

EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES

Special Monday Meeting

November 5, 2007

Following a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for an Executive Session regarding a real estate matter and potential litigation, the Edmonds City Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Haakenson in the Council Chambers, 250 5th Avenue North, Edmonds. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Gary Haakenson, Mayor
Peggy Pritchard Olson, Council President
Michael Plunkett, Councilmember
Richard Marin, Councilmember
Mauri Moore, Councilmember
Deanna Dawson, Councilmember
Dave Orvis, Councilmember
Ron Wambolt, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT

Hilary Scheibert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT

Al Compaan, Police Chief
Duane Bowman, Development Services Director
Stephen Clifton, Community Services Director
Brian McIntosh, Parks & Recreation Director
Noel Miller, Public Works Director
Dave Gebert, City Engineer
Don Fiene, Assistant City Engineer
Scott Snyder, City Attorney
Sandy Chase, City Clerk
Jana Spellman, Senior Executive Council Asst.
Jeannie Dines, Recorder

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve
Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER MARIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA IN CONTENT AND ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER PLUNKETT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIN, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The agenda items approved are as follows:

A. ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2007.

C. APPROVAL OF CLAIM CHECKS #99889 THROUGH #100060 FOR OCTOBER 25, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$782,066.84, AND #100061 THROUGH #100181 FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$286,201.91.

D. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FROM VERIZON (AMOUNT UNDETERMINED).

E. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REID MIDDLETON, INC., FOR THE FRANCES ANDERSON CENTER SEISMIC STRUCTURAL RETROFIT PROJECT - PHASE 3 SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGN, BID AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.

Approve
10/23/07
Minutes

Approve
Claim Checks

Claim for
Damages

Anderson
Center
Seismic
Structural
Retrofit

Ord# 3666 –
Rezone 23601
Edmonds
Way

F. **ORDINANCE NO. 3666 - APPROVING THE REZONE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23601 EDMONDS WAY FROM NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS (BN) TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS - EDMONDS WAY (BC-EW). FILE NO. R-2007-53.**

Ord# 3667 –
Amend the
Parking Code

G. **ORDINANCE NO. 3667 – AMENDING THE PARKING CODE.**

Res# 1155 –
Small Works
Roster

H. **RESOLUTION NO. 1155 – ESTABLISHING A SMALL WORKS ROSTER PROCESS TO AWARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS AND A CONSULTING SERVICES ROSTER FOR ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER OF WASHINGTON (MRSC) FOR USE OF SHARED MRSC ROSTERS.**

Municipal
Court Annual
Report

3. **EDMONDS MUNICIPAL COURT ANNUAL REPORT.**

Municipal Court Judge Douglas Fair displayed charts illustrating case filings by year and a comparison of filings per month by year. He expressed his appreciation to Court Administrator Joan Ferebee who prepared the charts and the preliminary analysis. He reviewed the reports, advising filings for 2007 were down, 6,000 compared to 7,000 filings in 2006. He explained the largest decrease in filings was in criminal traffic and parking enforcement due to a motorcycle officer being off work due to injury and training of a new motorcycle officer, a parking enforcement officer who left the City's employ and the delay in hiring another parking enforcement officer.

Judge Fair explained the decrease in filings also resulted in a decrease in revenues; year-to-date the court had a shortfall of approximately 1.25%. Correspondingly the Court has had a slight decrease in expenditures. He explained each percentage of revenue equated to approximately \$7000 and each percentage of expense approximately \$6600; the Court was approximately \$9600 short on revenue but had not expended approximately \$13,000 in expenses. He anticipated expenses would increase slightly and revenues would continue to decrease slightly by yearend. He briefly reviewed areas where revenues and expenses in the budget were more or less than projected.

Judge Fair referred to charts illustrating revenues, pointing out court year-to-date revenues of \$556,000 and total year-to-date revenues of approximately \$750,000, explaining the difference was the funds retained by the State from each traffic citation. Next Judge Fair reviewed passport revenue, noting passport revenues were significantly higher than last year which he attributed to the requirement for a passport for plane travel to Canada and Mexico. He commented this trend may continue next year although the State of Washington was working on driver's licenses meeting the federal passport standards. If passports were required to cross the border into Canada at the time of the 2010 Winter Olympics, that could also increase passport revenues.

He displayed a comparison of electronic home monitoring revenue, explaining revenues were down compared to last year. Last year the City had a savings of approximately \$150,000 compared to a savings of \$85,000 this year. He noted the decrease in electronic home monitoring was also due to the decrease in filings. He anticipated the year-to-date cost savings of electronic home monitoring to be approximately \$110,000 this year. He noted community service also provided a savings of approximately \$25,000 per year. The total cost savings of electronic home monitoring and community service was approximately \$135,000. In response to a question posed by Councilmember Moore last year regarding experience with community service, Judge Fair advised the probation officer relayed there had been very little negative feedback and nearly all users had been very positive about the community service program.

Judge Fair commented on the fiscal impact of the potential requirement by the legislature that the Court provide protection and anti-harassment orders, civil orders that the Court currently did not provide, and the potential for in-custody video hearings. Depending on the legislature's requirement, the impact could be from no impact to \$30,000. If the legislature required court be held on a daily basis, more staff time and more of his time would be required. If the legislature did not require daily court and the orders could be provided during normal court hours, there would be very little impact. He noted the South District Court, approximately one mile away, handled these orders on a daily basis.

With regard to daily video hearings for in-custody defendants, Judge Fair explained the Court currently had one calendar per week for these hearings and the Police Department could only safely accommodate ten inmates per week. He clarified the weakest link in any custody system was the transport of inmates outside a secure custody facility. With fiber optic capability, the Court could hold hearings while defendants remained in custody at the County or Lynnwood jail. He acknowledged this would not be inexpensive as Snohomish County currently did not have the technology in place and estimates were in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. He anticipated the court would seek funding from users of the system such as the Edmonds Municipal Court. He advised the Administrative Services Department was currently conducting a cost benefit analysis.

Judge Fair explained court staff was in the process of applying for a grant from the Washington State Office of the Public Defender to assist with the cost of video hearings. He encouraged the Council to view the cost of video hearings as a shifting of expenses rather than a new expense; the City already paid overtime for Police Officers to transport in-custody defendants. He noted the technology would not completely eliminate this expense but would significantly reduce costs. He emphasized the most important consideration for video hearings was safety as the transport of inmates raised a number of security issues. Judge Fair concluded it remained a pleasure and an honor to serve as the City's Municipal Court Judge.

Councilmember Wambolt thanked Judge Fair for his report, commenting it was very easy to read and understandable.

Councilmember Plunkett also thanked Judge Fair for his report, commenting it was easily understandable by a lay person. He commented most South County cities were experiencing an increase in crime, and asked why that was not reflected in Judge Fair's report or the Public Defender's report. Judge Fair answered the increase in crimes may not be of the type that come to the Municipal Court. He remarked Edmonds did not have many of the things that generated a high volume of crime such as high traffic volumes, a lot of hotels/motels, a large transient population, a lot of business or a lot of retail. He compared Edmonds to Lynnwood which had many of the things that generated a higher volume of crime, noting although Edmonds' population was higher than Lynnwood, the Edmonds Court was approximately half as full as the Lynnwood Municipal Court. Police Chief Al Compaan agreed felony filings such as auto theft, assaults, felony drug cases, etc. had increased markedly over the past five years.

Councilmember Moore thanked Judge Fair for his report. She hoped the City would pursue video hearings to increase the safety of the officers involved in inmate transports, the safety of the suspect and the safety of the public. She referred to a news story that showed the police in Yakima walking defendants three blocks to the court, which she viewed as a very unsafe situation.

4. PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL REPORT

Public Defender James Feldman commented the annual report was basically the same as 2006 and 2005 as there had been little change other than the issue of in-custody hearings. He referred to the availability of a grant to assist with the costs of in-custody hearings. From his perspective, defendants were in jail 5-6

days without the opportunity to discuss their matter with the court because defendants were only transported once a week, a situation he anticipated the Supreme Court would not allow to continue much longer. As his office also served Mill Creek and Mountlake Terrace, each could submit a grant which would provide funds for an attorney from his office to meet with defendants on a daily basis at Snohomish County Jail and participate in in-custody hearings. He noted this was instituted in Lynnwood last year and reduced the average jail stay by half, from seven days to two or three days. He viewed it as a win-win as it protected the rights of the defendants and reduced jail costs to the city.

He introduced his team, Brandon Feldman, Joseph Jordan, David Lee and Katherine Chrostowska.

City Code
Chapter 4.68,
Cable
Antenna
Television
Systems

5. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 4.68 RELATING TO CABLE ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 4.68.390, 400 AND 410.**

Community Services Director Stephen Clifton explained the purpose of amending this chapter was to create a mechanism that responded to three events that had recently or would soon occur:

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently adopted new regulations that require a request for a competitive franchise to be handled on an expedited basis by a city. More specifically, a decision must be made within a 90-day period for cable franchise applications by an applicant with an existing franchise or within 180 days for an application with no existing right of way or franchise authority.
2. Verizon recently announced plans to offer video television services via a newly installed fiber network throughout southwest Snohomish County. In response to their announcement, he sent a letter to Verizon in March 2007 expressing the City's requirement that Verizon negotiate, and have in place, a franchise agreement with the City prior to activation of cable or other facilities for video/TV purposes within the City.
3. The City of Edmonds currently has in place a model franchise agreement with Comcast. On April 26, 2008, the City will have three years remaining under a 15-year operating agreement. Under federal requirements, in 2008, the City and Comcast will be required to begin negotiating a new franchise agreement. City staff recently met with Comcast representatives and agreed to begin negotiations next year.

In light of these events, in anticipation of requests for a competitive franchise and to provide an immediate effective date in order to comply with FCC requirements, the City Attorney and staff have developed interim regulations that would establish application requirements, a review process and application fee for the expedited process of competitive franchises. He noted federal law requires that a competitive franchise be granted under similar terms to those governing an incumbent franchisee. The city's model franchise provisions will be undergoing a full three year review beginning in 2008. The proposed ordinance calls for any new franchise to expire at the same time as the existing franchise, in this case April 26, 2011.

This three year process will offer an in-depth opportunity to assess both the city's needs and the performance of the existing franchisee. By reviewing all competitive franchises (those offering cable TV services) on the same cycle, the Council will have an opportunity, to the full extent then permitted by federal law, to update the city's cable television requirements. He relayed the recommendation of the City Attorney, Mayor and staff for approval of the proposed ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER MOORE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIN, FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 3668.

Councilmember Moore complimented staff for their work, commenting it was appropriate to begin this effort now. Mr. Clifton relayed his thanks to City Attorney Scott Snyder for his assistance.

Ord# 3668 – Amend City Code 4.68, Cable Antenna Television Systems

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The motion approved reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3668 – AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 4.68 RELATING TO CABLE ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 4.68.390, 400 AND 410, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

Preferred Park Design and Master Plan for Park Site at Old Woodway Elementary

6. CONTINUED COUNCIL DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2007 ON THE PREFERRED PARK DESIGN AND MASTER PLAN FOR THE 5.56 ACRE PARK SITE LOCATED AT THE OLD WOODWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 23700 104TH STREET SW.

COUNCILMEMBER MARIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION MADE AT THE OCTOBER 16, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE SECOND.

COUNCILMEMBER MARIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OLSON TO APPROVE THE REVISED PLAN WITHOUT THE SMALL BALLFIELD OR RESTROOM FACILITY.

COUNCILMEMBER PLUNKETT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO OPEN THE MEETING TO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Plunkett asked whether Councilmember Marin’s motion intended to allow sanicans. Parks & Recreation Director Brian McIntosh agreed in the revised plan the permanent restroom would be replaced by an onsite ADA sanican. Councilmember Plunkett asked for clarification regarding why staff was recommending against constructing permanent restrooms. Mr. McIntosh explained this was intended to be a neighborhood park which would not experience the same amount of use as a community park and the cost of permanent restrooms was more than should be invested in a neighborhood park. He noted most of the City’s neighborhood parks, other than Seaview Park, did not have permanent restrooms. There were also maintenance costs associated with a permanent restroom compared to maintenance of a sanican which is contracted.

Councilmember Plunkett asked the cost of permanent restrooms. **Ed MacLeod, Project Manager, MacLeod Reckord Landscape Architects**, estimated the cost to be \$250,000 to \$300,000. Councilmember Plunkett remarked this was not intended to be a park that attracted visitors from outside the area and the neighbors could return home to use their own restroom. Mr. McIntosh agreed, noting there would also be visitors to the park who were not within walking distance of their homes, thus the need for some type of restroom facility.

Mr. McIntosh displayed the revised preferred plan, noting the skinned baseball infield had been replaced with grass and the dugouts had been removed. He explained following the public hearing and the testimony by the SnoKing Youth Club, it was clear the grass area was needed for spring and fall soccer and that there were fewer children playing T-ball and coach-pitch. He reiterated the recommendation to replace the permanent restroom with sanicans. To ensure safe and adequate off-street parking, staff recommends retaining the 32-space parking lot. He referred to documentation contained in the packet to supplement the record that showed the park design was consistent with the adopted Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan and that the park did not constitute a breach of any existing Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County and/or Edmonds School District.

Councilmember Marin expressed his disappointment that permanent restrooms would not be constructed although he understood the reasons staff did not support their inclusion at this time. He supported staff’s plans to install the infrastructure such as the lateral and side sewer connection and water for the restrooms

as part of this project. Councilmember Marin clarified the inclusion of infrastructure for a future restroom was implicit in his motion. He also recognized there may be reasons the infrastructure could not be installed. Mr. McIntosh agreed it was staff's intent to stub everything in including triple conduit as this was a 100-year park and the future needs were unknown.

Councilmember Moore asked whether the sanican would be enclosed in a shed. Mr. McIntosh responded it would be enclosed and disguised in some manner via vegetation, a fence or both.

Councilmember Moore was pleased the baseball field had been eliminated, recalling the SnoKing Youth Club representative's comments regarding the increase in the number of children playing soccer. She asked whether staff had reviewed the requests that citizens made during their testimony such as the cement seats around the sport court being used by skateboarders, moving the picnic shelter away from the trees and the wetland area near the entry. Mr. McIntosh recalled a number of the citizens' comments were addressed at the public hearing. With regard to the use of the concrete benches around the sport court by skateboarders, he explained skate stops could be installed to discourage use by skateboarders.

With regard to the picnic shelter near the trees, he recalled the wildlife biologist who conducted the habitat study did not identify any impact from the location of the shelter or the trails in that area. Further, he was not certain where the shelter could be moved without affecting other areas of the park. With regard to the rain garden, he recalled Mr. McLeod's explanation at the public hearing regarding how the rain garden functioned. In addition, mosquitoes were most prevalent during the dry season and there would be few mosquitoes during the time of year when the area was wet. He also recalled Mr. McLeod's explanation that there would not be standing water in the rain garden as the water would filter through.

Councilmember Moore asked the cost of the rain garden feature. Mr. McLeod estimated the cost to be \$15,000 including connection to the infiltration system.

Councilmember Moore asked why concrete benches were proposed in the sport court instead of anchoring free-standing benches in that area. Mr. McIntosh explained there was a natural slope in that area and the concrete seating area would act as both a retaining wall as well as act as a ball stop.

Councilmember Moore was pleased with the modification staff made in response to the SnoKing Youth Club representatives comments, observing that none of the citizens' comments were incorporated into the revised plan. Mr. McIntosh recalled an explanation was provided at the public hearing regarding why those features were included in the plan. Mayor Haakenson pointed out the Council, via a majority vote, could make further revisions to the plan.

Council President Olson asked whether the soccer games would be scheduled games. Mr. McIntosh agreed they would be. Council President Olson commented on the importance of equity - scheduling soccer games at this park as well as in other neighborhood parks.

Councilmember Dawson thanked Mr. McIntosh, staff and Mayor Haakenson for revising the plan. She found the revised plan addressed many of the neighbors' concerns such as an organized baseball field. The revised plan had open space/green space that could be used as general, open park area when games were not scheduled. She noted her understanding was the Council was being asked to approve a general concept/plan, not the design or location of specific benches, etc., which could change in the future. Mr. McIntosh agreed, noting there may be minor changes to the general placement of items in the park. The Council's approval of the plan would allow staff to proceed with engineering drawings, etc.

Councilmember Dawson asked staff to comment on the impact of reducing the parking from 32 spaces to 16 spaces. Mr. McIntosh advised the parking lot was slightly less than 12,000 square feet, approximately

5% of the park space. Removing one row of 16 spaces would remove only those spaces but not the common area, entry or exit.

Councilmember Marin envisioned this would be a spectacular park and a great amenity to the neighborhood. He thanked Mr. McIntosh and the consultant for their efforts.

Councilmember Wambolt recalled there were two reasons staff eliminated the restroom from the design, 1) large capital cost and 2) maintenance. He asked Mr. McIntosh to comment on the difference in the maintenance cost between a restroom and a sanican. Mr. McIntosh answered the cost of an ADA portable restroom was approximately \$175/month or approximately \$2000/year. For a permanent restroom, staff would provide maintenance at least three times per week which would cost approximately \$5,000/year plus utilities.

Mayor Haakenson remanded to Council for a decision.

Councilmember Dawson spoke in support of the motion. She commented the revised park plan was an improvement as it considered many of the neighborhood's concerns. She assured minor tweaks could be made as the process proceeds.

Councilmember Moore expressed her support for the motion due to the elimination of the ballfield which was the neighborhood's primary concern and as Councilmember Dawson mentioned, there would be opportunity to make minor revisions as the process proceeds.

Councilmember Wambolt expressed support for the motion although he was concerned about the possible demand for baseball fields in the future. He asked if the use of the field could be changed to baseball if the demand for baseball exceeded the demand for soccer in the future. Mayor Haakenson advised that could be done for any park in the City; staff would return to the Council if that began to occur.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Port of Edmonds

Jack Bevan, Edmonds, reported on the Port, commenting the Port of Edmonds was an asset to the City and had won national awards. He referred to the Port's 2008 budget, noting the Port's 2007 projected net income was \$581,000, a 43% increase over the previous year. The Port's 2008 budget projects a net profit of \$374,000. With a combined net profit for 2007 and 2008 of \$955,000, he questioned why the Port was proposing to increase taxes. He urged the Council and public to attend Port meetings, noting their next meeting would include final review of the budget.

Crime Fund

Al Rutledge, Edmonds, noted the Snohomish County Executive planned to include funds for the community service crime fund in the 2008 budget. Next he commented on the Port, advising there was \$100,000 in their budget for maintenance of existing facilities. He reported the Port's third quarter was the best they had in a number of years which also brought visitors to the City. He announced the Kiwanis Club's annual food drive at Top Foods on November 9-11.

Port of Edmonds

Food Drive

Park Plan

Kevin Clarke, Edmonds, thanked the Council for working together to adopt an improved park plan, noting that was the way government should work - citizens, staff, elected officials all working together. He inquired about plans to name the park. Mayor Haakenson advised Mr. McIntosh would initiate a process for naming that park that included citizen involvement. Mr. Clarke commented on the lack of services when living in unincorporated Snohomish County, contrasted with the services provided by the City of Edmonds including the street sweeper in their neighborhood sweeping up leaves, maintenance workers cleaning out the catch basins and the engineering department considering traffic issues at the

City Services

intersection of 237th & 107th Place West. He appreciated the City's sensitivity to issues in this area including increased density and existing infrastructure.

Waterfront Building Heights

Roger Hertrich, Edmonds, referred to a newspaper article regarding building heights on the waterfront that indicated a majority of the community members speaking at the October 25 meeting were unhappy with the vision for the Edmonds waterfront. Mr. Hertrich relayed his observation that other than the WG33, the majority of those attending the meeting did not support the proposal. He explained their objection was due to the proposed change of use to allow condominiums up to six stories. Next he reported on the Port meeting where he spoke about the tax increase, his feelings about the Port's expenditure of \$100,000 to promote private development and his objection to change the use and increased building heights. He suggested the Council review Joan Bloom's October 25 Guest View article in the *Edmonds Beacon*. He then expressed concern that the Port's Finance Committee did not maintain notes. He acknowledged the Port Commission also reviewed the issues considered by the Finance Committee but only after the Committee had made a decision. He reiterated the community's concern with allowing condominiums on the waterfront property and increased heights.

Port Finance Committee

Waterfront Building Concepts

Mike Mestres, Edmonds, acknowledged there were questions raised regarding the concept proposed for the waterfront but not everyone objected and many were in support of taking aggressive measures to develop the waterfront property. Observing that some speakers were allowed to speak under public comment longer than the allowed three minutes, he recommended the Council either eliminate or enforce the three minute limit.

Port Finance Committee

Chris Keuss, Executive Director, Port of Edmonds, advised the Port Finance Committee was comprised of two Commissioners and two staff members. The Chair reported to the Commission on the Committee's meetings and all decisions are made during public session by the entire Port Commission. He pointed out those in attendance at the Port Commission meetings have witnessed Commissioners discussing the budget, asking for public input and considering the public input. With regard to the Port's involvement in the redevelopment plan, he was asked to take the lead in the public process as the plans were presented to the public. He reminded the proposal was a design concept and there were no definitive plans yet; the intent was to gather public input with regard to redevelopment of Harbor Square, the Antique Mall and former Skipper's site. He explained costs were prorated based on each property's square footage; the Port paid its share based on the Harbor Square property.

Waterfront Redevelopment Plan

Councilmember Plunkett thanked former Councilmember Bevans for his comments and his efforts in the community. He encouraged him to visit the Council more often.

Historic Preservation Commission

8. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF EDMONDS CITY CODE 10.90.010 AND 10.90.020 RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE EDMONDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE FILLED BY CITIZENS WITH A DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

Councilmember Plunkett advised all members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) participate in subcommittees who report to the Commission. He relayed the Commission's request that the Council increase the citizen membership of the Commission by two to assist with the workload as well as allow more people to participate.

COUNCILMEMBER PLUNKETT MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOORE, FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 3669.

Councilmember Moore advised this request was reviewed by the Community Services/Development Services Committee and both Councilmember Marin and she were in support of it.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The ordinance approved reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3669 – AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF EDMONDS CITY CODE 10.90.010 AND 10.90.020 RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE EDMONDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE FILLED BY CITIZENS WITH A DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Haakenson wished Councilmember Dawson a Happy Birthday.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Olson advised tonight's Council meeting would begin airing on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Moore wished Councilmember Dawson a Happy Birthday. She referred to reports regarding a Lynnwood Police investigation and asked Council President Olson to schedule a presentation by the Edmonds Police Chief regarding the City's procedures and policies to reassure the public that what was happening in Lynnwood could not happen in Edmonds.

Councilmember Moore thanked the citizens who were willing to discuss civic issues with her on their doorsteps, a truly wonderful experience. She remarked although the election system had its flaws, that was not one of them - talking to voters and citizens was a joy and she appreciated their kindness, willingness, involvement and pride in the City.

Councilmember Wambolt pointed out the WG33 was not a selected group. When the Redevelopment Committee decided to form a citizens group, they sought volunteers and all who volunteered were selected to participate. He agreed he was enthusiastic about redevelopment of the waterfront area but not about any particular plan until all the public hearings had been completed. He assured future public hearings would be held by the Planning Board and City Council. He emphasized the plans that had been presented were simply a starting point and almost certainly not what would be developed.

Councilmember Plunkett wished Councilmember Dawson a Happy Birthday. He then referred to the upcoming election, noting the President of Pakistan cancelled the elections, a reminder that even though the democratic process was messy, it was still better than the alternative. He congratulated all the candidates for participating in the process.

Councilmember Orvis wished Councilmember Dawson a Happy Birthday.

Student Representative Scheibert wished Councilmember Dawson a Happy Birthday and wished good luck to all the candidates in the election.

11. ADJOURN

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.