



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

November 8, 2016
Hudson

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

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; WABA Secretary Susan Bogert.

MINUTES: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the October 11, 2016 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

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

WARRANTS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the November 8, 2016 warrants, numbers 10294 through 10317 in the amount of \$46,102.45. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

HOUZZ REQUEST: Clerk-Treasurer Spens described a request from a new company named Houzz wanting to know if the Town was interested in working with them to provide a website-based resource that gives users access to design ideas and home designers in the area. It was the consensus of the Council that our Town website remains best suited to providing residents with Town information.

LED STREET LIGHTING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens mentioned that Greg Armstrong with WSTIB has been in contact again about the PSE/TIB grant program to retrofit street lights to LED light sources. She reminded the Council that we briefly discussed Medina's test lights last month and decided that the test lights were still produced light that seemed "harsh" compared to the current street lighting. At that time, Mayor Leider suggested that the Council may wish to consult with a lighting expert before taking action to physically test any of the LED lights. It was the consensus of the Council to authorize Mayor Leider to spend up to \$2,000 for the services of a lighting consultant.

Ms. Spens asked how she should respond to Mr. Armstrong. The Council suggested that our response should note that while we would love to participate, we have real concerns about the quality of LED light (e.g. its Kelvin range) and how it fits with the character of Beaux Arts Village. Our response can include a query about other alternatives and note that if none are currently available, the Town will hire a consultant to help us explore our options.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG): Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported the Planning Commission will hold their public hearing on this topic in November and forward their observations and recommendations after the hearing. She asked the Council if they wish to schedule a public hearing to review this information in December or January. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule the hearing for the January Council meeting.

AWC LOSS PREVENTION GRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she will submit invoices for tree work to AWC for reimbursement by November 30, 2016. The reimbursement will be for the entire \$5,000.

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.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: No report.

WABA REPORT: WABA Secretary Susan Bogert reported that the Christmas Ships are scheduled to appear at the Beaux Arts Beach on Tuesday December 20th. There will be a bonfire for attendees.

She also reported that WABA's Winter Dinner will be held at St. Thomas Church in Medina on Saturday January 28, 2017. Rather than a sit-down dinner, heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

APPEARANCES: Susan Bogert asked if the Town plans to repaint the crosswalks on 104th / SE 28th / 105th. Councilmember Stowe answered that the Town is planning to re-stripe just the two crosswalks -- one on each end. She also noted that she is working with Councilmember Stowe on stormwater runoff that impacts the beach property.

PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET: Clerk-Treasurer Spens commented that the budget sheets before the Council tonight include suggestions discussed at last month's Council meeting. The Council spent time reviewing each fund by line and suggested a few more changes to reflect new ideas and information.

Councilmember Hillberg asked that the funding for the Angle Path be increased to \$30,000 for 2016 and that funding for the 30th/105th Path be reduced to \$12,000. He also asked that funding for ROW Maintenance be increased by \$2,500 to expand the areas that Signature Landscaping maintains. He feels that the ROWs are looking much tidier now that Signature is weeding and trimming regularly. Other Councilmembers agreed.

Councilmember Stowe asked for a number of changes in the Street Fund budget. He would like to add \$15,000 for traffic-control devices, to increase the stormdrain cleaning budget to \$10,000, and to postpone the 103rd Ave SE Overlay project to 2018.

Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:37pm. As there were no comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:38pm.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens will update the worksheets and circulate them at least two weeks prior to the December meeting so that everyone has ample time to review them thoroughly.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2017 LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 425: Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that, based on last month's discussions, the proposed ordinance includes the allowed 1% increase in property taxes.

Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:42pm. As there were no comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:43pm.

Several Councilmembers noted that, while they would prefer not to increase the levy, they believe it prudent to do so because there are so many important projects in planning or underway.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to passed Ordinance No. 425 authorizing an increase in property taxes and setting the levy rate for 2017. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION: Councilmember Hudson commented that the committee met to discuss the negative reactions among residents to the proposed access restrictions and to brainstorm other ideas for mitigating cut-through traffic during the South Bellevue Way construction.

One idea under review is to install a dedicated left-turn lane on southbound 108th Avenue SE at Bellevue Way so that traffic continuing southbound on 108th is not blocked from proceeding by the cars trying to turn left onto Bellevue Way.

Another is for Beaux Arts to look into installing a chicane on the 104th SE / SE 28th / 105th SE arterial to reduce its width to a single lane. Other Councilmembers suggested that it might make sense for the Town to work with a consultant to develop ideas for calming traffic flow through Beaux Arts.

Councilmember expressed interest in learning more about the volume of traffic through this area and asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to contact Mitch Wasserman at City of Clyde Hill for more information.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 300 AWC RMSA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that Town Attorney Stewart has nearly completed his review. Mayor Leider suggested that the Council take action on Resolution No. 300 approving the agreement pending the completion of this review.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to adopt Resolution No. 300 approving the Interlocal Agreement with the Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Service Agency and its Members. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 5 For,) against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

ROW UTILITIES: Councilmember Stowe reported that King County recently proposed to collect rent on utilities located within King County's rights-of-way. He noted that after reviewing the proposal further, he does not believe it will impact the Beaux Arts Water Department

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

REVENUE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Morlock asked if the Revenue Committee was actively reviewing new sources of revenue for the Town. He commented that it would be timely for the group to begin generating ideas given the Council's interest in several large-scale projects, including ROW improvements, lighting, and a community center. Mayor Leider answered that the committee is on hold while he further defines the committee's scope of work but he will put together several suggestions for the Council to discuss next month.

DNR TREE INVENTORY: Councilmember Hillberg reported that the course of action he is developing as a requirement of last year's DNR Tree Inventory is nearly complete. He will forward a copy to Clerk-Treasurer Spens to submit to DNR.

TREE WORK: Councilmember Hillberg reported that a dead tree along SE 29th was removed this past month. He has forwarded a copy of the invoice to Clerk-Treasurer Spens so that she can submit it to AWC RMSA for reimbursement as part of our loss-control grant.

CORNER VISIBILITY STANDARDS: Councilmember Hillberg reported that Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder has provided guidance on visibility standards, which he will use to develop an inventory of areas that need to be remedied.

ANGLE PATH IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he is working with Legacy Landscaping to implement the Angle Path improvements. One sticking point was the need to pay prevailing wages and document that fact; he has worked through that challenge with the contractor. He noted that the total final cost of the project will be about \$37,000 as currently designed. The Town has a grant to cover \$1,000 of the work; he is working with Laughlin Bethune and Legacy to find ways to eliminate another \$4,000.

FALL TOWN CLEANUP: Councilmember Hudson reported that there was a good turnout for the Fall Clean Up on Saturday November 5th despite the rain that day.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Councilmember Hudson reported that the third listening-tour meeting of this committee was held on Sunday November 6th. The Committee is working to consolidate comments and present their findings to the Council in the near future. Councilmember Stowe offered kudos to Councilmember Hudson for connecting with so many Villagers in conjunction with this project.

SE 29TH STREET REPAVING: Councilmember Stowe reported that SE 29th Overlay is now fully complete, including placing gravel. Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she submitted paperwork to the Department of Revenue and Labor & Industries requesting final approval for release of retainage but has not yet received a response from them.

GRANT FOR STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Stowe reported that we are still waiting for word on the status of our grant application.

3RD QUARTER 2016 TREASURER'S REPORTS: Councilmember Gillem reported that he completed a review of the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Reports and found them and the supporting documentation to be accurate. He has signed them to indicate his approval.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Mayor Leider commented that Bellevue is offering its residents CPR Classes and Safety Fairs as part of their Emergency Preparedness program.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT PROCESS: Mayor Leider reported that he worked with Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp and our building specialists to ensure that the process for reporting possible code violations is responsive and documented. As part of that work, Deputy Clerk Kulp developed a Complaint Form that is now posted to the Town website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:41pm. The session is to discuss personnel performance and is expected to last about 15 minutes. At 9:00pm the Council reconvened the regular session.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday December 13, 2016 at Councilmember Hillberg's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer