

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 8, 2002

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 24, 2002.
2. Appointment to Planning Commission – Kathy Franklin.
3. WWTP Engineering Study / Plant Upgrades Consultant Services Agreement.
4. Borgen Park Demolition Project, CPP – 0203.
5. Approval of Payment of Bills for July 7, 2002.
Checks #36504 through #36649 in the amount of \$221,421.38.
6. Approval of Payroll for the month of June.
Checks #1587 through #1587 in the amount of \$201,344.27.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Picinich/Ruffo – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jones Sewer Request. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, presented this request for extension of sewer to three residential and two commercial retail parcels located at the Purdy Shopping Center.

MOTION: Move to approve the sewer extension contract as presented.
Picinich/Young – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Nelson – 8103 Bayridge Avenue. Mr. Nelson explained that he and his neighbors recently learned of an administrative variance process that was being sought by a neighbor on Bayridge. He voiced concerns that this process could be utilized without notice or public hearing to alert adjoining properties of a decision that may affect their property. He asked that Council consider amending the administrative variance process to include prior notice to neighbors.

Councilmember Dick asked for clarification for when an administrative variance is an appropriate action. John Vodopich, Community Development Director, read the portion of the

Municipal Code that governs administrative variances. He explained that there was an optional noticing provision in the code that could be made policy to notify the surrounding property owners of a decision after it had been made. He stressed that any notification prior to a decision that allowed for input may interfere with the one open-public hearings requirement. John was directed to discuss this issue with the City Attorney, and to come back with a proposal that would satisfy the noticing request without compromising the one public hearing requirement.

Ted Blair – 8111 Bayridge Avenue. Mr. Blair spoke in support of Mr. Nelson. He voiced his concern that something could happen to his property without his knowing. He thanked Council for the attention being given to the issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember Young explained that the County Council meeting regarding the court consolidation had been postponed due to a lack of voting members. He said that he could not attend the upcoming meeting at 3:00 tomorrow, and asked for others to attend to speak against the proposed consolidation.

Mayor Wilbert shared pictures of stump artwork, which she recommended as an option for several trees at Grandview Park that may need taking out. She then asked for a report on derelict boats.

Mark Hoppen described the new state statute, which increases enforcement action and would allow for disposal of a vessel when it is within the city's jurisdiction. He said that the city could adopt these statutes and encourage Pierce County to do the same, allowing for an interlocal agreement and reciprocal action. The passage date for the new statutes is January 1st.

Councilmember Franich voiced interest in identifying a Slavonian or Scandinavian town to partner in a Sister City Program. He said that he had spoken to several residents who were interested in volunteering on this project, and he would put them in touch with Councilmembers Picinich and Ruffo.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Council Retreat – Tuesday, August 6th, 12:00 –5:00 pm at Murphy's Landing.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
Young/Picinich - unanimously approved.

Cassette recorder utilized:
Tape 657 Side A 302 – end.
Tape 657 Side B 000 – 345.


Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor


City Clerk