



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 8, 2024

Stowe

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

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Town Planner Stacia Schroeder, Julia Morse, and Susan Bogert.

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7pm.

MINUTES: Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the September 10, 2024 minutes as amended. Councilmember Mc Carthy seconded.

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

CLAIMS: Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the Final October 8, 2024 Claims Register for check numbers 16642 through 16669 in the amount of \$53,031.88.

Councilmember McCarthy seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

SE 30th STAIRS ON PATH FROM SE 29th: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that a resident contacted her about these stairs needing a handrail because they can be slippery in wet weather. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to have a simple wooden handrail installed and no-skid strips added to the treads during a Town Clean Up.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

WATER REPORT: Nothing to report.

WABA REPORT: No report.

APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 – 2030 CIP / TIP: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that passage of the 2025 CIP Ordinance was delayed last month so the Council could hold the required public hearing.

Mayor Howes opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm. As there were no comments, she closed the public hearing at 7:21pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to pass Ordinance No. 473 adopting a Six-Year Capital Investment Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan for 2025 through 2030. Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Mayor Howes commented that this is the Council's second review of the draft plan and opened the public hearing at 7:21 pm. She then noted that the Town received written comments from Susan Bogert and Joann Bromberg. As there were no public comments from attendees, she closed the public hearing at 7:22pm.

Town Engineer/Planner Schroeder outlined the changes made as a result of Council comments during the September meeting. Councilmembers asked detailed questions and offered additional revisions, which Ms. Schroeder will compile into the next draft.

Mayor Howes noted that the Council will review and discuss that draft at the November meeting during another public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET: Mayor Howes opened the public hearing at 8:58 pm. As there were no public comments, she closed the public hearing at 8:59pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens commented that tonight's public hearing is the first of two regarding the budget as required by state statute. She reminded all that tonight's focus is primarily on revenues, because information about anticipated expenditures is still coming in.

After some discussion and minor line-item revisions, it was the consensus of the Council to set next year's levy at the same dollar amount as this year plus new construction. Next month, the Council will hold its second public hearing to discuss a proposed 2025 budget and to pass the levy ordinance. The final budget will be adopted in December.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens noted that next month, we will have a better idea of whether the 2024 Budget needs to be amended. At this point, she is monitoring expenditures in the General Fund and the Water Fund.

CHANGES TO THE BEAUX ARTS PROCUREMENT POLICY: Clerk/Treasurer Spens explained that the state legislature enacted changes to rules governing contracting for public works projects, including adjusting the dollar thresholds and allowing for more efficient use of the small-works roster.

Town Attorney Linehan prepared a resolution to continue the Town's authority to use MRSC's Small Works Roster. He also reviewed our current procurement policy and updated it to reflect these changes. Resolution No. 337 and No. 338 document those changes.

MOTION: Councilmember Wheeler moved to adopt Resolution No 337 establishing a small works roster and authority to use the small-works-roster process to award public works

contracts. Councilmember McCarthy seconded.
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION: Councilmember Dix moved to adopt Resolution No. 338 amending the Town's procurement policy for public works pursuant to changes enacted by the Washington State Legislature. Councilmember Wheeler Seconded.
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

PAVEMENT REPAIR ALONG ARTERIAL: Councilmember Wheeler reported King County Roads expects to start work along the Arterial on Monday October 14th. He will ask Deputy Clerk Tych to distribute a notice to residents about the work and the schedule.

STREET SIGNS: Councilmember Wheeler is looking at the need for a sign prohibiting turns at the intersection of SE 27th St and 103rd Ave SE. He has learned that occasionally delivery trucks attempt to make this turn and become stuck.

FRANCHISE WITH CITY OF BELLEVUE: Councilmember Stowe reported that he continues working on the franchise with City of Bellevue that is a necessary piece of Bellevue's water-main replacement project. He has also provided Right of Entry documents to Deputy Clerk Tych for use with the project.

Councilmember Wheeler added that Bellevue will have a 60% design ready for review next month.

PARKING ALONG SE 27TH ST: Councilmember McCarthy mentioned that he has heard complaints about the number of vehicles parking along the street and speeding vehicles.

GREENSPACE MAINTENANCE: Councilmember Dix reported that as a result of her recent walk-through with the Town Arborist, she has identified several trees that need attention ranging from treatment for pests to structural pruning and cabling. The Council noted that she has spent most of her budget for 2024 already and asked her to review the list to determine what work can be done next year instead.

UPDATE ON GLEN PATH: Councilmember Dix reported that demolition is complete and water for new plantings is now available. Lumo will begin planting later this week.

CANOPY STUDY: Councilmember Dix reported the PlanIT Geo Canopy Study funded by the King Conservation District has been approved. .

TOWN CLEAN UP: Mayor Howes reminded the Council that the Town's Fall Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday October 26th. Marc Schaadt is organizing and overseeing it.

MIDDLE HOUSING: Mayor Howes has scheduled an informational meeting at 7pm on October 29th for residents to learn more about the middle-housing project mandated by the state legislature. The meeting will offer high-level insights into what middle housing is and

what it may mean for Beaux Arts as well as answer basic questions. Deputy Clerk Tych will distribute a meeting flyer and will help run the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 12, 2024 at Councilmember McCarthy's house. The Council will hold a third public hearing on the latest draft of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, its Second of two public hearings to review the preliminary 2025 Budget, and a public hearing to pass the 2025 Levy ordinance. The Council will also hold a brief Executive Session to discuss personnel performance.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. Councilmember McCarthy seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk/Treasurer