

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 14, 2003

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ekberg, Young, Franich, Dick, Picinich, Ruffo and Mayor Wilbert. Councilmember Owel was absent.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Mayor Wilbert called the public hearing to order at 7:12 p.m.

John Vodopich, Community Development Director, explained that this was a public hearing to consider the annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. He gave an overview of the eight proposed amendments. He stressed that the two applications for the Gig Harbor North area were for an increase in the commercial area, not for a Costco.

Carol Morris, City Attorney, commented on the staff recommendation to amend the City's application 03-01 by re-designating 20 acres of land designated Planned Community Development Business Park, located south of Borgen Boulevard and adjacent to the Home Depot sight, to Planned Community Development Commercial. She recommended that Council consider asking the applicant, Olympic Property Group, if they would accept this change as an amendment to their application rather than having this as an amendment to the Council's application. If this were to occur, it would first assure that the applicant would not come back and appeal this amendment, and second, if an appeal is filed by someone else, the city attorney would not have to defend the matter before the Growth Board.

Bob Thorpe – 8020 Goodman Dr. NW. Mr. Thorpe said that he admired the Council's ability to handle the complexity of these issues. He asked that Gig Harbor be allowed to become a regional center for amenities that enrich the lives of the residents such as a YMCA, a Boys and Girls Club, and a hospital, but that it not become a commercial center. He voiced concerns over traffic congestion.

Linda Gair - 3306 North Harborview Dr. Ms. Gair gave an overview of her community activism. She stressed that she, as well as others, moved here for the way that the small town way of life was revered. She said it has become all about the money, not about values, common good, political processes, or the real need. She said that our way of life is worth far more than the increase in sales tax revenue, adding that once the comp plan amendments are granted, everything about Gig Harbor will change forever. She discussed Mr. Rose's ability to develop his property within the existing zoning parameters, stressing that the proposed village center proposal will completely finish off the downtown businesses. She voiced concern about the ability to support these big

box stores and complained that the downtown businesses have suffered since the development of Gig Harbor North due the diversion of the traffic flow. She discussed unemployment in Washington State and the lack of industry in the area. She said that she has not heard the clamor for increased retail that was mentioned in the Gateway and by developers, and stated that she knew of the difficulty to sell the Gig Harbor North spaces. She asked Council not to rush to judgment by granting the comp plan amendments, and not to "sell us out."

Lauren Bingham Miller – Bellevue. Ms. Bingham Miller explained that she was the Executrix of the Bingham Property, under contract with SHDP. She spoke in favor of the comp plan amendment proposed by SHDP, as her property is zoned low-density and is surrounded by commercial development. She said that they were never notified of increasing to the zoning in the past, and said that this is an opportunity to rectify this.

Craig Shurick – 5616 Old Stump Drive. Mr. Shurick, who has lived and worked here since he was 18 years old, thanked Council for taking the time and using wisdom to consider a decision. He discussed the second bridge and said that it would be important for everyone concerned to stay involved. He added that he has listened to both SDHP and OPG, and doesn't know whether or not the increase in commercial area should occur, but that he trusts the Council's judgment. He spoke favorably of the Olympic Property Group proposal to develop a "heart of the community" with the village center concept and other shared amenities such as fields, trails and parks. He asked Council to keep up the good work and to pay attention to the heart of the matter. He added that the right choice would become obvious.

Dave Seiwerath – 6919 Cascade Ave. Mr. Seiwerath, a long-time resident of Gig Harbor, gave an overview of his background in real estate and development of Fred Meyers stores in Alaska, Hawaii and Idaho. He thanked Council for what has been accomplished with the increased revenues and complimented the city for seeking local input in planning the community. He discussed the fact that the City of Gig Harbor impacts such a large area. He spoke in favor of the plan to increase the commercial area, stressing that the city needs to look to the future needs. He said that the future commercial development should be within city limits because the city has demonstrated that they can be good stewards of the money. He mentioned several projects that the city has accomplished over the years, again saying that the city is doing a good job. He finalized by suggesting that the city re-think the low-density housing in the Gig Harbor North area, and to consider a regional concept to include more retail to handle the growth.

Jack Bujacich – 3607 Ross Avenue. Mr. Bujacich spoke in support of the upgraded Comprehensive Plan. He said that he is a long-time believer in looking to the future and planning accordingly. He said he recalls the complaints about the plan for the addition of the Albertsons and Home Depot. He said that many of those people now brag about these stores. He said he is pleased with the staff report and the recognition for a need for improvements to the roads in this area. He said that the plan benefits the whole town with an increased tax base and with opportunities that will serve the whole area

when the bridge is built. He praised the planning in that area and recommended the re-zoning. He finalized with a comment about the need for more parking downtown.

Dave Folsom – 3160 Ann Marie Court. Mr. Folsom voiced his concerns over water limitations. He said that the available 580 ERUs would barely cover housing development. He discussed the requirement for water storage and a well if more commercial was allowed and the status of applications with the Department of Ecology for additional water capacity. He cautioned Council that no one could predict when these water rights might be allocated. He discussed his working relationship with the Kitsap Watershed committee and recommended that if any development is approved, that he would favor a hospital rather than another commercial store. He concluded that a hospital would meet with the current water availability and wouldn't require a zoning change.

Councilmember Young pointed out that the current amendment applications would either require the same amount of water or decrease the need. Mr. Folsom said that unless there is enough water allocation from the housing units there would be constraints if the city wished to build all the proposed projects.

Councilmember Ruffo said that water and traffic are the two main issues, and asked Mr. Folsom if he would support all the projects if there weren't any of these issues. Mr. Folsom said that he agreed that the city needed new services and that he was not opposed to a Costco, but not necessarily at this site.

Dale Pinney – First Western Development / SHDP – 1359 205th St. NW. Mr. Pinney said that Council needed to decide whether the city needed increased commercial area and if so, if this is the right area. He gave an overview of the proposal and explained that it is ideal as it requires the minimal amount of commercial zoning to construct a Costco, and there are no wetland or environmental issues to be addressed. He continued to explain that this plan represents the least amount of traffic impacts and maintains the plan for Business Parks to attract high-tech industry. He discussed the step-down zoning and the 55+ community and how this concept utilizes a consistent zoning pattern rather than placing commercial next to low-density. Mr. Pinney concluded that this proposal retains the original Planned Community Development concept. He introduced Terry Gibson to address traffic concerns.

Terry Gibson – 4610 131st St Ct NW. Mr. Gibson explained that he had conducted extensive traffic studies on this area, the last completed in May at the city's request. He explained that the study projected over 20 years and gave an overview of the road improvements that would be required to accommodate different scenarios. He concluded that with improvements, Borgen Boulevard would have sufficient capacity to accommodate both the predicted growth to the year 2022 with the existing zoning and also accommodate the Costco North proposal before Council now. In terms of trip generation, the Costco proposal and senior housing proposal would generate approximately 8,850 additional daily trips to Borgen Boulevard. The OPG proposal would generate about 14,300 daily trips, meaning that peak hour traffic would

approximately double with the OPG proposal. He concluded by explaining that both the 4% and/or the 8 % increase in commercial would work with the improvements that he described, and the level of service would meet the current requirements.

John Rose – Olympic Property Group. Mr. Rose explained that a traffic study had been done by and OPG engineer and reviewed by the city. He said that the study indicated that there were no unresolvable level of service issues and said that everyone seemed to agree that Borgen Boulevard was able to handle the increased traffic flow.

Mr. Rose continued to discuss the staff recommendation for an increase to 20 acres of PCD – C in the area adjacent to Home Depot where OPG wants to place the "big-box store". He requested modifications to this report, adding that it did not matter if this occurred in the OPG application or the city's application.

The first modification is to increase the 20 acres to 25 acres of commercial in order to mitigate the two road frontage properties, to help hide the large box store, and to help the site conform to the city's design manual requirements for a 20% set-aside for native vegetation and 10% pedestrian areas.

The second modification is to approve the Village designation at this time. He explained that the Village Center is at the geographic and spiritual heart of the project. He said that future housing in that area will need a place to gather that would include smaller-scale services all within a ½ mile walking distance. He assured Council that OPG was committed to this concept.

He finalized by explaining that an increase in commercial services nearby is important as it saves on the time spent driving around to shop. He asked for consideration for this plan, which had been widely accepted by those who had seen the plan and which maintains the original buffer between business and residential areas.

Councilmember Picinich asked staff if the ordinance presented included the Village Center that Mr. Rose had discussed. John Vodopich explained that the application 02-01 increased the commercial area as well as containing the Village Center concept. He continued to say that application 02-01R is the map/parcel specific amendment as a result of the Planning Commission recommendation of a proposed Comprehensive Land Use Map that was reflective of existing zoning.

Councilmember Ruffo asked Mr. Rose to address the traffic and water issues. Mr. Rose explained that OPG had completed traffic studies and concluded that Borgen Boulevard could handle the increase in traffic with mitigations to maintain the appropriate level of service required by the city. He reminded Council of the concurrency ordinance in place that acts as a safety net in which development would have to stop if the level of service were to drop below acceptable rates. He continued to explain that the addition of a new well was included in the 1997 Pre-Annexation Agreement, and is not a new idea. He explained that the issue is with the rights to pull water and not a shortage of water. He said that they would continue work to address this issue.

Scott Schenks – SHDP – 1359 51st Street - Shoreline. Mr. Schenks explained that his company has gathered a great deal of information in order to assist Council to make an informed decision. He explained that they had prepared an extensive traffic study and a detailed site-plan. He said the reason that they prepared this information at this early development stage is because of a business agreement with Costco for this site. He praised the city for the planning of the Gig Harbor North area.

Mr. Schenks gave an overview of a noise study that they had completed, adding that they met with the Canterwood Homeowners to address noise concerns. He discussed the senior residential community, adding that a hospital fits in well with this area. He then talked briefly on the fact that there are no environmental concerns on this site.

He finalized by discussing the development of Gig Harbor North and how the company spent a great deal of time and money installing the infrastructure at that time. He said that they have a Pre-Annexation agreement with the city for additional water allocation, which is more than would be needed for the Costco store, a comparatively low user as compared to residential.

There were no more comments and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:33 p.m. and announced a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

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 June 23, 2003.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: Letter from Geoffrey Moore.
3. Purchase Authorization for Bathroom Shelter for Donkey Creek Park.
4. Burnham Drive Sidewalk - Contract Authorization.
5. Liquor License Application: Gig Harbor Texaco; Gig Harbor Farmer's Market Association (2 applications).
6. Approval of Payment of Bills for July 14, 2003.
Checks #40525 through #40635 in the amount of \$183,340.33.
7. Approval of Payroll for the Month of June.
Checks #2601 through #2663 and direct deposit entries in the amount of \$243,258.68.

Mayor Wilbert explained that there had been a request from the Department of Community Development to remove the Burnham Drive Sidewalk Contract Authorization from the agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda with the Burnham Drive Sidewalk Contract Authorization removed.
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bogue Volunteer Center. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, gave a background of the decision to explore the proposal to use the Bogue Building as a community volunteer center. He explained that it would take approximately \$4200 for start up and that the funds were available due to the change in plans for the student exchange program.

Councilmember Franich asked about continuing funding for the center and the risk involved. Mark explained that funding for the center would be a yearly consideration during the budget process. He continued to explain that the city's Legal Counsel and the Association of Washington Cities had reviewed the agreement, adding that the city would be covered for this program. Mark explained that each person would be required to sign a volunteer form similar to those who participate in the Adopt-a-Road program. Mark assured Council that all programs or use of the building would be reviewed by administration before acceptance.

Len McAdams – 4310 Foxglove Drive NW. Mr. McAdams said that he volunteered to be Manager of the Volunteer Center, and that Ruth Bogue Baker will be the Assistant Manager. He said they understand that any program included would have to conform to the city's rules and regulations and receive approval by the city. He gave an overview of the volunteers who will do the work.

John Picinich thanked the committee for all the hard work that has been done. He agreed that this would be a valuable asset to the city.

Councilmember Young asked for clarification of the programming. Councilmember Franich asked for further clarification of the funding of the program. Mark Hoppen offered further information on these concerns. Councilmember Ruffo suggested that Councilmember Franich act as the liaison to the program for the first year.

MOTION: Move to authorize the expenditure of funds for the Bogue Volunteer Center as proposed by staff with the hope that the city continues to support the program.
Picinich / Franich - unanimously approved.

2. Reconsideration of the Roby / Campen Comp Plan Amendment. Councilmember John Picinich explained that he wished for Council to reconsider their decision on this amendment.

Councilmember Ruffo asked for a point of clarification of the vote at the last meeting. Councilmember Ekberg read this portion of the minutes from the last meeting and Councilmember Picinich made the following motion.

MOTION: I move to rescind the decision to deny the Roby / Campen application made at the June 23rd Council Meeting.

Picinich / Ruffo - a roll-call vote was taken with the following results.

Ekberg – no; Young - yes; Franich – no; Dick - no; Picinich – yes; Ruffo – yes.

The vote tied 3 to 3. Mayor Wilbert broke the tie with an affirmative vote. The motion carried to rescind the decision to deny the Roby / Campen application.

MOTION: I move to direct Staff to prepare a revised letter to Pierce County supporting approval of the Roby / Campen map amendment, U-13.
Picinich / Ruffo -

Councilmember Picinich explained that he thinks this is an issue of equity and fairness, and that the property should have been included in the Urban Growth Area with the Employment District zoning.

Connie Sue Martin – 10613 Bliss Cochran Road. Ms. Martin, Executive Board member for the Friends of Pierce County, urged Council to deny the amendment to include the application. She said that it is about zoning and lines, reminding Council that they have a mandate to comply with the Growth Management Act and this expansion is not supported by the 20 year population projection. Therefore, there is no demonstrated need for additional land. She continued to say that this land is a significant ecological resource and McCormick Creek supports a riparian zone and should be preserved.

Councilmember Young asked Ms. Martin if the recommendation is denied based on the wetlands, if Pierce County would be obligated to remove all properties with wetlands, as a third of the UGA is significantly constrained by wetlands. Ms. Martin said that it should be considered on a case-by-case basis. She noted that the 1000 Friends of Washington plans on appealing any decision to include this property and that the Friends Pierce County, the Audubon Society, and PNA all support this appeal.

Carol Morris pointed out that this is a Pierce County Comprehensive Plan amendment, and all that the Gig Harbor Council is doing is making a recommendation.

Councilmember Franich said that he agreed with Councilmember Picinich on the fairness issue, but he will be sticking with his original vote as now is not the time to bring the property into the city. Councilmember Ruffo clarified that the city isn't bringing the property into the city, only recommending that this property be included in the city's Urban Growth Area.

Councilmember Dick agreed that there are similarities in the Miller and Roby / Campen properties, but he remains convinced that the city does not need more ED property per the GMA test. He added that it could be added at a later date and encouraged Council not to change their recommendation.

Councilmembers further discussed zoning for this property. Mayor Wilbert said that if she were again required to vote to break a tie, she would vote in favor of inclusion as the Roby family has been protective of the land, and if it is included in the UGA, the city would have a voice in how the land would be developed.

Helen Nupp – 9229 66th Ave NW. Ms. Nupp said she had heard others talk about water concerns and stressed that this property is a significant aquifer recharge area. She agreed that the property should be left with the R-5 zoning designation. She discussed the Department of Natural Resources compliance concerns with the logging that occurred in 1997. She recommended that the property be kept as is until a need is demonstrated.

Jack Bujacich. Mr. Bujacich restated that all Council was doing was making a recommendation to Pierce County. He agreed that the Roby's had been good stewards of the property and have agreed to continue to retain the creek in its original form. He said that the city may not have the need for the property now, but it was wise to plan for the future. He discussed the one house per five acre zoning wouldn't be approved to drill a well or to install septic. He said eventually this property will be developed and it is up to the city to protect the environment. He recommended that the Council not delay this further.

Joe Austin – 6908 92nd St. Ct. NW. Mr. Austin said he moved here from the Midwest three years ago. He said that it is one of the best places he has ever been and he didn't come here for more light industrial. He read a list of approved uses for the EC zoning designation, and said that this zoning is not the way to go.

RESTATED MOTION: I move to direct Staff to prepare a revised letter to Pierce County supporting approval of the Roby / Campen map amendment, U-13. Picinich / Ruffo - a roll-call vote was taken with the following results.

Ekberg – no; Young - yes; Franich – no; Dick - no; Picinich – yes; Ruffo – yes.

The vote tied 3 to 3. Mayor Wilbert broke the tie with an affirmative vote. The motion carried to revise the letter to Pierce County supporting the Roby / Campen application.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance – Accepting a Donation from Evie and Gene Lynn for Purchase of an Original Oil Painting. Mark presented this ordinance to accept the donation of \$1200 to purchase an oil painting for the Gig Harbor Civic Center.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 931 accepting the donation of funds for the purchase of an oil painting.
Picinich / Ruffo - unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments. John Vodopich presented the first reading of an ordinance for the annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and introduced Steve Osguthorpe, Planning and Building Manager, Steve Misiurak, City Engineer, and David Skinner, from HDR Engineering to answer questions.

Councilmember Young asked for assurance of the ability of Borgen Boulevard to handle either one or the other, or both of the proposals over the next 20 years.

David Skinner – HDR Engineering. Mr. Skinner explained that he had analyzed both the current traffic with the existing zoning and what it will look like over the next five to seven years. He said that the area has developed faster than he expected, but it was designed to handle this capacity. He gave a history of the traffic studies in this area and confirmed that, with proper mitigation, the Borgen Boulevard and subsequent intersections that will occur with growth, will handle the existing zoning.

Mr. Skinner then addressed changes to the existing land use to include commercial sites by saying that it was determined that each one of the intersections and additional links are consistent with what had been anticipated, and Borgen Boulevard will continue to provide the capacity for the 20 year future growth. He said that neither applicant provided information that identified what would occur if both sites were allowed to construct big-box stores. He said that the assumption could be made from the existing reports that this would drop the level of service even further. He said that the city had anticipated what they wanted for Gig Harbor North, and that this vision has been maintained. He said that Borgen Boulevard was designed with this vision in mind.

Mr. Skinner concluded that he felt very confident that Borgen Boulevard could handle either one of the applications. He cautioned that the analysis had not been done for approval of both applications.

Councilmember Franich asked about the impact to private driveways. Carol Morris explained that the city has no authority to mitigate private property. Mr. Skinner explained that the Public Works Standards dictates the geometry of construction and that Mr. Gibson had done an excellent job of considering this in his report. Mark Hoppen clarified that these concerns can be addressed through design of city-owned right of ways.

Councilmember Young asked about a Development Agreement that contained a Village Center concept and how it could be bound to the property. Carol Morris explained that the city can tie the Development Agreement to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment as a condition of approval. She said that if Council wished to adopt a Development Agreement, sufficient detail could be included to make it enforceable, and the property owner would be bound to it. The Development Agreement would provide the language for the zoning.

Councilmember Ekberg asked if there was sufficient time to hold a public hearing on a Development Agreement. John Vodopich said yes, and that an additional SEPA analysis would need to be done.

Councilmember Ruffo asked for clarification on the staff recommendation for an increase to 20 acres in commercial zoning. Carol Morris said that she didn't recommend adoption of that recommendation, and said that Council should ask the applicant if they will accept that as an amendment to their application to assure that OPG wouldn't appeal or that if someone else were to appeal the decision, she would not be required to defend the city to the Growth Board. John Vodopich clarified that the staff recommendation for the 20 acres commercial is appropriate to allow for one big-box retailer.

MOTION: Move to ask staff to draft a Development Agreement with OPG and bring it back at the next meeting for a public hearing.
Young / Ekberg – five voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

Councilmember Young then asked John Rose if he would amend his application and agree to a Development Agreement.

Mr. Rose said "Olympic Property Group would be willing to accept an amendment to their application that would change the area for the large box to 25 acres, and where we would enter into a Development Agreement limiting the Village Center uses to something more pedestrian oriented and that would eliminate the opportunity for another big box, but would do things more small scale."

John Vodopich clarified that the staff will work with OPG for a Development Agreement that will be brought back for a public hearing and second reading of the ordinance at the July 28th meeting. The Development Agreement will be for 25 acres of PCD Commercial and 10 acres of Village Center concept. At the second reading of the ordinance, Council will need to take action on each application.

2. First Reading of Ordinance – Uddenberg Property Rezone – REZ 03-01. Steve Osguthorpe, Planning / Building Manager, explained that in the 2002 Comp Plan amendments, Council approved a change in land use for two parcels on the corner of Pioneer Way and Grandview Street. He said that this ordinance was a request for a rezone of those two properties from R-1 to RB-1. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

3. Purchase Authorization - Pump-out Station for Jerisich Dock. John Vodopich explained that the sewer pump-out at Jerisich had been malfunctioning for some time, and recommended the purchase of the new system. He said that adequate funds were located in the parks fund. Steve Misiurak, City Engineer, explained that the old system was incorrectly specified and that the new system is warranted for 2-years.

Councilmember Franich pointed out that this is a prime reason to charge fees at the dock.

MOTION: Move to authorize purchase of the pump-out station for Jerisich Dock from Keco Inc. in the amount of nine thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars and zero cents (\$9,365.00) including shipping.
Ruffo / Picinich - unanimously approved.

4. Resolution – Surplus Equipment, GHPD. Chief Barker presented this resolution declaring certain equipment surplus. He explained that the equipment is over ten years old and of no value, but could be used by the Mount Rainier National Park, and recommended that the equipment be donated to the park at no cost.

Councilmember Dick voiced concern on whether the city could donate public property and asked for clarification. Carol Morris, City Attorney, will research the statutes for allowing this action.

MOTION: Move to table this resolution until the next meeting.
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

5. City Hall Purchase and Sale Agreement. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, presented this agreement for the sale of the old city hall.

Councilmember Young asked for clarification on the practice of accepting earnest money. Mark explained that it goes to escrow through the city.

Councilmember Franich asked if there were any parking concessions made in the agreement. Mark said that there were no land use issues with this agreement.

MOTION: Move we authorize the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the City Hall building.
Ekberg / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. GHPD – June Stats. No verbal report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tyler Bergstrom – 8415 72nd Ave – Gig Harbor. Mr. Bergstrom used displays to illustrate his concerns that BMX bikes are not allowed in the Skate Park. He said that taxpayer dollars fund the park, but not all taxpayers are allowed to use it. He talked about the bike riders helping to keep the park clean and safe, and asked if the city would work toward a plan where skateboards and bikes could share the park at different times.

He explained that an internet survey shows that there is no evidence that bikes do any

more damage than skates. He showed pictures of the Grants Pass, Oregon park where bikes are allowed and showed examples of the portion of skateboards that can damage the concrete surface. Tyler urged Council to consider the need for local recreation opportunities for BMX riders as the toll on the bridge would prohibit them from going to Tacoma. He said that if the pegs on bikes are the issue, then the pegs could be prohibited.

Councilmember Young said that the park designer was not concerned with the bikes damaging the coping, but the flat surfaces. Tyler introduced his friend to address this.

Aaron Jorgensen (no address given) Mr. Jorgensen passed out pictures of damage done by "kickers" on skateboards at this park. He said that the only real damage done by bikes is scrapes by the copings. He said that he understood the safety concerns, adding that the more skilled skaters travel at a high rate of speed and don't have brakes. He said that he thought it would be "OK" to share the park at different times with skaters.

Mark Hoppen said that he would be happy to gather data from other parks and present it. Tyler said that the \$10,000 that had been set-aside for a BMX dirt trail park should be used to repair the skatepark. Mark said that this solution would not serve the other BMX bikers that would like to use a dirt-trail park.

Mayor Wilbert suggested that the young men bring back a plan that would identify times for use.

Councilmember Ekberg thanked the young men for coming and being so well prepared. He explained that the park was designed as a skatepark, not a mixed-use facility, to address safety issues and concerns about how the facility will hold up. He said that if new information is available, that the Council would be happy to take a look at it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember Ruffo reported that there are several boats staying at the city dock longer than the 48 -hour limitation. Mark said that he would talk to the Police Department about enforcement.

Councilmember Ekberg recommended that everyone take a walk downtown and see the new historical markers. He commended staff and the Historical Society. He then gave a positive report on the "Concert on the Green" held on Sunday. He commented on how well the facility works for this purpose.

Mayor Wilbert announced that she had received an invitation to the Korean War Armistice on Sunday July 27th. She said that she could not attend, and offered to share the invitation.

Transportation Challenges; Maritime Solutions. Mayor Wilbert discussed her

participation in the recent forum to begin the process to coordinate regional planning for utilizing passenger ferries and water taxis as alternative transportation methods.

Mayor Wilbert announced that she had lunch with Senator Cantwell, who spoke in favor of a Senior Center / Boys and Girls Club.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

City Council Special Meeting - Local Option Sales Tax. Thursday, July 17th at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Mark Hoppen encouraged the Councilmembers to attend and comment on the proposal.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 10:32 p.m.
Ekberg / Young – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized:
Disc #1 Tracks 1 – 15
Disc #2 Tracks 1 – 9
Disc #3 Tracks 1 - 4



Gretchen Wilbert, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk