



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 9, 2016
Hudson

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

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, Cynthia Hudson, Wade Morlock and Tom Stowe.

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens

GUESTS: King County Councilwoman Claudia Balducci, WABA Secretary Susan Bogert.

MINUTES: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the February 9, 2016 warrants, numbers 10084 through 10106 in the amount of \$14,999.36. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST (PRR): Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that Mr. Clemans actively withdrew his public-records request from various cities around King County, but Beaux Arts did not receive such a notice from him. To clarify whether he wished to pursue the request sent to Beaux Arts, she wrote to explaining that the Town has learned of this withdrawal, is presuming that he did intend to withdraw the request to Beaux Arts also, and notifying him that we are suspending further work on the request unless and until he notifies us that he still seeks these public records. She has not yet received a reply to that email.

CONTACT LIST FOR CASH-BASIS ENTITIES: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that one outcome of our recent audit was a list of the various cash-basis entities throughout Washington that are now subject to an adverse opinion based solely on them being cash-basis entities (vs. accrual-basis entities that are GAAP compliant). Unfortunately, the list we received was just the names of the 347 entities with no contact names or addresses. She is working to compile a list that includes contact information and will forward it to Mayor Leider when ready.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: No report.

WABA REPORT: WABA Secretary Susan Bogert reported that Cyndy Park has agreed to

serve as WABA's Trustee at Large. Other WABA Trustees are Steven McKean, President; Pam Donoghue, Vice-President; Peter Bowen, Treasurer; and Susan Bogert, Secretary. In addition, WABA has decided to create a separate Events Chair, to ease the burden on the Trustees. Jennifer Heintz has agreed to fill the position, and she comes with event-planning experience.

Other recent WABA business included:

- WABA's budget for 2106 was recently approved;
- The Spring Beach Clean-up is set for April 23rd;
- WABA is working to find a milfoil contractor so that they can follow through on a milfoil-spraying program this summer;
- WABA assessments will be mailed in March and due on April 15th.
- Implementation of the WABA Commons Master Plan is moving forward. First tasks include replacement of the barbecue and improving drainage in the lawn areas.

APPEARANCES: None.

VISIT WITH KING COUNTY COUNCILWOMAN CLAUDIA BALDUCCI: Mayor Leider welcomed newly-elected King County Councilwoman Claudia Balducci to the Council meeting.

Ms. Balducci's informal presentation touched on a number of priorities for the King County Council, including several committees on which she will serve:

- Transportation – She will serve on the Regional Transportation Committee and the Sound Transit Board. Much of the focus for this year will be ST2 implementation and ST3 planning.
 - ST2 will have a huge impact on Beaux Arts during construction along Bellevue Way and during the temporary closure of the South Bellevue Park & Ride.
 - ST3 is in preparation for the November 2016 ballot. The State Legislature approved taxing sources last year. King County is working to improve residents' connections to Sound Transit, particularly through Bus Rapid Transit and extensions of the light-rail lines South and East.
- Law & Justice Committee – 77% of the County's General Fund is spent on criminal-justice concerns. This committee plans to work on issues of homelessness, recidivism, and mental-health problems as a way to reduce that percentage over the longer-term.
- Biennial Budget – 2016 is the County's biennial-budget year. The County's Comprehensive Plan updates will also begin this year.
- Solid Waste Planning – Many decisions with regard to solid waste still remain, including whether Houghton and Renton transfer stations will, in fact, close, and whether Bellevue will develop a non-County-based program for handling its solid waste or decide to re-join the County's solid-waste Interlocal agreement.
- Metro Sewage Treatment – King County will be replacing the large sewage pipes that run from the Mercer Slough to Mercer Island. This won't affect Beaux Arts directly, but the work will occur very nearby.

Mayor Leider asked if Ms. Balducci had any questions or concerns about Beaux Arts. Ms.

Balducci asked why Beaux Arts contracts with the King County Sheriff's Office for police services. Mayor Leider explained that the economics make sense, the service has been good historically, the marine patrol is part of the package, and the statewide mutual-cooperation agreement assures a rapid response by the nearest police unit (regardless of affiliation) to any serious emergency.

Mayor Leider asked what Beaux Arts can do to assist Ms. Balducci with her County Council work. Ms. Balducci stated that the biggest help is to stay in contact with questions and concerns, particularly with regard to Sound Transit.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 421 CREATING A GOLF CART ZONE: Mayor Leider asked if there were any questions about the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Stowe asked what the rules are for towing a trailer behind a golf cart and what about using car-top carriers on golf carts. Councilmember Gillem noted that the idea of using trailers was briefly discussed by the study group, who determined that the electric golf carts allowed by this ordinance weren't likely to be powerful enough to pull trailers. As for car-top carriers, the study group determined that they shouldn't pose a problem.

Mayor Leider added that it is his understanding that all Town ordinances are narrowly viewed, such that any activity not expressly allowed by the ordinance is thereby prohibited. He will follow up with Town Attorney Stewart to confirm this.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to pass Ordinance No. 421 amending Beaux Arts Village Municipal Code Title 10 to establish a golf cart zone and adopt regulations for registering and operating said carts. Councilmember Gillem seconded.
Vote: 5 For, 0 against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 299 APPROVING THE ARCH BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM FOR 2016: Mayor Leider briefly reminded the Council that our participation in ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) is the primary means by which the Town can meet state-mandated goals for affordable housing. He added that the Town is being asked to increase its contribution to ARCH's administrative budget for the first time in seven years and that the increase is a modest 3%.

MOTION: Councilmember Morlock moved to adopt Resolution No. 299 authorizing the ARCH Budget and Work Program for 2016. Councilmember Gillem seconded.
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

2015 BUDGET PERFORMANCE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens commented that this item was included for the Council's review so that they could see that the Town's actual expenditures for all funds were 12.2% under budget thanks to savings on a couple of projects and the deferral of the street-paving project. She noted that the General Fund ended up slightly over budget – by 0.62% -- due to the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Project. However, there are two important things to note about this: all of the 2015 expense for this particular project is covered by a reimbursement grant, so actual revenues for 2015 also exceeded budget; and while the Town will have to make note of this budget overrun in our annual report, it is too small to be considered material by the State Auditors Office.

Councilmember Gillem added that our 2016 revenues are already running ahead of budget with a couple of large remodel projects in the Building Department and recent house sales that will boost our real-estate excise tax revenues.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

4Q2015 TREASURER'S REPORTS: Councilmember Gillem reported that he has completed his review of the 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report and supporting documentation and found them to be complete and in balance.

STORMWATER COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN: Councilmember Stowe reported he and Stacia Schroeder met with PACE Engineers to discuss inspecting the stormwater system using cameras. They have developed a plan, and Econovac will start the work shortly. In addition, he continues to work on the pre-application for a possible grant to help fund the actual work on the stormwater system, once the Stormwater Comprehensive Master Plan is complete and we know what work needs to be done.

TOWN TREES: Councilmember Hillberg reported that Tree Solutions recently assessed a tree on SE 29th Street and found it to be okay.

ACADEMY PATH PARKING: Councilmember Hillberg reported that Bill Beck will finish work on the parking places shortly. Topsoil removed from the site will be moved to the Water Tower lot.

ANGLE PATH: Councilmember Hillberg reported that plans for the Angle Path are now out for bid. He expects the work to begin in March.

ROW MAINTENANCE: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he has chosen Signature Landscape Services to perform maintenance on several of the Town's ROWs, including weeding, tree pruning, and vegetation trimming four times per year along 108th Ave SE, the Academy Path, the Water Tower lot, and the 104th Path ROW (between SE 29th and SE 28th Streets).

COMMUNITY CENTER: Councilmember Hudson reported that she and Councilmember Stowe attended the most recent WABA meeting to present the concept of a community center and gauge their interest. She noted that she hasn't gotten any feedback yet, but the meeting was just last night.

MAILSTAND MAINTENANCE: Councilmember Hudson asked about the protocol for repairing/replacing mailstands. Mayor Leider explained that this maintenance is the responsibility of the residents with mailboxes on the mailstand in question.

RETAINING WALL ON 103RD AT SE 27TH: Councilmember Hudson noted that the retaining wall constructed of railroad ties that shores up 103rd Ave SE adjacent to the McNulty/Bogert property needs attention. Councilmember Stowe will investigate the situation.

ST2 MEETING WITH BELLEVUE: Mayor Leider reported that he and Councilmember

Stowe recently met with City of Bellevue (COB) about that city's plans for mitigating the impacts of construction along Bellevue Way. He commented that Bellevue does have a plan and timeline for Bellevue Way closures and for handling traffic during construction; however, they intend to communicate information via a committee that isn't yet formed. The Town does have a seat at the COB/Sound Transit table, so Beaux Arts will be represented in future discussions.

MEETING WITH PSE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE: Mayor Leider reported that he recently met with Katherine Taylor, PSE's Government Affairs representative to discuss an upcoming project for high-voltage lines in Wilburton. PSE is looking for Beaux Arts' support. Mayor Leider asked Ms. Taylor about the possibility of grant funding for new street-light poles and learned that there isn't such a program at this time. Councilmember Stowe commented that the Council may want to consider requiring new home construction to include the addition of a new street light as part of their permit approval.

REVENUE COMMITTEE: Mayor Leider reported he is still working to find a date for the Revenue Committee's kick-off meeting.

WHATMORE ISSUE: Mayor Leider reminded the Council that the Whatmore issues remains unresolved, though one possible solution needs WABA's approval.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday March 8, 2016 at Richard Leider's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Councilmember Gillem seconded.
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer