1744 would allow other South Snohomish County cities the flexibility but would not affect Woodway.

ACTION: *Councilmember Quinn* moved to approve Resolution 10-346, Supporting State Legislation HB 1744. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Council Choice of Topics

Councilmember Anderson requested an excused absence on February 16.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING: *Councilmember Quinn* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Joyce Bielefeld, Clerk Treasurer

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.)