

## GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2003

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Ekberg, Young, Franich, Owel, Dick, Picinich, Ruffo and Mayor Wilbert.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilbert asked to add an additional Staff Report to the agenda. She said that Chief Mitch Barker would be presenting information on recent events.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

*These consent agenda items are considered routine and may be adopted with one motion as per Gig Harbor Ordinance No. 799.*

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of April 14, 2003.
2. Correspondence: Letter from Connie Brown.
3. Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Implementing SHB 2060.
4. Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement and Restrictive Covenant – Pioneer Condo, LLC.
5. Assigned Counsel Agreement.
6. Approval of Payment of Bills for April 28, 2003.  
Checks #39881 through #40010 in the amount of \$350,657.42.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Franich / Young – unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Community Center Preliminary Design – Consultant Services Contract. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, explained that of the 2003 City Budget is to support the design for a community center. He described the process that had occurred to explore the feasibility of such a project. Mark explained that the contract that the proposed contract with Thomas Cook Reed Reinvald was for preliminary design services. He introduced members in the audience who were present to speak on the proposal.

Ron Thomas, President of TCRR Architects, gave an overview of the team who would be involved in the project; a project schedule; the development of a prototype concept; and how this design would fit the Gig Harbor site to best serve the community. He addressed Council's questions on backing for such a project by describing what has occurred in other communities where this concept has been proposed. Mr. Thomas explained that they were working on the estimate for the project on the south end, and would report back as soon as he had the final figures.

Gary Yazwa, Executive Director of the South Puget Sound Boys and Girls Clubs, explained the strategy to obtain support and funding. He said that the goal is to submit a plan to the Board of Trustees by September to begin the public input process and a fundraising campaign. He said that he would be looking to raise approximately 15 million, 7.5 million for construction, and the remainder for maintenance and operation funds.

Mark Hoppen explained that Pierce County had committed to leasing the property for a very low cost if the project were built within three years. The 50-year lease would then be renewable for an additional fifty years.

Jim Coolican, Superintendent, Peninsula School District, said that the school district fully supports the Community Center. He said that this is a great opportunity to promote partnerships and community involvement. He discussed the advantage of the use of athletic fields next to the building site. He explained that the school district had not budgeted any funds for the project, but considered the land as their contribution, as they have a lease with Tacoma and they are willing to give that up. He discussed the "After Hours" program on the Key Peninsula and the opportunity for children to be taken care of after school.

John Ortgeisen, Park Planner and Landscape Architect for Pierce County Parks and Recreation, explained that Pierce County Parks fully supports this project for a Boys & Girls Club. He said that as owners of the property, a fifty-year lease has been granted in support, at the cost of \$10 per year.

Councilmembers spoke in support of the project.

**MOTION:** Move to approved the consultant services contract as a "R and D" project, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.  
Ruffo/Ekberg – unanimously approved.

2. Resolution Authorizing Application for IAC Funding Assistance on the Skansie Park Property. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, explained that this would allow the city to apply for funding assistance for a portion of the Skansie property from the driveway to Jerisich Park. He said that the grant would allow for funding assistance for 50% of the appraised value.

Councilmember Franich asked for assurance that this would not prevent the city from using the property on the south side for other purposes. Mark explained that a regulation of an IAC grant was to assure that the area would be used for recreation purposes. He said that this agreement would only affect the grassy area.

**MOTION:** Move for adoption of Resolution No. 608.  
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

3. Resolution Authorizing Application for IAC Funding Assistance for the Cushman Trail Project. Mark Hoppen said that this grant could potentially fund the development of the Cushman Trail from the Kimball Park-N-Ride site up to Borgen Boulevard. He described the nature of the trail and discussed the cost of the project. He said that the city's portion would come to \$378,000; the county's portion would be \$122,000 for four miles of trail.

John Ortgeisen reported that Pierce County Parks and the city are forming a partnership to apply for a federal land/water conservation grant through the IAC. He said that the grant is for \$1,000,000 and the city and county would have to provide is \$500,000 of the \$1,000,000 in matching funds. He described the project and answered questions. He said a portion of the funding would go toward a boardwalk and trails along the wetlands located on the Wilkinson Farm. He felt that there was a good chance of obtaining the grant.

Councilmember Dick asked about the possibility of asking for military assistance as a training exercise to build any bridges necessary to the project. He suggested that this might help offset costs. John said that this might be a possibility for the blowout between Rosedale and the museum.

Councilmember Dick then asked if these funds were budgeted for 2004, if the city would be able to do other projects, such as a west-side park. Mark explained that it would depend on the opportunities that might arise.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Resolution No. 609.  
Ekberg / Ruffo – six voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, reported on the first quarter of 2003. He explained that revenues are where expected and General Fund expenditures are at 19% of budget. He said that the sales tax in the city is growing.

2. Shoreline Plan Update. John Vodopich described the on-going process for the Shoreline Plan update. He explained that unfortunately, no support and/or guidance from the DOE has come forth, and that the Citizens Committee has recommended a limited amendment to the existing Shoreline Management plan to update the map to reflect the current city's and Urban Growth Area boundaries; to conduct a more detailed shoreline inventory; to compare the shoreline plan with the comp plan to address inconsistencies; and to address building size as it relates to the view corridor.

He said that there had been an \$30,000 increase in the city's Coastal Zone Planning Grant, adding that there were adequate funds in the budget to cover the city's matching fund requirements. Council concurred with the recommendation to go forward with the minor amendments to the plan. John said that he will bring forward a consultant

services contract at next meeting.

3. Chief Mitch Barker. Chief Barker explained that he wanted to bring Council up to date on the incident that happened Saturday when the Chief of Police of Tacoma shot his wife and then himself. He gave brief overview of the incident, explaining that Pierce County, Washington State Patrol and the City Police Department were all assisting. He said that he and Detective Crocker had just returned from Harborview, where they visited the family, all residents of the Gig Harbor area. He said that the department will continue to support Crystal's family and lend support wherever possible.

Chief Barker then commended Detective Crocker, who serves as a negotiator on the Pierce Metro Combination Swat Team, and, who recently negotiated a peaceful resolution to a five-hour incident.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Connie Brown 9510 Johnson Lane. Ms. Brown explained that she is a student at WSU and is a part-time instructor for Renton Technical College and Green River Community College and teaches parent education. She explained that the purpose of her letter is to gain support for a program to educate the public on the safe storage of firearms. Councilmember Ruffo suggested that P.C. Net Emergency Preparedness program would be a good avenue for her program. The city clerk offered to put her in contact with the city's contact person.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:**

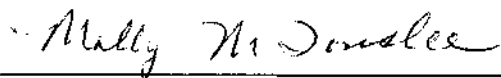
Mayor Wilbert reported that the Arbor Day Festival on Saturday was a great success. There were over 200 people present at the Civic Center who enjoyed varied activities. She announced that this will become an annual event.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.  
Franich / Young - unanimously approved.

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Robert Dick, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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City Clerk