

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 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 September 9, 2002.
2. Correspondence/Proclamations:
3. Interlocal Agreement with Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA).
4. Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and Mobilization Agreement.
5. Borgen Boulevard Hydroseeding and Topsoil Project.
6. Liquor License Change of Officers: Hy-lu-Hee-Hee.
7. Approval of Payment of Bills for September 23, 2002.
Checks #37154 through #37339 in the amount of \$1,050,557.20.
Checks # 37179-37185 voided.

Councilmember Franich asked that the minutes of the September 9th meeting be amended to reflect his concern that the purchase of the Skansie Property would put the Maritime Pier project in jeopardy, and that Councilmembers Owel and Picinich assured him that the Maritime Pier project is a priority to council.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda with the minutes amended per Councilmember Franich.
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution – Public Use of City Civic Center Facilities. Mark Hoppen presented this resolution to establish guidelines for public and staff use of the Civic Center. He explained that the proposal includes a rental fee for non-profit use of the building for activities outside the scope of city control or sponsorship. He described the types of activities that would be considered city-sponsored. He answered questions regarding fees and custodial responsibilities, explaining that the formula is similar to that used by the Fire District and School District for facility use. Councilmembers recommended utilizing the guidelines for a time, then reassessing them if necessary.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 597 as presented.
Picinich/Ruffo – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS: None scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

United Way of Pierce County. Dean McCulligan, Senior Contact for United Way, Pierce County, thanked the Council for the opportunity to explain how United Way serves the Gig Harbor community. He gave an overview of the types of programs that United Way provides, as well as the challenges they face. He then introduced Karen Larson, Account Executive for United Way.

Karen gave a more detailed description of the programs on the Peninsula, which are tracked by zip code. She added that the current campaign is more than fund-raising, but to educate the community on available volunteer opportunities. She described future partnership goals on the Peninsula with the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, and the existing Red Cross program. Mayor Wilbert thanked both speakers for their presentation.

Mark Schaeffer – Avalon Woods. Mr. Schaeffer said that he had six newspaper articles for Council on the City of Redmond Ordinance regulating gun clubs. He explained that Redmond voted to reject the annexation where the club was located, so the ordinance would not pertain and the club would remain open. He said that King County has jurisdiction over the existing club and has shut them down twice for investigation.

Mark then congratulated the Council on the new building, adding that as a taxpayer, it shows that the community is growing. Mayor Wilbert announced the upcoming worksession on the draft ordinance for shooting ranges. Mr. Schaeffer asked about the format of the public input. Mayor Wilbert explained that the Council would go through the ordinance line-by-line and ask for comments. Councilmember Dick said that Council does not wish to restrict anyone from speaking, but that it would be important those sharing the same view to allow a spokesperson to avoid repetition of testimony.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember Ekberg said that it was 29 years ago that he attended his first Council meeting, which was held in the concrete block town hall on Pioneer. He added that he never thought the city would grow as it has, and that it has been neat to watch the community grow and expand to meet the changing needs of the citizens. He said how proud he is of the new building and how it will be available to the citizens. He praised the architects and acknowledged those who worked so hard to bring it about.

Councilmember Dick thanked both Steve and Derek for their participation in the process, adding that the building serves the community well.

Mayor Wilbert thanked Mark and the Police Department for their participation. She announced the open house on October 11th from noon until six.

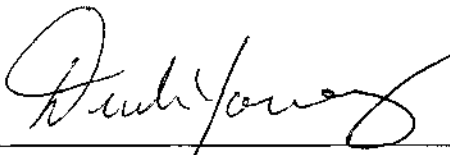
ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. City Council Worksession – Shooting Range Regulations – 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.
2. Civic Center Open House – noon until 6:00 p.m.

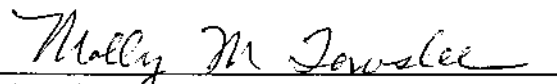
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

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Derek Young, Mayor Pro Tem



Malley M. Jewelee
City Clerk