

## GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2002

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 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 August 12, 2002.
2. Correspondence/Proclamations: a) 2002 WFOA Distinguished Budget Award.  
b) National Payroll Week.
3. Judson Street Stormwater Improvements Construction Survey Staking – David Evans & Assoc.
4. Judson Street Stormwater Improvements Geotechnical Material Testing – Krazan and Assoc.
5. Skansie/72<sup>nd</sup> Street Waterline Loop Engineering Services – The Shea Group.
6. Franklin / Prentice Avenues Pedestrian Improvements – Final Design – The Shea Group.
7. Phase I Environmental Assessment – Saltbush Inc.
8. Liquor License Application: Brother John's Wine Bar & Bistro
9. Approval of Payment of Bills for August 26, 2002.  
Checks #36948 through #37091 in the amount of \$897,807.58.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution – Referendum 51. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, presented this request for support for Referendum 51 from Governor Locke and former Senator Gordon. He offered to answer questions.

Councilmember Ruffo voiced support but asked about the level of funding for the City of Gig Harbor. Mark explained that many cities would compete for the funds, and that there are two corridor projects in the city that are eligible, and may possibly receive support.

Councilmember Owel voiced her concerns about the heirarchical approach taken. She said that the decision on how to spend transportation dollars should be made by local jurisdictions.

Councilmember Franich agreed with these comments, adding that he would not support the referendum.

Mayor Wilbert announced that there would be informational meetings and it would be a good opportunity to voice these concerns.

Councilmember Dick said that he shared some of these same concerns, but thought that this could be the first step in dealing with the backlog of transportation issues.

Councilmember Picinich asked if this referendum supported railway improvements.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Resolution No. 595 in support of Referendum 51.  
Ekberg/Picinich – five voted in favor. Councilmembers Owel and Franich voted no.

2. Resolution – Honoring Victims of 9-11 Attack. Mark Hoppen explained that County Executive, John Ladenberg, initiated an activity asking the population of Pierce County to make an act of deliberate kindness and compassion in honor of the September 11<sup>th</sup> victims. Mayor Wilbert added that the resolution asks each person to think of something that they might do in honor of someone who lost their life, and that the name of one of those victims would be provided upon request.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Resolution No. 596 honoring the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.  
Ekberg/Picinich – unanimously approved.

3. Judson Street Stormwater Project Bid Award. John Vodopich, Community Development Director, explained that these stormwater improvements for Stanich Avenue, through Judson Street to Pioneer, were a budgeted objective, and recommended approval. He answered questions about the scheduling and location of the improvements.

**MOTION:** Move to authorize the award and execution of the contract for the Judson Street Stormwater Improvements to Pivetta Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of two hundred forty-one thousand six hundred seventy-four dollars and no cents (\$241,674.00).  
Dick/Ruffo – unanimously approved.

4. Haines/Renczkowski Sewer Request. Mark Hoppen presented this request for one ERU of sewer to the parcel located across from the city park.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the utility extension contract as presented.  
Picinich/Ruffo – unanimously approved.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Gig Harbor Police Department – July Stats. No verbal report given.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

Councilmember Franich complimented the Public Works Department on the repaving of Burnham Drive.

Councilmember Dick discussed the tax collected by Pierce County for Conservation Futures, adding that he had been in contact with the Public Works Department about seeking a portion of these funds for city projects. Mark Hoppen said that he had intended to apply for these funds to complete improvements to the Donkey Creek ravine upcreek from the Borgen property. He added that application for these Conservation Futures could also be applied to active and passive park property in the Gig Harbor North and Westsides areas.

Councilmember Ruffo commended staff for all the projects completed to date. He added that he has heard many positive comments from the citizens about the way city projects are moving forward.

Councilmember Franich then commented on the intersection of Harborview and Pioneer, and how difficult it is to see pedestrians trying to cross from behind the brick planter. This will be discussed at an upcoming Public Works Committee meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30110(b).

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes to discuss property acquisition.  
Picinich/Ruffo – unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Move to return to Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.  
Picinich/Owel – unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.  
Ekberg/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

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Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

  
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City Clerk