



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 10, 2015
Hillberg

Mayor Leider called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, and Tom Stowe.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Wade Morlock.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Town Planner Mona Green.

GUESTS: Linda Mui, Susan Bogert, Paula Dix, and Julia Morse.

MINUTES: Councilmember Gillem moved to approve January 13, 2015 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

WARRANTS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the February 10, 2015 warrants, numbers 9796 through 9818 in the amount of \$17,350.46. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

COUNCILWOMAN JANE HAGUE VISIT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that King County Councilwoman Jane Hague will visit with the Council during the March meeting.

TREE INVENTORY GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Town has been awarded a tree-inventory grant from the Department of Natural Resources. DNR will follow up with a letter outlining the additional requirements we will need to meet and additional information we will need to provide to the contractor performing the inventory. When the letter is received, she will forward it to Councilmembers Hillberg and Stowe for help in determining what we need to do to meet the requirements.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: No report.

WABA REPORT: WABA Trustee Susan Bogert reported that:

- WABA has elected new trustees: Steve McKean, Pam Donoghue, Peter Bowen, Susan Bogert, and Amy Nasissi.
- The Annual Winter Dinner was a success.
- The WABA Board is working on a plan to replace the beach barbecue. Details will be

circulated to members when available.

- The current phase of WABA's Shoreline Project is working to obtain needed permits.
- WABA plans to treat the water for milfoil this year.
- Assessments will be distributed to members around March 15th.

APPEARANCES: Paula Dix commented on her concerns about changes in the Village that seem contrary to the "Village Way", particularly those that have led to a loss of trees and historic homes. She asked the Council to consider changing the Tree Code to better protect Beaux Arts' forest feel citing a number of municipalities that have instituted strong preservation regulations. In addition, she noted that a number of trees have been removed from Town property recently and would like the Council to develop a policy for replacing these trees that is consistent with the requirements placed on private property.

It was the consensus of the Council to discuss this issue briefly next month and decide whether to send it to the Planning Commission for further study. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will add an item to the March agenda for that discussion. Councilmember Stowe commented that the Town should consider selling carbon credits from our urban forest if that program becomes available to us.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES: Town Planner Mona Green briefed the Council on the updates contained in this version of the Comprehensive Plan. She also provided insight into the Planning Commission's process for and method of addressing the state-mandated updates, including that they didn't want to make wholesale changes and that they didn't want to commit the Town to anything in a state-sponsored document. She concluded by stating that if the Council decides this update is ready to be submitted, the order of remaining milestones is as follows:

- In March, she will complete a SEPA review, which triggers a 14-day waiting period for comments.
- In April, she will submit for Council action a resolution stating the Council's 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt. The resolution will be filed with the Washington State Department of Commerce with the updated Comprehensive Plan for their review.
- In June, she expects the Council to be able to complete its adoption by ordinance of the Updated Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:43 pm. As there were no comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:44 pm.

The Council offered a couple of minor suggestions, which Ms. Green will incorporate.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to authorize Town Planner Green to proceed with completing a SEPA review on the amended document. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 295 AUTHORIZING A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION IN THE ANIMAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH KING COUNTY: Clerk-Treasurer

Spens reminded the Council that King County entered into a new Animal Services Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Beaux Arts and 34 other cities effective January 1, 2013. The current ILA expires at the end of this year, and the County wishes to extend the current contract for another two years. She noted that Town Attorney Stewart has reviewed the contract, approved it as to form, and recommends that the Council authorize the Mayor to execute the extension.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adopt Resolution No. 295 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement to Extend Animal Services Interlocal Agreement between King County and the Town of Beaux Arts Village through December 31, 2017.

Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 296 AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR ARBORIST SERVICES WITH TREE SOLUTIONS:

Clerk-Treasurer explained that this amendment was requested by Tree Solutions because of changes in their liability insurance.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adopt Resolution No. 296 authorizing the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment No 1 to the agreement with Tree Solutions for providing arborist services. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TEMPLATE: Councilmember Gillem explained that he developed this template prototype using examples from other local small cities and that he inserted known projects into the template to illustrate its use. The Council will review the template and continue discussion of this important planning tool further at next month's meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Goal 4 – Town Character

Master Plan for ROWs – ANGLE PATH: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he is looking for some professional help in designing path improvements on the Angle Path. Mayor Leider suggested that he contact John Barker, the landscaping firm that is assisting WABA with their Shoreline Improvement Project.

ACADEMY PATH: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he has discussed a number of ideas with neighbors in the vicinity of this path and is working to consolidate that feedback. He plans to bring a proposal to the Council for discussion in March and action in April. For this path, he has accepted the Brookharts offer to place extra topsoil from their construction project in the area, and he is working to collect plants to install. He commented that the final proposal will be mindful of the need to maintain access for utility trucks and to protect the water distribution line that runs through the right of way. Plans to provide parking in the area are still up for discussion.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

4TH QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORTS: Councilmember Gillem reported that he has reviewed the 4th Quarter Treasurer's Reports and found them and their documentation to be accurate. He has signed them to indicate this review and his approval.

SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION MEETING: Councilmember Stowe noted that he is unable to attend the Sound Cities Association meeting to be held later this week and encouraged others to attend if possible to keep Beaux Arts' voice in the discussion.

REVENUE OPTIONS: Mayor Leider reminded the Council of his recent research on potential revenue sources available to cities and towns and how to develop them. He suggested that the Council form a citizen advisory committee to investigate these potential revenue sources further and in depth using resources such as "A Revenue Guide for Washington Cities and Towns" published by Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC) and other materials as may enhance their understanding of the taxing alternatives that the Town has not yet utilized or that may need to be enhanced to strengthen the Town's financial underpinnings. It was the consensus of the Council that they support forming this advisory committee. Mayor Leider will bring names for consideration to the March Council meeting.

KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTATION: Mayor Leider noted that Captain Greg Thomas had planned to attend tonight's meeting to hold an informal discussion with the Council and preview ideas for helping our residents protect themselves and their property from crime. Unfortunately, Capt. Thomas' plans changed and he was unable to attend tonight. Mayor Leider anticipates that this discussion will occur in March instead.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday March 10, 2015 at Tom Stowe's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer