



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

November 11, 2014

Bates

Mayor Leider called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that the Council will convene a brief Executive Session to discuss personnel performance at the end of the regular session tonight.

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Wade Morlock.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp.

GUESTS: Water Dept Supervisor Bob Durr; Planning Commissioner Paula Dix; Stacy Sall, Rick Corra, Scott Gulick, Hans Juhle, David Dempster, Cynthia Hudson, Steve Miller, Donna Stowe.

MINUTES: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve October 14, 2014 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the November 11, 2014 warrants, numbers 9718 through 9742 in the amount of \$45,563.63. Councilmember Bates seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

SAO ANSWER TO DONATION QUESTION: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that Mayor Leider has been asked to assist the other four Points Cities in their negotiations with WSDOT and that if he is paid a fee, he wants to donate it to the Town. She was asked to determine if any special action is needed to make that happen. The State Auditor's Office (SAO) advises that no special action is needed though it may be simpler for tax purposes if the donation is made directly Beaux Arts rather than through Mayor Leider.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mayor Leider reported on Marshal Scott's behalf that Mr. Scott is communicating with Bellevue about the possibility of switching police-service providers and determining how we would handle marine-patrol services if we made such a switch.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that there is a leak in the water-distribution line on SE 28th Street near 103rd Ave SE has been repaired. He also reported that Potelco estimates it will cost about \$6,000 to replace the signal wire that runs from the pump house to the water tank. Mayor Leider asked Mr. Durr to put together a plan for maintenance work over the next few years, including cost estimates.

WABA REPORT: No report.

APPEARANCES: Paula Dix mentioned that the Potelco pole at 5 Corners still needs to be removed and a bollard on the Path ROW from 106th to 107th needs to be replaced.

Donna Stowe commented to clarify that her opposition to a recent cell-tower application at Bellevue Christian Church was based on elements specific to that project. She also noted that no applications for cell-towers in Enatai have been rejected or denied; all have been withdrawn by the carrier.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:27pm. The Council spent time reviewing each fund by line item and offering any additional adjustments. As there were no comments from the public, Mayor Leider closed the public hearing at 7:40pm.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded all that the Council will adopt the final budget at the December Council meeting. She added that she has learned from the SAO that the Council may choose NOT to include the Agency Fund #631 in the Town budget, since the monies that are paid into that fund are passed through to the State.

Councilmember Hillberg will develop cost estimates for three possible projects stemming from the ROW Master Plan that is in development:

- Improvements to the Angle Path from SE 29th Street to 5 Corners,
- Improvements to the 28th Street Path between 5 Corners and 107th Ave SE, and
- Improvements to lighting throughout the Village.

The council can then decide when to fund the projects.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 413 SETTING THE 2015 LEVY: Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:45pm. He then explained that to the public in attendance that the Council can only increase the property-tax levy by 1%, which amounts to slightly more than \$1,500 in total. He also explained that if the Council chose not to increase the levy, the 1% is banked. As there were no public comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:50pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to pass Ordinance No. 413 authorizing an increase in the property tax for 2015 and setting the amount of taxes to be levied on property. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REQUEST TO STUDY HISTORIC HOMES: Mayor Leider explained the Planning Commission's request. He then and described a similar program in Seattle in which an owner applies for landmark status, and if the property qualifies, the owner is exempt from property taxes on any improvements for 10 years.

Planning Commissioner Paula Dix explained that, while the idea is not new, the impending

loss of another distinctive home in Beaux Arts has re-energized the desire to study possibilities. She mentioned some ideas, including possible relief from zoning restrictions, especially variances, for remodeling historic homes.

Hans Juhle introduced himself as the new owner of a historic home on SE 29th Street and stated that it is important to make sure than incentives do not become or create new restrictions.

It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the Planning Commission to study the topic and make recommendations.

AT&T CELL PROPOSAL: Mayor Leider reported that AT&T has submitted new plans with minor changes, primarily in the outside appearance of the proposed equipment shed. He also reported that, based on a telephone call with the AT&T representative, AT&T has not made progress on the Town's comments on the lease proposal. He added that the agenda for tonight's meeting notes that the Council will not make a decision on the topic tonight and asked the Council to consider whether they wish to continue to pursue the topic or not, given that some may be feeling fatigue about the issue. If they wish to continue the discussion, the decision matrix he presented last month should be refined so that it captures all of the elements needed to help make a decision.

Several Councilmembers commented that without a lease to review, they wouldn't be able to make a decision to approve. Mayor Leider agreed and noted that he only wants the Council to decide at next month's meeting whether to continue to pursue the topic.

David Dempster stated that he doesn't understand why the Council is still considering the project without a clear financial need.

Scott Gulick commented that he appreciates the elements already included in the decision matrix, he wonders how to quantify the value of NOT having white noise added to Beaux Arts' peace and quiet.

Stacy Saal asked if the December agenda will reflect the Council's desire to either pursue or discontinue discussing this topic. She reminded the Council that some neighbors are disproportionately affected by the proposal.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Goal 4 - Town Character

Councilmember Hillberg commented that on October 23, 2014, CREÄ presented ideas to attendees of the second public meeting and that slides for that presentation are on the Town website. In general, feedback at that meeting was as follows:

- Design aspects that draw attention to the Village were not popular.
- Lighting drew both positive and negative comments.
- The utility of Village squares was questioned. Residents were not convinced they would be used.

He plans to ask Deputy Clerk Kulp to send an email to all residents asking for feedback on the ideas presented, and he wants to have a near-final draft available for Council review at the December meeting.

Goal 7 – Emergency Preparedness

Councilmember Bates reported that she will work with Councilmember Gillem to finish updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and submit it to the State of Washington for review.

Goal 9 – Public Utilities

Councilmember Stowe reported that the contract with Stacia Schroeder is final. The next step is to collect all information we have on our stormwater system and share that with her so she can get started.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

3RD QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilmember Gillem reported that he has completed his review of the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report and supporting documentation and after making some corrections for scrivener errors, they are complete and in balance.

TOWN TREE WATCH LIST AND INVENTORY: Councilmember Hillberg and Tree Solutions have completed work to update the Town Tree Watch List and added five trees to the list.

TOWN CLEANUP: Councilmember Hillberg commented that the November 1st Town Clean Up was a success despite the UW football game. He will resume identifying focal points for future clean-ups.

STORMDRAINS: Councilmember Stowe asked that residents clear the storm drains near their homes of leaves as often as possible since fallen leaves can easily clog the drains this time of year. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will add a note to the upcoming newsletter.

BELLEVUE WAY / SOUTH BELLEVUE PARK & RIDE: Councilmember Stowe reported that he met again with Kate Marsh, City of Bellevue, to discuss construction plans for the Bellevue Way corridor, including the South Bellevue Park & Ride. Construction to underground utilities along Bellevue Way will begin next year. We should have more information about traffic diversions to 108th Ave SE soon.

COUNCILMEMBER BATES' RESIGNATION: Mayor Leider reported that he has reluctantly accepted Peggie Bates' resignation from the Council effective December 31, 2014. Ms. Bates has accepted a position that will require her to be away too much for her to serve effectively on the Council. He will begin looking for her replacement immediately.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday December 9, 2014 at Richard Leider's house.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Leider temporarily adjourned the regular session at 9:00 pm for an Executive Session to discussion personnel performance. The Executive Session is expected to last about 10 minutes.

At 9:10pm, Mayor Leider adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the regular session.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.
Councilmember Hillberg seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer