



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 13, 2017  
Hudson

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

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

**EXCUSED:** None.

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

**GUESTS:** Water Dept Supervisor Bob Durr, Planning Commissioner Paula Dix; WABA Secretary Susan Bogert, Jeff Jochums, Martha Schindler, Major Greg Thomas, King County Sheriff's Office.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Gillem moved to approve the May 9, 2017 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

**WARRANTS:** Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the June 13, 2017 warrants, numbers 14624 through 14646 in the amount of \$26,024.61. Councilmember Hudson seconded.

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

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

2018 - 2023 CIP / TIP: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that July is the month for adopting the CIP/TIP for 2018 through 2023. Councilmember Gillem asked Councilmembers to provide their capital funding needs to him in the next few weeks so he can compile them into a summary plan. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will advertise for a public hearing.

**PURCHASING POLICY:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that she has nearly completed work on a purchasing policy summarizing Washington State rules for purchasing, including purchasing services for public works projects, and plans to bring a final draft to the Council in July for preliminary review. She commented that having this document should help clarify and streamline the entire process of bidding and contracting public-works projects and documenting the actions taken by the Council and staff throughout the process.

**BANK OF AMERICA REPLACEMENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the switch to Washington Federal Bank is complete as of May 31, 2017.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION BINDERS:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that she is thinking of replacing the hard-copy Council Information Binders with an electronic packet that can be updated and distributed more easily than the current version. This would help ensure that the

information available to the Mayor and Council is up-to-date. It was the consensus of the Council that this is a good idea. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will forward the new version as soon as it is ready.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** Mayor Leider reminded the Council that Walter Scott tendered his resignation last month, pending finding a replacement, and introduced Jeff Jochums, who has agreed to take over Mr. Scott's duties effective immediately. Scott Harpster will continue as Deputy Town Marshal. Councilmembers welcomed Mr. Jochums and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

**WATER REPORT:** Water Dept Supervisor Bob Durr reported that the Town's annual water usage report has been submitted to the State. He also reported that he has been working on a street/water-line survey that will help him coordinate needed water-line repairs and replacements with street maintenance projects.

**WABA REPORT:** WABA Secretary Susan Bogert reported that:

- Kara Carlson is WABA's new BARF Commodore and is organizing a junior regatta for the July picnic.
- This year's Summer Picnic will feature a barbecue truck offering picnic food for a nominal fee (\$10 per person or \$40 per family). Families are always welcome to bring their own food if they prefer.
- The beach moms are looking for one or two more lifeguards for this summer.
- The first milfoil treatment was applied in mid-May. There may be a second treatment in July.
- Northwest Security has started their evening beach patrols.
- the Center Barbecue Project is complete except for grates. The area surrounding the work has been recently reseeded, and WABA members have been asked to stay off the area until the new grass can start growing.
- Bron Richards is developing New Member welcome ideas.
- WABA will meet with representatives of WRIA8 (which funded shoreline improvements) to explain what was accomplished with grant money and why.
- The project manager for a property owner who shares a boundary with the WABA beach property and WABA's North Beach Road recently met with Town building staff and WABA to discuss road and parking use during planned construction on that owner's property.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**VISIT WITH MAJOR GREG THOMAS, KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**(KCSO):** Major Thomas reminded the Council that he met them a couple of years ago while still a captain. He stated that he was assigned elsewhere for a short period and is pleased to be serving Beaux Arts once again.

Major Thomas' visit was primarily informational. He touched on several topics, including:

- One of Beaux Arts strengths is that neighbors know and watch out for one another. He noted that Beaux Arts' use of the Block Watch program is particularly successful because of this familiarity and camaraderie. He added that King County completely

dropped Block Watch for a period but is now working to reinstate it in a modified form to encourage neighbors everywhere to watch out for each other.

- The major type of crime in Beaux Arts and surrounding neighborhoods is car prowls. Much of this activity is driven by drug use and can be thwarted by removing valuables from all vehicles and locking them, preferably in a locked garage. Because car prowls are primarily a crime of opportunity, the thieves can't steal from or damage your vehicle if they don't have access to it.
- In general, drug use generates about 98% of Major Thomas' "business".
- He continues to give out his contact information to the communities he serves (cell phone 206.423.1485 and email greg.thomas@kingcounty.gov) but reminds people that if they have an emergency to always call 911 first.

Mayor Lieder commented on an incident shared at a recent Mayors Meeting that may involve an Airbnb rental and a house party that got out of hand. The gist of the discussion was that neighbors should call for assistance at the first sign of trouble rather than wait until a party grows out of control.

Major Thomas added that he wants tonight's contact to be the first of a continuing conversation between him and the Villagers that KCSO serves. He would like to set up one or more community meetings to chat with Villagers about topics of concern and would use those meetings to encourage situational awareness, best methods for self protection (most without the need for firearms), and any other ideas that seem appropriate.

**VILLAGE HALL UPDATE:** Councilmember Stowe has discussed the project with a builder and is waiting for a rough estimate for a 30 x 50 building of an appropriate design.

**NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION:** Councilmember Stowe commented on the volume of traffic using 108th Ave SE during a weekend closure of South Bellevue Way ramps to I-90, noting that some of the problems were due to misleading signs posted by Sound Transit. He has given Sound Transit detailed feedback to correct the problem for the next planned closure and will monitor whether Sound Transit follows through on the suggestions.

Councilmember Hudson added that she is dismayed by Sound Transit's lack of concern for the neighborhood impacts their project is generating, especially noise and traffic. She stated that the committee vacancy created by her leaving will be filled by Planning Commissioner Kim Moloney.

Mayor Leider reported that the traffic counters are now installed on southbound 108th, southbound 104th, and northbound 105th. Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp has synced the data-collection equipment with her cell phone, and the system should be ready to record. He wants to hire Jack Kulp to make weekly data downloads at each of the collection points for a small stipend. It was the consensus of the Council that this makes sense. Mayor Leider will work out the compensation, and Clerk/Treasurer Spens will prepare the appropriate contract.

**CONFIRMATION OF PAULA DIX APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL:** Mayor Lieder reminded the Council that Councilmember Hudson is resigning effective the end of tonight's

meeting. He has appointed Paula Dix to replace Ms. Hudson for the remainder of the position's term and asked the Council to confirm this appointment.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Stowe moved to appoint Paula Dix to the Town Council replacing Cynthia Hudson for a term that expires on 12/31/2019. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

Ms. Dix will be sworn in at the July Council meeting. In addition, her position on the Planning Commission is vacant effective immediately, and Mayor Leider will work to find a replacement.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**STREET MAINTENANCE:** Councilmember Stowe reported that he and Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder recently walked through the Village surveying the condition of pavement and striping. They determined that painting/striping is needed as follows: on all speed humps, on the two crosswalks on 104th/105th, and on the lane markings along the 104th/SE 28th/105th arterial. He estimates that it will cost \$9,000 to \$10,000 to complete this work.

Mayor Leider asked that Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder review the intersections along this arterial to determine whether the Town should install four-way stops at the 104th/SE 28th and 105th/SE 28th intersections. He also asked that an agenda item be added for next month's meeting to discuss the issue and include residents in that discussion. (The agenda item should reference both the street names and the common name for this area, i.e. "the Arterial").

**GRANT FOR STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS:** Councilmember Stowe reported that our grant application has been approved BUT the program has not yet been funded by Congress. He has also learned that this grant is reimbursement-based and can be split into a design phase and a construction phase. The Town can begin spending money on design work, though there is the risk that if the grant program is not funded, we will not be reimbursed for any expenditures made. The proposal includes survey work that can be used for both the stormwater project and water-main projects, so it may make sense to proceed with that work despite the risk. He hopes to have a cost estimate for Council review next month so that a decision about whether to proceed can be made.

**ROW TREE WORK:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that he has arranged for Arborwell to remove a dead cherry from the 107th SE ROW near the entrance to Pitt Park.

**ROW PROPERTY:** Councilmember Hillberg expressed general concern about unpermitted improvements on path ROWs, especially where property owners may be unaware that some of the property that lies between them and a neighbor is actually Town ROW. He would like the Town to consider notifying new owners of the existing ROW Code and the restrictions placed on improving these areas.

**ROW IMPROVEMENTS:** Councilmember Hillberg is putting together a contract with Lauchlin Bethune to design improvements for the SE 29th/105th intersection. He would also like to start planning for improvements to the 108th ROW to remove ivy and to discourage climbing on this steep slope.

**THANK YOU TO COUNCILMEMBER HUDSON:** Councilmember Gillem commented (and all other Councilmembers agreed) that he will miss Cynthia Hudson's level of involvement in Town and WABA activities and her enthusiasm for tackling them.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday July 11, 2017 at Mayor Leider's home.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer