

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2002

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING: 2002 Budget Amendment. Mayor Wilbert opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, explained the amendment is to add three positions, and to move \$90,000 from the ending fund balance to Administration and Planning Funds to cover those positions. He described the need for the additional support in Administration. John Vodopich, Community Development Director, explained that two positions were being requested for the Planning/ Building Department to reinstating the position of Building Official/Fire Marshal and to add another Associate Planner, due to the current workload.

No one from the audience signed up to speak, and the public hearing was closed at 7:15 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 May 28, 2002.
2. Proclamations/Correspondence: Letters from John Dawson and Dr. Burki; Proclamation – Rev. Gary Weisenberger.
3. Re-appointment to the Planning Commission – Dick Allen.
4. Award of Furniture Bid – Gig Harbor Civic Center.
5. Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Historical Society – Lease Agreement.
6. MAI Appraisal Contract.
7. Liquor License Renewals: Harbor Humidor, Puerto Vallarta, Round Table Pizza; The Keeping Room; Harbor Rock Café; Hunan Garden; Kinza Teriyaki; Spiro's Bella Notte' Pizza.
8. Liquor License Assumption: Water to Wine.
9. Approval of Payment of Bills for May 28, 2002.
Checks #36282 through #36394 in the amount of \$207,999.56.
10. Approval of Payroll for the month of May.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Picinich/Ruffo – unanimously approved. Councilmember Ekberg abstained on item number five, as a Board Member of the Historical Society.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Award 2001 – DOE Presentation. Mayor Wilbert introduced Dave Vanini, Unit Supervisor for the Northwest Region of the Department of Ecology. Mr. Vanini and Amy Jankoviak, Municipal Enforcement Specialist, presented the city with an award for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators for operating the plant for one year without any violations. Amy described the criteria for compliance with the National Pollution Elimination System program. She added that Gig Harbor was one of 27 facilities in the state that will receive an award for the year 2002. The plaque was given to the Mayor to be presented to Jerry Erb, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, who explained that qualifying for this award was the result of the hard work of all the employees at the plant.

2. Utility Extension Request – McCormick Ridge. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, presented this request for 50 ERUs of sewer to be extended to a project located on Canterwood Boulevard. He explained that this application had to prove that it meets city and county standards and engineering requirements, and recommended approval.

MOTION: Move that the Mayor execute the Utility Extension Capacity Agreement and Agreement Waiving Right to Protest LID as presented.
Owel/Young – unanimously approved.

3. First Reading of Ordinance – 2002 Budget Amendment. Dave Rodenbach said that he had nothing to add to the discussion during the Public Hearing and offered to answer questions. This will return at the next meeting for a second reading.

4. Final Plat Approval –Alastra Court. Mayor Wilbert explained that the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine requires that this hearing be fair. She asked if any Councilmember had any ex parte communication regarding this project. Councilmember Young disclosed that as a real estate agent, he receives frequent questionnaires for information regarding the market, including this development, but he did not discuss this particular project with anyone. No other members responded to this query. Mayor Wilbert asked if any Councilmember felt that he or she could not consider this application fairly. No one responded. She then asked if any member of the public objects to participation by any member of the Council on this application. There was no response to this question.

John Vodopich presented the resolution approving a project once known as Alastra Court Planned Unit Preliminary Plat, now known as the Meadows Final Plat. He said that the project was originally submitted in 1994 and final plat approved. Due to several amendments, it is now necessary for an additional final plat approval to make findings that the subdivision meets the requirements of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code, applicable state laws, and conditions of preliminary plat approval. He recommended that Council approve the resolution finalizing the permit. He said that an address correction would be made in the title of the resolution and the blanks regarding the appearance of fairness doctrine would be completed.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 590 as amended.
Picinich/Ruffo – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Risk Management/Loss Control Update. Mark Hoppen introduced Fred Crumbley, Association of Washington Cities RMSA Loss Control Specialist, to give a loss control update.

Fred explained that AWC RMSA provides the liability and property insurance coverage for the City of Gig Harbor. He gave an overview of the programs offered to cities to help with risk management. He explained that he reviewed the claim history for Gig Harbor, which was very good. He described the areas of review, adding that the city has very pro-active personnel, police and public works programs in place, resulting in an 'A' rating with the carrier.

2. John Vodopich, Community Development Director – June 17th Workstudy Session. John explained that two of the members of the Planning Commission would not be able to attend the June 17th meeting to discuss building size limitation recommendations. He asked if Council wished to reschedule. After discussion, it was determined to leave the meeting as scheduled on June 17th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember Franich said that he was initially skeptical of the success of the round a bouts located at Gig Harbor North, but was changing his mind. He asked if there might be a better way to educate the public to make them easier to understand. Staff and Councilmember discussed the comments that they had received and signage options.

Mayor Wilbert mentioned her traffic concerns for the interchange at Wollochet and Pioneer. Mark Hoppen explained that if there is funding, that is one project that will be considered by the DOT.

Councilmember Ruffo explained that he had been approached by several citizens asking if the city had considered making Gig Harbor restaurants and lounges "smoke-free". Councilmembers discussed the health hazard caused by smoking and second-hand smoke. Several members commented that many of the restaurants were going "smoke-free" voluntarily, and that the market would make the determination on whether the owner of a facility makes that decision. It was suggested that this could be an item for discussion at the upcoming retreat.

Councilmember Ruffo asked about pleasure boats that were anchored in the harbor being allowed to sink, describing a current situation. Mark Hoppen explained that the city's jurisdiction only runs to the middle of the bay and that the city's ordinance does not allow long-term moorage. He said that Pierce County was not proactive in handling boats on the other side of the bay, and in fact, would not take action until a boat had already sunk. Councilmembers voiced their concerns with pollution and the problems with boat salvage. Councilmember Dick recommended contacting the new County Executive and approach this issue again. Mark Hoppen will pursue this issue.

Councilmember Franich asked if Murphy's Landing was supposed to have short-term moorage at one time. John Vodopich explained that he had been working with Carol Morris and the Board

of Directors of Murphy's Landing to address several code violation issues, but that he did not believe that anything in the file reflects a requirement for short-term moorage.

Councilmember Franich then discussed the parking at the Brocato Hogan Law firm and an apparent business being run from a home across the street on Harborview Drive. Mark explained that the business was no longer operating. He asked Councilmember Franich to come in and discuss the parking issue with him at a later date.

Mayor Wilbert praised staff for the excellent report on the risk management efforts from the AWC RMSA.

Councilmember Ekberg praised the new Cushman Power Trail recently opened. Councilmember Dick asked about the next leg of the trail. Mark Hoppen said that the City Engineer was currently reviewing the agreement between Pierce County and Tacoma Public Utilities, and that there would be more information available at the retreat.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.


ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. City Council / Planning Commission Joint Worksession – Monday, June 17th, 6:00 p.m.
2. Council Retreat – changed to Tuesday, July 16, 2002, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Murphy's Landing.

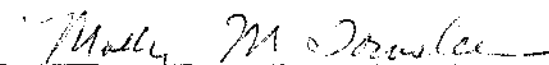
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.
Ruffo/Picinich - unanimously approved.

Cassette recorder utilized.
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Tape 656 – Side A 000 – 286.



Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor



Molly M. Douglas
City Clerk