



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2024

Howes

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

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Town Marshal Marji Jochums, Residents Keith Mange and Julia Morse.

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7pm.

MINUTES: Councilmember Saal moved to approve the June 11, 2024 minutes as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

CLAIMS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the Final July 9, 2024 Claims Register for check numbers 16570 through 16592 in the amount of \$54,449.69. Councilmember Saal seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

SOLICITORS: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that a resident recently asked Deputy Clerk Tych about the Town's rules for solicitors. Ms. Tych explained to the resident that the Town has no specific rules about solicitors and that the Town recommends residents prominently post "No Soliciting / No Trespassing" signs on their property. If a solicitor ignores the sign, the resident can call 911 to report the trespass.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens explained that the reason she is reporting this exchange is to learn if the Council wishes to consider adding regulations to limit solicitor activity. Councilmembers noted that enforcement of any rules by the King County Sheriff could be difficult with their precinct so far away. It was the consensus of the Council to add a reminder to residents that they should post "No Soliciting / No Trespassing" signs to prevent such activity on their property.

REPUBLIC SERVICES SURVEY: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that she still has not received confirmation of the rate increase residents would see if the Town switched to weekly pickup of recycling and yard waste. She will remind the Republic representative that we need this information to complete a more robust survey and will forward it to Councilmember Saal when received.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mayor Howes noted that the Town continues to experience

regular problems with vehicles parking along the rights-of-way in a manner that does not allow the free movement of vehicles on the paved roadway.

WATER REPORT: Councilmember Wheeler reported that he provided updated cost figures to Councilmember McCarthy to use in the 2025-2030 CIP / TIP.

WABA REPORT: The WABA Summer Picnic will be held July 20th. Sgt. Drazich with the King County Sheriff's Office plans to attend and introduce himself to residents.

APPEARANCES: Keith Mange described how he was bitten by a dog as he crossed the beach parking area to his car. He added that he was also bitten by a resident's dog that was unattended on public property several years ago. He reported both incidents to King County Animal Control and was led to believe that nothing could be done because the Town's definition of "running at large" allows dogs to be off-leash and off-property without an owner from 6am until 10pm. During discussion, it was noted that "running at large" should never excuse vicious or threatening behavior. The Council will review the Town's current regulations and the King County Animal Control Code and then discuss what revisions may be needed at a future meeting.

Julia Morse commented that she would like the Water Department to offer an e-check option for paying water bills. Clerk/Treasurer Spens explained that the Water Department has not found a cost-effective option to provide this service and suggested that she consider utilizing her bank's online bill-pay option.

Ms. Morse also had questions about a tree removal that was approved based on the tree being deemed hazardous. She added that the Town's Tree Code does not require tree protection for removals of significant or landmark trees. Mayor Howes suggested that she contact the Building Department with her questions about the tree removal.

2025 – 2030 CIP / TIP: Councilmember James recapped the suggested updates he received from Councilmembers Stowe, Wheeler, and Dix and distributed a final spreadsheet. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will prepare an ordinance to adopt the final version after a public hearing at the September Council meeting.

UPDATE ON GLEN PATH IMPROVEMENTS: Councilmember Dix presented her recap of expenditures for the Glen Path project, both actual to date and anticipated, showing that the project should come in at budget. She added the following anticipated dates for work in that area:

- Demolition should begin on September 16th and last four to five days.
- Installation of irrigation will follow demolition shortly.
- Plantings will be installed in mid-October over a two-week period.

Ms. Dix will prepare newsletter items outlining the anticipated work and schedule for the August and September newsletters. She will also arrange for Deputy Clerk Tych to distribute a notice to residents who will be directly impacted by the work.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

GREENSPACE MAINTENANCE: Councilmember Dix reported that a Big Leaf Maple and two dead cherry trees were removed from the Glen Path right-of-way. She plans to walk the Town with Town Arborist Holly Iosso to update the Tree Watch List.

COUNCIL ROLES / RESPONSIBILITIES TEMPLATE: Councilmember Saal reported that she will distribute this template shortly.

COB DESIGN COST-SHARE AGREEMENT: Councilmember Stowe reported that we are still waiting for Bellevue to complete final edits on the agreement.

PAVEMENT REPAIR ALONG ARTERIAL: Councilmember Wheeler reported that Town Engineer Schroeder will walk 104th Ave SE and SE 28th St. with King County Road Maintenance representatives and will mark the areas to be repaired.

FUNDING FOR LARGER PAVING PROJECTS: Councilmember Wheeler reported that he is working on paperwork for a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board as described last month. Completion will depend in part on the KC Road Maintenance work.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 106TH / SE 29TH: It was the consensus of the Council to continue not planting this right-of-way, other than some groundcover, until the laurel dies completely.

COMP PLAN / MIDDLE HOUSING: Mayor Howes reminded the Council that they will approve a final draft of the 2024 Comp Plan Update in September so that Town Engineer Schroeder can submit it to the Dept of Commerce (DOC) for review. To assist the Council in this endeavor, Clerk/Treasurer Spens will circulate the final draft recommended by the Planning Commission as soon as it becomes available in early August. That will give Councilmembers plenty of time to review the document and compile suggested revisions for discussion. All councilmembers will receive an electronic copy in Word format (so it can be edited); Councilmembers Stowe and Dix asked to receive hard copies also.

The Council will adopt a final version of the Comp Plan in December 2024. Soon, the Council will begin reviewing progress on the Town's Middle Housing ordinance, which is due to DOC for review in June 2025.

NO CAMPING ORDINANCE: Based on a recent decision of the US Supreme Court, the Town can enact a no-camping ordinance. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will work with Town Attorney Linehan to prepare an ordinance similar to the one enacted by Maple Valley.

NEXT MEETING: The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 10, 2024 at Councilmember Wheeler's house. The meeting will start at 6pm to give the Council time to discuss and revise a final draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Stowe will host the October 8, 2024 meeting, having traded with Mayor Howes tonight. The Council will hold a public hearing in October to review the preliminary 2025 Budget. This will be the first of two public hearings for that budget. The second will

be at the November 12th Council meeting.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Saal moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Councilmember McCarthy seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens

Clerk/Treasurer