

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2015
7:00 PM**

The following is a summary of the proceedings and is *not* a verbatim transcript.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dicker Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Dicker Cahill

Councilmembers: Mary Elmore
Bruce Jones
Steve Bush
Andy Valaas - Excused
Carl Scandella - Excused

Staff: Anastasiya Warhol – Town Clerk-Treasurer
Mona Green – Town Planner
Wayne Stewart – Town Attorney
John Joplin – Finance Coordinator
Kyle Kolling – Police Lieutenant, Clyde Hill

Guests: Randy Heath – Town Resident
Margie Lundgren –Town Resident
Len Newstrum –Town Resident

APPEARANCES:

None.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes of October 26th, 2015 *as presented*. Councilmember Bush seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION: Councilmember Bush moved to approve the Consent Calendar including the Payment of checks 3693 through 3722 as described in the Payment Approval Report dated 11/05/2015 as shown totaling \$276,970.63. Councilmember Elmore seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

As part of the Consent Calendar, the Council also approved the following:

- Town Planner Invoice; October
- Town Engineer Invoice; October
- Building Official Invoice; October

STAFF REPORTS:

Clyde Hill Police Department Lieutenant Kyle Kolling explained that the point has been relatively quiet with no significant disturbances in October. However, Mr. Kolling reminded the Council and present residents *not* to leave mail in mailboxes or packages at the doorsteps.

Planner Mona Green explained that the Planning Commission continues to focus on Emergency Preparedness. The Commissioners are developing neighborhood clusters to start implementing the Map Your Neighborhood program.

Clerk Warhol updated the Council on the 92nd Ave Project. The Town Engineer met with selected contractor, Jansen Contractor for the pre-construction meeting. The Engineer outlined the Town's goals and objectives for the project as well as communication among all the utility purveyors and the contractor. At this meeting, Town staff also discussed the general public information plan for the duration of the project. This plan includes:

- 1) Post-card mailing to all residents to announce start of construction
- 2) Construction advisory pagoda posting
- 3) Post mailing of the project details along with schedule to high-impact residents
- 4) Send ongoing construction communication every Wednesday via e-mail.
- 5) Make updated schedule available to all residents.
- 6) Stacia Schroeder and Town Clerk are the Town's information contacts

REGULAR BUSINESS:

AB 15-42 LED or HPS Street Lights, *for Discussion*

The Mayor briefly summarized the opportunity to use Transportation Improvement Board grant funds to convert current Town lights to LEDs.

The Town Clerk explained that approximately 50 people responded to a poll on LED vs. HPS light fixtures. The majority of respondents were in favor of the switch to LEDs. Residents echoed the following concerns: cost savings, ambiance, light pollution, and safety.

Resident Newstrum asked to see where the lights would be placed. Town Clerk assured Mr. Newstrum that the plans are available at Town Hall with the Town engineer for inspection.

The Council chose not to take any action until further information on cost savings as well as the opportunity to see a “test light” is available.

AB 15-43 Noise Monitoring by the Greenbush Group, for Discussion

Mayor Cahill explained that the Town has financed noise monitoring for 72 hours at the following four locations:

1. 9436 Points Drive NE
2. 3223 92nd Ave NE
3. 9030 NE Points Drive
4. 9021 NE 32nd Place

Following the monitoring, Greenbusch submitted the findings by concluding that noise levels at 3223 92nd Ave NE and 9021 NE 32nd Place are both above the predicted traffic noise levels.

Mayor Cahill explained that this memorandum would be provided to the affected residents to help them in their private negotiations with WSDOT. In a parallel track, the Town will also send the memo to WSDOT to punctuate noise concerns and separately address the noise-wall height issue. Mayor Cahill noted that while the Town is supportive, the residents must advocate for their own needs, as these are private property issues. Moving forward, the noise memorandum will continue to be available but the Town will not incur further expense from Greenbusch Group.

AB 15-44 2016 Budget, Public Hearing, for Discussion

The Town Mayor explained that the Town finances are looking healthy and the projections indicate that 2016 will be another stable year. The budget includes financing for the following items this year:

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| ▪ 92 nd Avenue UGC and Pathway Project | \$1,321,666 |
| ▪ Expenses due to a 6% increase in the police contract | \$414,401 |
| ▪ Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects | \$80,000 |
| ▪ Funds to Finance Morningside Restoration & other “parks” items | \$25,000 |

Mayor Cahill Opened a Public Hearing at 8:17PM

No Comment.

Mayor Cahill Closed the Public Hearing at 8:18 PM

The Council will adopt the 2016 budget at the December Council meeting.

AB 15-45 2016 Property Tax Levy, Public Hearing, Ordinances No. 661 & No. 662, for Adoption

Fiscal Coordinator John Joplin explained that the setting of the property tax levy is to be set as follows:

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- The levy increase is limited to 1 % on existing property plus an amount related to new construction.

- The levy must be submitted to the King County Council before 2015 assessed the King County Assessor publishes values.
- If the estimated levy request is higher than the finally determined allowable rate the assessor will reduce the levy to the appropriate rate.
- The levy to be submitted to the King County Council will be \$ 553,758.
- This represents an increase of \$ 5,391 plus \$ 7,378 levied on new construction over 2015, plus relevy for prior years in the amount of \$1,878.

Mayor Cahill Opened a Public Hearing at 8:21PM

No Comment.

Mayor Cahill Closed the Public Hearing at 8:22 PM

MOTION: Councilmember Bush moved to adopt *Ordinance No. 661*, approving a 1% levy increase. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION: Councilmember Bush moved to adopt *Ordinance No. 662*, fixing the amount of taxes to be levied. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mary Elmore remarked that the Little Library is becoming greatly successful and more little libraries are soon to follow.

Councilmember Steve Bush noted that a lot of residents are currently using NextDoor, a free private social network for your neighborhood. The Town will continue to discuss whether to use NextDoor.

Clerk Warhol announced that LifeSpring will be hosting a donation drive at Town Hall on Thursday the 12th.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilmember Bush moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Dicker Cahill, Mayor



ATTEST:

Anastasiya Warhol, Clerk-Treasurer