



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13, 2016

Leider

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

Clerk-Treasurer Spens administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilmembers John Gillem and Cynthia Hudson. This swearing-in should have taken place in January; however, it was overlooked at that time, because no certificates of election were received from the King County Department of Elections after last November's election.

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

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Planning Commissioner Paula Dix; Bellevue Transportation Department representatives John Murphy and Marie Jensen.

MINUTES: Councilmember Morlock moved to approve the July 12, 2016 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Hudson seconded.

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

WARRANTS: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the August 9, 2016 warrants, numbers 10220 through 10248 in the amount of \$28,764.70. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the September 13, 2016 warrants, numbers 10249 through 10271 in the amount of \$33,433.27. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

FIRST CALL FOR BUDGET INPUT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that September marks the beginning of the annual budget-preparation cycle. She asked Councilmembers to prepare cost estimates for the work they expect to complete next year within their areas of oversight and forward those estimates to her by the end of September. She will combine that information with estimates of revenues and expenditures for other budget areas and prepare budget worksheets for the Council's use in their budget discussions. She added that typically the October review focuses on revenue estimates.

AWC LOSS PREVENTION GRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that she needs final input to submit an application to the Association of Washington Cities for a loss-prevention grant. She commented that this year's loss-prevention-grant program is for a

"jumbo" grant of up to \$5,000, so the projects discussed last month will be combined with the tree projects into a single grant request.

TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that there is still an outstanding requirement to be met from last year's DNR Tree Inventory grant. Councilmember Hillberg continues working on this with the Town Arborist.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: No report.

WABA REPORT: No report.

APPEARANCES: None.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION: Representatives of the Bellevue Transportation Department, Marie Jensen and John Murphy, outlined the current draft plan for mitigating the traffic that could be expected to cut through neighborhoods during Sound Transit's construction along Bellevue Way. Mr. Murphy explained that he has been meeting with a group of Enatai-area residents, including Villagers Tom Stowe, Cynthia Hudson, and Eugenia Yen, to create a plan to minimize the shift of traffic from Bellevue Way into the neighborhoods while still giving area residents reasonable access to their neighborhood.

Mr. Murphy distributed a map illustrating the southbound access points that will be restricted along Bellevue Way from its intersection with 112th Ave SE to the I-90 onramps during Sound Transit's construction. The map also shows the locations of warning signs to give drivers in the vicinity plenty of advance notice of these restrictions. He added that the locations for these restricted access points were chosen after much discussion and careful thought about the shared impact that the restrictions will place on residents of these neighborhoods during commute times.

Sound Transit construction is expected to begin as early as January 2017 and to last four years, during which time the South Bellevue Park & Ride will close. Once Sound Transit's work is complete, the Bellevue HOV project will begin. Bellevue Transportation will continue to work with Sound Transit and the Bellevue HOV Team during this time period.

Bellevue Transportation would like as much feedback as possible from interested residents. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will add a link on the Beaux Arts website to Bellevue's online survey to facilitate access.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 424 ADOPTING THE TOWN'S 2017-2022 CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:49pm. As there was no public comment, he closed the hearing at 7:50pm.

Council discussion focused on reviewing the newly added Stormwater System projects and the need to prioritize them.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve Ordinance No. 424 adopting the Town's 2017-2022 Capital Investment Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan with Exhibit A, as amended. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Mayor Lieder asked Planning Commissioner Paula Dix to recap the Planning Commission's work on this topic.

Ms. Dix reviewed that when the Planning Commission first suggested that they study how to encourage preservation of historic and architecturally-significant houses, they were charged with meeting three criteria:

1. The program must be voluntary, i.e. no resident may be pressured into participating.
2. The program must have no cost to the Town.
3. The program should highlight the value the Town places on preserving historic homes in its vision statement.

Ms. Dix stated that the Planning Commission believes the Certified Local Government (CLG) program meets these criteria. She noted that while it may never be utilized, the existence of the program will underscore the idea that Beaux Arts Village honors and values its older historic homes.

On discussion, the following questions were address:

- How many homes would qualify?
Homes must be at least 50 years old to qualify. There are approximately 50 homes in Beaux Arts that meet this qualification.
- Are residents excited about the program?
Resident reactions run the gamut from "not at all interested" to "very excited to participate".
- What other communities have CLG programs in place? Is it possible to quantify the benefits to participants?
Ms. Dix will get compile a list of other communities that have CLG programs in place and present it to the Council shortly.
- Does the ordinance enacting this program constitute a land-use ordinance?
Clerk-Treasurer Spens will follow up with Town Attorney Stewart for the answer.

It was the consensus of the Council to continue moving forward with the study of this program.

CONCERNS ABOUT CURRENT STREET SIGNAGE: Councilmember Stowe explained that a resident recently wrote with concerns about confusion at the intersection of SE 28th Street with both 104th Ave SE and 105th Ave SE. The resident was turning west from 104th SE to SE 28th and was nearly hit by another motorist who was not aware that oncoming traffic did not have a stop sign.

Councilmembers were unsure how best to remedy this problem, so Mayor Leider will connect with the King County Sheriff's Office to learn if they have any suggestions for slowing traffic along our "arterial" and increasing safety for vehicles and pedestrians using this corridor.

The Council will continue to determine and evaluate remedies for this situation.

GOLF CART DISCUSSION: It was the consensus of the Council that there have been no new problems reported so no further discussion is needed at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

2Q2016 TREASURER'S REPORTS: Councilmember Gillem reported that he has completed his review of the 2Q2016 Treasurer's Reports and has signed them to indicate that the reports are correct and the documentation complete.

2Q2016 BUDGET PERFORMANCE: Councilmember Gillem reported that he has reviewed the Town's revenues and expenditures through June 30, 2016 and finds that our revenues are running well over budget, while our expenditures are staying within budget expectations. He noted that we currently have about \$1.1 million in reserves.

SE 29TH STREET REPAVING: Councilmember Stowe reported that Lakeridge Paving will handle the overlay of SE 29th from 108th Ave SE to 105th Ave SE. Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder will coordinate and monitor the work, which is expected to happen, weather permitting, in the next few weeks.

UTILITY EASEMENT FOR SE 27TH STREET: Councilmember Stowe reminded the Council that last month he asked for funding to hire Thom Grafstra to help prepare the documents needed to safeguard a general-purpose utility easement along the private portion of SE 27th Street (from the west side of 103rd to the beach parking area). The easement will protect Water Department infrastructure and any Stormwater System upgrades installed in this area. He stated that he is still working to develop a cost estimate and hopes to be able to make a complete request next month.

GRANT FOR STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Stowe reported that PACE has been asked several questions in response to the application they prepared requesting grant funds for improvements to the Town's stormwater conveyance system along SE 27th Street from about 104th Ave SE to the beach. PACE estimates that it will cost about \$1,300 to compile the needed answers. It was the consensus of the Council that PACE should proceed.

STORMWATER COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN: Councilmember Stowe reported that he and Stacia Schroder have completed their review of the draft plan and a final is pending.

TREE WORK: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he has a couple of tree projects in process: one to remove a dead tree and another to investigate a fir tree on 104th Ave SE.

ANGLE PATH IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Hillberg reported that work on this

project is scheduled to begin at the end of November or early December.

ACADEMY PATH: Councilmember Hillberg reported that the Academy Path was recently mulched and may need to have a few plants that did not survive replaced.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Councilmember Hudson reported that committee meetings are underway and that the main questions seem to center on: How would it be used? How much will it cost? and Where would it be located?

LED STREET LIGHTING: Councilmembers asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to re-circulate the email showing the locations of the LED test lights in the City of Medina.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday October 11, 2016 at Councilmember Stowe's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer