City of Port Orchard

Public Property Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday June 9, 2014

Council Members Present: Bek Ashby, Fred Chang, & Jeff Cartwright
City Staff Present: Development Director Nick Bond, Mark Dorsey, Brandy Rinearson, Lisa Stone
Guests: Mayor Matthes, Elissa Whittleton

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Discussion: 4th of July Traffic. Public Works Director Mark Dorsey said we could divert traffic down Retsil Rd. The established detour route is Tracy Ave, Dekalb St & Mitchell St. Elissa Whittleton stated the neighborhood experiences a lot of congestion with traffic and people stopping to view fireworks. Councilmember Ashby stated she lives nearby and she also receives lots of traffic on her road. Ashby suggested not diverting traffic down Retsil, but Olney Ave instead. Councilmember Cartwright mentioned the unintended consequences of changing the detour route that has been around for years. Dorsey will have conversation with Jay Cookson & George Thompson from Public Works to see what their suggestions are. Dorsey will report his findings tomorrow night at the Council meeting.

2. Discussion: Paul Power Park Survey. Dorsey showed the committee a topographical survey that was done with the established boundaries marked. There is a 20 foot strip for access road which has an unknown owner. The southern boundary has encroachment issues from several neighbors. Councilmember Chang suggested getting an easement from a neighbor in exchange for encroachment. Dorsey suggested sending out letter with a copy of the survey to the encroaching neighbors, stating they could challenge the survey or get variances for buildings on their own properties that don’t meet setback requirements. Cartwright suggested not going forward until the city finds out if there will be any boundary challenges. The committee proceeded to have a discussion about how the park would be set up, field turf, & RCO grants for this type of project. Ashby suggested Dorsey and Bond make two conceptual design alternatives for the next meeting: one with two active fields, and one with one active and one passive field.

3. Discussion: Division Street Speed Hump Petition. City Clerk Brandy Rinearson brought forward a request by Jason Nichols for a speed hump to be put in on Division St & Seattle Ave. Dorsey said the city usually says no to speed humps because if you start with one, eventually everybody will want one. Chang suggested putting in a stop sign. Bond and Ashby agreed. Dorsey will assess this solution for safety.

4. Discussion: Street Vacate Policies. Rinearson said the City Attorney proposed two different ideas. The city could repeal the street vacation from the code, then just have the resolution and pamphlet; or repeal the resolution and codify the requirements. Ashby asked Rinearson to define the difference between a resolution and codifying the requirements. Councilmember Ashby suggested codifying the requirements. Committee agreed. Rinearson will talk to the City Attorney and bring it back to the committee for further discussion.

5. Discussion: Movie Kiosk. Mayor Matthes received an email from Mary Hartshorn with ideas for places to put the movie kiosk. Ashby brought Cartwright up to date with previous discussions on this topic. Bond said Mrs. Hartshorn told him the Library didn’t want the movie kiosk and the Port
is too far away from the ferry terminal. Ashby suggested Hartshorn look at the Bremerton Ferry Terminal. Cartwright expressed his opposition to a movie kiosk. Committee agreed. Bond will notify Hartshorn that the City is not interested in having a movie kiosk on the waterfront.

6. Discussion: Public Art. Mayor Matthes stated he went to the South Kitsap Artists to get art on the walls at city hall. He thought it would bring people in, beautify it and it was free. Chang and Cartwright thought the artists came forward to sell art. Work Study had decided to do a trial period for the summer in a select location. South Kitsap Artists will be at next meeting with a plan for where the art will be hung.

With that discussion, Cartwright closed the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 a.m.

Next Meeting/Location: July 14, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Council Chambers