



City Council Minutes – September 15, 2008

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Maxwell called the regularly scheduled meeting of September 15, 2008 to order. Roll call found present: Nick Petrish, Erica Pickett, Brad Adams, Bill Turner, Cynthia Richardson, and Brian Geer. Absent: Kevin McKeown. Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Mrs. Richardson noted a misspelling on page 1; with that, Mrs. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Adams that the minutes of August 18, 2008 be approved as if read. Vote: Ayes – Pickett, Adams, Turner, Richardson, and Petrish. Mr. Geer abstained. Motion carried.

Citizen Hearings

Mr. Bill Mitchell, 807 27th St., reported that although the Enchantress may not be saved, but that he and others will be working on chronicling the Enchantress' history.

Mr. Dave Crawford, 5974 Campbell Lake Road, suggested that the proposed improvements to Highway 20/Sharpe's Corner should be discussed in a Public Hearing format.

Ms. B. Morris, 1618 7th Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for responding to the parking/safety issues at 6th Street and "I" Avenue.

Mayor/Council Communication

Ms. Pickett reminded everyone that this Saturday, September 20th is the Fidalgo Bay Day celebration at Seafarer's Memorial Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This popular annual event will feature chowder tasting, a Shannon Point Marine Center display, and other exhibits celebrating the Anacortes maritime connection.

WSDOT/Sharpe's Corner Update

Mr. Todd Harrison, Department of Transportation, reported that there will be an open house in Anacortes on September 25th at the Middle School from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for question and answer regarding the Sharpe's Corner improvements; with a follow up meeting with the Oak Harbor City Council. Mr. Harrison said that the overall project budget is \$23.4 million with construction to begin in 2011. The proposed improvements will address safety and congestion issues at this critical intersection. A value engineering study evaluated options, accepted public comment, and incorporated an independent review. The study validated and recommended moving forward with the roundabout option; a bypass tunnel was suggested as an alternative. Cost risk assessment issues include, in part, soils, rock, ground water, major utilities, and property purchases. Overall, the project is within budget and on track with the construction start date. A hearing will also be held to study the Gibraltar intersection access. Mr. Harrison discussed project entails including moving the intersection to the east and north; westbound will bypass the roundabout, and there will be a trail from Oak Harbor. DOT has worked closely with the Active Community Task Force, a subcommittee of the Skagit Regional Transportation Policy Board; this group represents non-motorized facilities within the Skagit County area and has offered valuable advice and input. Question and answer followed with the Council.

Conservation Easement Program: Council Approval of Groves

Mr. Jonn Lunsford, Parks and Forestlands Manager, presented a request for Council approval of 30 acres to be protected through the Conservation Easement Program. Council reviewed this acreage via a July 31, 2008 memorandum from the Park Department. This approval would bring the total number of acres conserved through the Easement Program to 1,575. With that, Mr. Adams moved, seconded by Mr. Geer, to

authorize the protection of 30 acres through the Conservation Easement Program (as described in a July 31, 2008 memorandum from the Parks Department). Vote: Ayes - Pickett, Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, and Petrish. Motion carried.

Resolution: Adoption of Updated Solid Waste Management Plan

Mr. Fred Buckenmeyer, Public Works Director, reported that in April of 2008 the cities and towns in the County joined in signing an Interlocal agreement with Skagit County that formed the Solid Waste Governance Board resulting in the development of a joint city-county plan. In that regard, the Skagit County Public Works Department has developed a joint city-county Solid Waste Management Plan Update with involvement from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Solid Waste System Governance Board. The Governance Board is requesting that each jurisdiction take formal action to adopt this Plan; staff recommends adoption. Mr. Buckenmeyer also provided an executive summary of the Plan for Council review; the Mayor pointed out that the amendment removes the ability to have a second transfer facility within Skagit County without approval of the Solid Waste Governance Board. With that, Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mr. Geer, to adopt **Resolution No. 1764** entitled "Regarding Adoption of the 2008 Skagit County Solid Waste Management Plan Update as Amended". Vote: Ayes – Adams, Turner, Richardson, Geer, Petrish, and Pickett. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Petrish moved, seconded by Mr. Geer, to approve the following Consent Agenda item. Vote: Ayes – Turner, Richardson, Geer, Petrish, Pickett, and Adams. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers/Cancellation of Warrants

Council voted unanimously that the following vouchers/warrants audited and certified by the City's Auditing Officer (Finance Director) and subsequently reviewed and approved by the Council Finance Committee on September 4, 2008 and September 11, 2008 are approved for payment as of this date September 15, 2008.

Claims Warrants

Sep 2008: Warrant Numbers 47706 through 47909 in the total amount of \$448,044.02

EFT

Sep 2008: EFT Number 47702 through 47705 in the total amount of \$1,249.99

Payroll September 5, 2008 in the total amount of \$703,529.76

Warrant Numbers 32702 through 32767 in the total amount of \$64,181.91

Direct Deposit Numbers 27765 through 27956 in the total amount of \$463,055.29

EFT Numbers 891 through 895 in the total amount of \$176,292.56

Cancelled Warrant

Warrant Number 31699 in the total amount of \$72.90

Action: Old Town Overlay Zoning Code

Mr. Don Measamer, Assistant Planning Director, reported that the residents in the Old Town area and City staff participated in the development of a draft for a zoning overlay for that specific neighborhood in the R 3 zone. Key features include: no new construction of duplexes or triplex; re-construction of existing tri- and four-plexes only if destroyed by fire or the elements and only within the existing footprint; Planned Unit Developments are not allowed; and building height shall be 25' (an increase to 35' may be allowed under certain circumstances). Mrs. Richardson reported that the Anacortes Historic Preservation Board found the proposed languages acceptable. In that regard, the City's existing ordinance requires review by the Board before any changes can be made to homes on the local designated landmark registry; Mrs. Richardson suggested amending the overlay language from *may* to *shall* regard to designated landmarks. With that revision, Mrs. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, to approve the Old Town Overlay Zoning to be included with the 2007 Development Regulation amendments. Mr. Petrish thanked the neighbors for their participation in this significant planning process. Vote: Ayes – Richardson, Geer, Petrish, Pickett, Adams, and Turner. Motion carried.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Mayor Maxwell continued the meeting to the evening of Monday, September 22, 2008 in order to consider approval for the Library RDID security and self-check system.