TOWN OF WOODWAY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Woodway Town Hall | 23920 113th Place W. | Woodway, WA

Members Present		$oxed{\boxtimes}$ Councilmember Andrew DeDonker
	☐ Councilmember Elizabeth Mitchell	⊠ Councilmember John Brock
	☐ Councilmember Brian Bogen	☐ Councilmember Rajeev Thakur
	☐ Town Administrator Eric Faison	☐ Clerk-Treasurer Heidi Napolitino
Staff & Guests Present	☑ Public Works Director Terry Bryant*	☐ Town Engineer John Forba
	☑ Police Chief Jason Valentine*	☐ Fire Chief Matt Cowan
	☐ Town Planner Bill Trimm	☐ Town Attorney Greg Rubstello
*Attended virtually		

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Quinn gave a brief introduction to the different public comment periods and the role of public comment during a Council meeting.

Resident Jim Willett commented on the Twin Maples overflow project and requested that the Town's engineer attend an upcoming meeting to address the issue.

Resident Tom Whitson inquired about the Town's assessment of the housing bills currently under consideration by the State legislature.

Resident Bill Krepick commented on his recent email to the Council and asked several questions regarding police services.

I - POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE - POLICE CHIEF JASON VALENTINE

Chief Valentine thanked the Council for their support of the police department. He gave updates on several recent incidents and shared that Officer Eugene Shin received a traffic safety award. The department is fully staffed and there is a waiting list of officers who would like to join our department in the future.

II - POINT WELLS PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The following people commented:

- Tom Whitson
- Murph Morrill
- Bill Krepick

The following topics were discussed:

- The goal of the study to be completed by the Town in the coming months.
- Traffic patterns.
- Environmental concerns.
- Secondary access.

III - APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS - MARCH 6, 2023 CLAIMS

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the March 6, 2023 claims checks #14126 through 14141 and EFTs #353 through 355 totaling \$37,239.21. Councilmember Brock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III - APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS - FEBRUARY 2023 PAYROLL

Councilmember Brock moved to approve the February 2023 payroll EFT transactions #302 through 319 totaling \$68,062.50. Councilmember DeDonker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV - APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MINUTES

Councilmember Bogen moved to approve the February 21, 2023 council meeting minutes. Councilmember Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V - COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Thakur asked a question about the location of speed limit signs.

Councilmember Brock reported on a phone call with a Twin Maples resident.

Councilmember DeDonker shared that he would be resigning at the end of the meeting.

Councilmember Bogen shared that he would be attending an opioid forum/discussion later that week.

Councilmember Mitchell:

- Shared that WCIA was opposed to HB 1025, citing concerns that it may increase insurance rates due to the possibility of additional litigation.
- Recently attended a DEM meeting and was notified that Woodway needs to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Shared concerns about the gate being open at the edge of the Upper Bluff property.
- Thanked residents for their comments on the Twin Maples stormwater overflow issue.

VI - MAYOR'S REPORT

- Commented on HB 1670 related to increasing the property tax cap.
- Recently attended a Conservation Futures meeting. They will be choosing projects to receive grant awards.
- Signed onto a letter from the Mayors & Business Leaders organization to request a criminal justice training center in Snohomish County.
- Notified the Council that the Beat Brackett 5K on July 4 would again be routed through Woodway.
- Mayor and staff were scheduling a meeting with BSRE.
- Reviewed the agreement with BERK Associates for a Point Wells analysis. Town Administrator Faison provided additional information.

VII - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Commented on several bills currently being considered by the State legislature and how they may apply to Woodway.
- Shared a comprehensive history of stormwater in Twin Maples and an update on the current overflow issue.

VIII - TWIN MAPLES TRAFFIC CALMING

The Council discussed the previous recommendation of reducing the speed limit and installing turtles.

ACTION:

Councilmember Bogen moved to install 15 mph advisory signs and turtles. Councilmember DeDonker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tom Whitson shared some additional information about recent activity on the Upper Bluff. He also asked about the applicability of the lot splitting/housing bills.

Resident Jim Willett commented on Twin Maples traffic.

Resident Rose Kardel commented on Twin Maples traffic.

Resident Murph Morrill commented on Twin Maples traffic.

Port of Edmonds Commissioner Jay Grant shared updates on several Port of Edmonds projects.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION - CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

The Mayor and Council thanked Councilmember DeDonker for his service to the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION

At 7:37 p.m., Mayor Quinn recessed to executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation. At 7:46 p.m., Mayor Quinn reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember DeDonker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Bogen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Heidi K. S. Napolitino, Clerk-Treasurer

Michael S. Quinn, Mayor

(These minutes accurately reflect what was said at the Council Meeting. Publication does not vouch for the veracity of these statements.)