



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 11, 2024

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PRESENT: Mayor Aletha Howes, Councilmembers Paula Dix, Stacy Saal, Tom Stowe, and Brad Wheeler.

EXCUSED: Councilmember James McCarthy.

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Water Supervisor Bob Durr.

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7pm.

MINUTES: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the May 14, 2024 minutes as written. Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

CLAIMS: Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the June 11, 2024 Claims Register for check numbers 16544 through 16569 in the amount of \$57,057.99. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

SURVEY - PROPOSED REPUBLIC SERVICE CHANGES: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that they discussed the results of an informal survey of residents regarding a change to weekly pick up, but no decision was made. Councilmember Saal offered to conduct a contact survey to help the Council get a clear picture of residents' needs and preferences. She will report her results in September. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will contact Republic to confirm the price differentials.

HADLEY VARIANCE: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the Hearing Examiner granted the Hadley request for a variance.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mayor Howes reported that she met Sgt. Drazich, the KCSO Deputy who regularly patrols Beaux Arts, and walked the Village with him. One thing Sgt. Drazich mentioned is that the Private Beach signage isn't adequate to keep visitors out. He strongly suggested installing a gate, if WABA truly wants to protect the privacy of the beach.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Durr reported that corrections required by the Washington Dept of Health (as a result of their sanitary inspection last Fall) are complete. He will provide DOH with the information they need to document completion.

Mr. Durr also reported that Eric Antonelli, a resident who also works for HD Fowler and is

familiar with maintaining water systems, has agreed to collaborate with him over the next year. At the end of that time, Mr. Antonelli will decide whether he will take over as Water Supervisor. Mr. Durr feels encouraged that the exchange is likely to happen. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will start including Mr. Antonelli on all messages that she sends to Mr. Durr.

Mr. Durr also asked that the following projects be included in the Town's budgeting:

- Replace the well pump in approx. 5 years.
- Repaint the exterior of the tank in approx. 5 years.
- Inspect the tank interior in 2 to 3 years.

WABA REPORT: None.

APPEARANCES: None.

GLEN PATH CONTRACTS: Councilmember Dix described her work to date on the Glen Path project, including contracts for two phases of work as follows:

- A contract with Encore Environmental to clear invasive trees and plants from the Glen Path right-of-way and regrade the area as set forth in an exhibit to the contract at a cost not to exceed \$24,000.
- A contract with Lumo Landscaping to install a path of arborist chips and trees/plantings as set forth in exhibits to the contract at a cost not to exceed \$24,000.

Councilmember Dix noted that there will be additional work in the coming year, including installing temporary irrigation to ensure the plantings thrive.

MOTION: Councilmember Dix moved to authorize the Mayor to execute these contracts. Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

NO CAMPING ORDINANCE: Mayor Howes explained that she spoke with most of the KCSO contract cities about the no-camping-ordinance issue in Burien and learned that the issue is just between KCSO and that city. Other contract cities have enacted no-camping ordinances that were passed several years ago and are being enforced. She added that Sgt. Drazich recommends that Beaux Arts seriously consider enacting our own ordinance before the light-rail connection to Seattle is complete.

She directed the Council's attention to Maple Valley's ordinance, which has been in effect since 2019, and explained that an ordinance for Beaux Arts would be much simpler. Any ordinance we enact should include all public property, e.g., sidewalks, paths, rights-of-way, etc.

She also noted that both Bellevue and Mercer Island prohibit public camping, and that King County now has homeless shelters in the near vicinity.

It was the consensus of the Council to begin working with the Town Attorney to craft an

ordinance for Beaux Arts.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

COUNCIL ROLES / RESPONSIBILITIES TEMPLATE: Councilmember Saal reported that she has created a template Councilmembers can use to document their current roles and responsibilities, including important contacts and other details. The aim is to make it easy for new councilmembers to step into each role.

COB DESIGN COST-SHARE AGREEMENT: Councilmember Stowe reported that we are now waiting for Bellevue to complete final edits on the agreement, and when it is ready, Bellevue will circulate via DocuSign for signatures. He added that he will ask the Town Attorney's office to start work on a new franchise agreement with the City of Bellevue.

GREENSPACE MAINTENANCE: Councilmember Dix reported that in addition to a Big Leaf Maple scheduled for removal from the Glen Path right-of-way, she walked the Town with Seattle Tree Care and identified several other trees that need attention: a fir on 102nd that has dead branches hanging in its crown, a cedar along SE 27th Place that has damage to several limbs, and another cedar near SE 27th St. and 104th Ave SE has limbs that need to be examined. She is working to obtain an estimate of the cost to attend to these trees.

LAUREL ABATEMENT: Councilmember Dix reported that she followed up with Applied Ecology to discuss the Council's concerns about the treatment materials that would be used to kill the laurel in Glen Path. They have assured her that the chemicals will not affect anything but the laurel, because they are injected into the plant itself, not applied to its exterior. The treatment cost is \$950. Mayor Howes asked Ms. Dix to prepare an estimate of the total project cost and identify what has been spent versus what remains to be spent for the July Council meeting.

FUNDING FOR LARGER PAVING PROJECTS: Councilmember Wheeler reported that he attended the TIB funding workshop and outlined the following deadlines for funding and project timelines for our projects:

Pavement Repair along Arterial – This work was identified in our current year budget and is on this year's schedule for King County Road Maintenance. But there is no guarantee that they will get to our project this year. KCRM could delay the project to next year, as has happened in the past, if their work is delayed by weather or other timing issues.

- TIP application due 8/9/2024, funding decisions release 11/2024, and funding made available 02/2025. There is the possibility of a one-year extension.
- Councilmember Wheeler noted that the timing is not ideal for this project. If KCRM delays the project to next year, we could use the funding to pay for the repairs (assuming we were awarded the grant).

Pavement Grind & Overlay along Arterial – This work is identified in our CIP / TIP for action in 2024 but was delayed by Bellevue's plans to replace their water main along this road. Thus, it was not included in the 2024 annual budget. Councilmember Wheeler noted that the work will likely be delayed to 2027, based on Bellevue's work schedule. Also,

Bellevue will have to contribute something toward the pavement repairs. He will plan to apply for possible future funding through TIB when project dates become known. Councilmember Wheeler commented that TIB seemed very open to our application, particularly since we so seldom have projects that qualify.

It was the consensus of the Council that Councilmember Wheeler should apply for TIB funding for the Pavement Repair project given there is a good chance KCRM will delay our project to next year.

NEXT MEETING: The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 9, 2024 at Councilmember Stowe's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Saal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.
Councilmember Stowe seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk/Treasurer