



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2020

Remote Meeting via Zoom

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gillem, Councilmembers Aletha Howes, Hans Juhle, and Tom Stowe. Councilmember Dix joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.)

**EXCUSED:** None.

**STAFF:** Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

**GUESTS:** None.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Juhle moved to approve the April 14, 2020 minutes.

Councilmember Howes seconded.

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

**CLAIMS:** Councilmember Howes moved to approve the Final May 12, 2020 Claims Register for check numbers 15474 through 15491 (including check# 15475 voided for a printing error) in the amount of \$45,462.49. Councilmember Juhle seconded.

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

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**TRAFFIC SPEEDS ALONG THE ARTERIAL:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens shared a speeding complaint she received from a resident living along the 104<sup>th</sup> SE/SE 28<sup>th</sup>/105<sup>th</sup> SE Arterial. The complaint pointed out that there are several stop signs along this corridor but not at the intersection with SE 27<sup>th</sup>, which is a main entry point to the Village and a crossing point for families heading down to the beach. The complainant asked that a stop sign be added at this intersection to slow traffic, protect pedestrians, and reduce the hazards for vehicles exiting driveways along this route.

Councilmember Stowe reminded the Council that they have looked at a number of solutions for this intersection over the years, including dots, flashing signs, and speed humps. He added that speed humps along this route are problematic not just because Bellevue Fire Department and Metro buses dislike them, but also because the noise large vehicles generate when crossing them can be objectionable to nearby residents. He offered to meet with Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder to discuss the situation further and generate some ideas for Council consideration.

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the Annual Report is ready to submit pending Councilmember Juhle's review. Councilmember Juhle remarked that he is heading out of town tomorrow for several months and will not be able to review the documents before he leaves. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will submit the report by the deadline, and Councilmember Juhle can complete a final review when he returns.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the State recently announced it will share some of its COVID-19 funding with cities to help offset the cost of local response efforts. She noted that the grants are reimbursement based and Beaux Arts has been fortunate to have spent very little on response efforts. She and Councilmember Howes will review the Town's COVID-19-related expenses and apply for reimbursement if that makes sense.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be another remote meeting as the stay-home requirements are not expected to loosen enough to allow an in-person meeting until mid-June at the soonest.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** No report. Mayor Gillem asked Clerk/Treasurer Spens to follow-up with the King County Sheriff regarding the status of replacing missing no-wake buoys at the beach.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that she recently corresponded with Major Patrick Butschli, KCSO's current liaison to Beaux Arts. Once the COVID-19 restrictions relax, Major Butschli would like to come to a Council meeting to meet everyone; that meeting should include the Town Marshal and Deputy Marshal

**WATER REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**WABA REPORT:** No WABA representative attended the meeting.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**STORMWATER UPGRADE PROJECT STATUS REPORT:** Councilmember Stowe reported the following milestones:

- Tree-trimming along the construction corridor has been completed.
- Three permits for the project are in review with the Building Department.
- The construction contract has been executed by both Mayor Gillem and Bonner Brothers Construction.
- As part of marking the utilities along the construction corridor, APL is doing some minor survey work.
- Bill Beck will be hired as an outside consultant to help Town Engineer Schroeder with daily project oversight; this is a more cost-effective solution than having Town Engineer Schroeder on site full time.
- Councilmember Stowe is working on documentation for the first FEMA reimbursement.
- The project design may switch from using PVC pipe to ductile iron. Iron is more expensive to purchase, but it can be placed in a shallower trench, which saves on excavation costs.
- After the project is completed, the trench will be covered with a temporary asphalt patch. Full repaving, including the street sections impacted by last year's water-main project, will wait for 2021.

Of particular importance, Councilmember Stowe noted that the project start date is now

estimated to be end of May or early June. Either he or Ms. Schroeder will prepare a notice to distribute to residents. The work is expected to last 21 days, but because it is weather dependent, it may stretch over 28 days.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**BEAUX ARTS HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** Councilmember Howes reported that King County completed their review of the Town’s draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. She is working to update the draft plan based on their comments and expects to have a final draft ready for the Council’s initial review in June.

**PANDEMIC SUPPLIES:** Councilmember Howes reported that she ordered reusable cloth face masks for Town staff, including contract staff. Clerk/Treasurer Spens added that she will use the template prepared by Mercer Island as a guide for the Town’s “re-opening” timetable, noting that ours will be much simpler but will emphasize a slow return to face-to-face interactions with the Building Department.

**SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION:** Councilmember Stowe reported that he plans to attend the remote SCA meeting tomorrow.

**TREE TRIMMING / REMOVALS:** Councilmember Dix reported that Arborwell has removed the hanging limb on 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE and performed some other clean-up work throughout Town. She noted that there is a tree on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE blocking the Golf Cart sign that needs to be removed.

**SPRING CLEAN UP:** Councilmembers discussed handling several of the projects that Councilmember Dix has listed for individuals and small groups to tackle while practicing appropriate social distancing.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Mayor Gillem reported that Steve Miller has agreed to fill Position No. 1 on the Planning Commission for a term that expires on 12/31/2024. (This position is currently vacant.). Mr. Miller is a long-time Villager and has served previous terms on the Planning Commission. Mayor Gillem asked the Council to confirm this appointment.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Stowe moved to confirm the appointment of Steve Miller to Planning Commission Position No. 1 for a term that expires on 12/31/2024. Councilmember Howes seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL VACANCY:** Mayor Gillem reported that is still working to fill the Council vacancy and has a candidate in mind. He hopes to bring that appointment forward to the Council for confirmation next month.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday June 9, 2020. Based on Governor’s Inslee’s current timeline, this will again be a remote meeting, and posted agendas will provide information for public participation.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.  
Councilmember Howes seconded.  
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer