

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2019
7:00PM**

The following is a summary of the proceedings and is **not** a verbatim transcript.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dicker Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Dicker Cahill

Councilmembers: Mary Elmore
Stephan Lagerholm
Steve Bush
Andy Valaas – Excused Absence
Carl Scandella

Staff: Austen Wilcox – Deputy Clerk
Stacia Schroeder – Engineer

Guests: Lieutenant Dawn Hanson
Sean Dugan - Tree Solutions
Amy Pellegrini – Planning Commission Chair
Chuck Hirsch – Planning Commissioner
Avinash Belur - Resident
Krista Fleming – Park Board member
Carolyn Whittlesey – Park Board member
John McGlenn – Park Board Chair
Ronni McGlenn – Resident
John Roskill – Resident
Jenny Roskill – Resident
David Bergey – Resident
Darryl Carver – Resident
Pam Carver – Resident
Uma Boddeti – Resident
Judy Greenstein – Resident
Bernie O'Brien – Associate of resident Judy Greenstein

APPEARANCES:

Jenny Roskill resident at 9530 NE 42nd Pl stated that clear cutting trees impacts the entire neighborhood. Ms. Roskill believes there should be tree preservation and further discussion on trees is needed.

Chuck Hirsch resident and Planning Commissioner at 8918 NE 36th St, stated that clear cutting is an issue and also shared his experience with a drainage problem after trees were cut near his home.

Krista Fleming resident and Park Board member at 9240 NE 37th PI suggests doing a base study of the tree canopy of Yarrow Point. Other factors such as eagles' nests should be considered. Having data on what the Town is working with currently would be a good baseline to start with.

Carolyn Whittlesey resident and Park Board member at 9240 NE 37th PI stated that private property owners should be entitled to their rights.

Avinash Belur resident at 3811 95th Ave NE believes in having a balance for tree cutting on private property and tree preservation. He stated that trees can affect costs associated around new construction.

Judy Greenstein resident at 4664 95th Ave NE stated that it is important to have specific values when designing a tree code. She stated that when properties go on the market, it would be nice to have the ability to salvage plants that may be taken out. She stated there are differences with intentions between builders who are there to flip and those that are building to live in the Town.

Uma Boddeti resident at 9211 NE 41th St believes in tree preservation however stated there are challenges to maintain views.

Ronni McGlenn resident at 4000 95th Ave NE stated that the Town needs to determine its goals for trees.

Pam Carver resident at 4432 95th Ave NE stated there is more noise from SR520 when the trees lose their leaves. Ms. Carver also shared some personal experiences managing trees on private property in Yarrow Point.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilmember Bush moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 12, 2019 as amended. Councilmember Lagerholm seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain. Motion carried. Councilmember Elmore abstained as she was not present at the February Council meeting.

Consent Calendar:

Mayor and Council discussed costs included in the February Consent Calendar. Mayor Cahill will include the recent permitting costs for the Playground project into the Town's budget.

MOTION: Councilmember Scandella moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented including the Payment Approval Report dated 3/6/2019 approving payments as shown totaling \$49,574.01 plus payroll, benefits, and tax expenses of \$25,594.48 as shown on the attached payroll and benefits reports for a grand total of \$75,168.48. Councilmember Lagerholm seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

The following items were also approved as part of the Consent Calendar:

- Payment Approval Report; February
- Payroll, Tax, & Benefits Report; February
- Town Planner Invoice; February
- Town Engineer Invoice; February
- Building Official Invoice; February
- Town Attorney Invoices: *Not available at time of agenda packet printing. It will be included in next month's agenda packet.*

STAFF REPORTS:

Lieutenant Dawn Hanson reported on February police activity. Council and Lieutenant Hanson discussed options to prevent mail theft.

Mayor Cahill reviewed the Town's snow removal capabilities.

Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder gave the following reports:

Morningside Park Playground Project

Ms. Schroeder stated that things are moving smoothly for the playground project. The expected completion date is by August 30th, 2019. She stated there are weekly Monday meetings with the contractor and project management team.

NE 42nd St./91st Ave NE Stormwater Upsizing and UGC Project

The 2019 NE 42nd Street/ 91st Ave NE Stormwater Upsizing & UGC Project is underway. A preliminary design meeting was held at Town Hall on February 25 and a 30% design review meeting is being set up for mid-April.

Stormwater Management Update

Town staff compiled 10-years of stormwater information to be included in the plan update and met with PACE on February 20, 2019. PACE has started working on the project and Town staff is available to answer any questions. Staff has reached out to

residents to let them know about the project and identify any drainage problem areas they are aware of.

Ms. Schroeder gave an update on the overlay timeline of the northern end of 95th Ave NE related to a former PSE project.

Ms. Schroeder stated that a section of the pathway along 92nd Avenue will be repaired.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

AB 19-05 Tree Solutions presentation on neighboring jurisdiction tree codes

After concern regarding the regulation of trees, Mayor Cahill invited Tree Solutions to the Council meeting for a presentation followed by discussion. Mayor Cahill stated the Town invited arborist Tree Solutions to give a comparison of tree codes from nearby jurisdictions to compare to Yarrow Point's tree regulations.

Sean Dugan from Tree Solutions gave a presentation on their history working with the Town and presented a matrix to Council comparing tree codes of nearby jurisdictions.

Tree codes can greatly differ from one jurisdiction to another while having different goals.

Mayor Cahill stated there are complaints around clear cutting and others relating to view preservation.

Mr. Dugan shared specifics around trees and hedge benefits.

The Town should decide what kind of character and principles it wishes to have.

Council discussed potential liabilities in tree codes.

Mayor Cahill explained some of the difficulties to develop a tree code are due to the strong differences of opinions.

Town Planner Green stated that it is important to maintain the community vision and goals so that regulations and rules can follow.

The Council directed the Planning Commission to review the subject further.

AB 19-06 Resolution No. 342: A Resolution Naming New Authorized Individuals as it Relates to the Local Government Investment Pool

The past Clerk-Treasurer is currently named solely as the individual able to make any amendments, changes or alterations to the LGIP Form and make contributions and

withdrawals on behalf of the Town. Her termination of employment terminated this authority, but the State Treasurer requires a formal resolution passed by the Council to terminate and name the new authorized individual. It is felt that transactions should not be done by one individual, but that it should require two designated individuals. This resolution names the Clerk-Treasurer AND the Mayor as those authorized individuals.

MOTION: Councilmember Bush moved to adopt Resolution No. 342 naming the Clerk-Treasurer AND the Mayor as authorized individuals as it Relates to the Local Government Investment Pool. Councilmember Scandella seconded the motion.
VOTE: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Cahill reported on updated statistics gathered from the speed limit radar sign. The statistics are proving that having the sign on slows down drivers.

Council discussed putting in a cross walk on Points Drive.

Council discussed installing a second radar sign.

Councilmember Lagerholm discussed two items:

1. Staff will need to work with the Town's attorney to create a future noise ordinance for Yarrow Point bay.
2. Councilmember Lagerholm suggests hiring an intern to research security camera options and make a proposal. Mr. Lagerholm also suggests sourcing interns who live outside of town to get different perspectives.

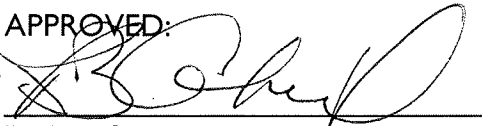
Councilmember Bush raised issues he noticed relating to a private building project for new construction in town on NE Points Drive. Town staff will follow up on these issues.

ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION: Councilmember Bush moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Councilmember Lagerholm seconded the motion.

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

APPROVED:


Dicker Cahill, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonnie Ritter, Clerk-Treasurer