

# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 2009

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

### May 18, 2009:

Following a minor amendment, *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2009 as amended. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### May 26, 2009 Special Meeting

Following a minor amendment, *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2009 as amended. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** *Councilmember Quinn* moved to approve Claims Warrants #6896 through #6914 for the total amount of \$9,831.03. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve Payroll Warrants #9822 through #9851 for the total amount of \$46,386.06. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Kerri Bumgardner, 23600 Woodway Park Road, representing the Pro Committee on the Rosary Heights bond initiative, acknowledged there were many details forthcoming regarding the costs associated with maintenance and general upkeep, however, preliminary findings indicate the building is in good condition and there is no obvious deferred maintenance. She spoke to the ecological significance of Rosary Heights and the sense of community that this substantial allocation of open space would create. She summarized it was important to present all the facts and allow voters to make an informed decision regarding the purchase of the property.

Elaine Jorgenson, 10923 Kulshan Road, requested the Council hold a public hearing regarding the Rosary Heights bond initiative. She suggested the public hearing be held at the conference center in Edmonds that offers a modest rate for municipalities and seats 50-400 people. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson explained there was no legal requirement for a public hearing prior to the election. If the bond measure passes, the Council must hold a public hearing prior to approving the sale of bonds. A brief discussion followed regarding the history of public hearings prior to ballot measures, the 60% approval rate required to approve the bond issue, community meetings that were held with the community to discuss the potential purchase, and additional information that would be provided by the Pro and Con Committees. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson offered Mr. Faison as a resource for factual information for both the Pro and Con Committees.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Councilmember Quinn reported the Sisters at Rosary Heights contacted the police over the weekend suspecting vandalism on their property. The police discovered a bear had been in their backyard eating from their birdfeeders.

Councilmember Saltonstall reported the Director of the South Snohomish County Communications Agency, SnoCom, is retiring. The SnoCom Board offered the position to Debra Grady, the Communications Manager for the Carlsbad, California Police Department.

**MAYOR PRO TEM REPORT:** Mayor Pro Tem Anderson reminded the next Council meeting was scheduled on June 22.

If the bond issue to purchase Rosary Heights passes on August 18, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson suggest holding a special meeting between August 19 and 22 to execute the option agreement and to make a decision regarding the date for the public hearing. Councilmember Whitson briefly commented on the process for selling bonds. Discussion followed regarding when a public hearing could be held and offering Town hall as a site for the Pro and Con committees to host open forums regarding the Rosary Heights bond initiative. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson offered to contact the chairs of the Pro and Con Committees to encourage them to host a public forum.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pro Tem Anderson advised Mr. Faison's report was provided in the Council packet. He highlighted information in the report regarding maintenance costs for Rosary Heights. A brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of holding another open house at Rosary Heights and the Sisters' willingness to have another open house.

The Council requested staff provide the Olympic View Water District Commissioners and the Council the list of questions to be discussed at the meeting between Olympic View and the Council.

#### **DRAFT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SNOHOMISH COUNTY – POINT WELLS**

Because the Draft Interlocal Agreement was not yet complete, this item was postponed until the June 22 meeting.

#### **ORDINANCE 09-506, AMEND WMC RELATED TO “CRITICAL AREAS”**

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson explained the Council's previous adoption of the Critical Areas Ordinance changed “sensitive areas” to “critical areas.” This ordinance will change the term “sensitive areas” to “critical areas” throughout the code.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Quinn moved to approve ordinance 09-506, Amend WMC related to Critical Areas. Councilmember Whitson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

#### **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson referred to an article regarding Rosary Heights on the front page of the *Enterprise*.

**ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING:** *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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Joyce Bielefeld, Clerk-Treasurer

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William W. 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.)