

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2000

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 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 the January 24 and February 8, 2000, City Council Meetings.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
 - a. Letter from Krystal Wood - Narrows Bridge.
 - b. Letter to the Mayor of Takuma, Japan.
 - c. Pierce County Regional Council.
3. Rosedale Street Improvement Project - Change Order No. 5.
4. Purchase Authorization - Equipment Trailer.
5. Purchase Authorization - Zero Turning-Radius Mower.
6. Contract Award - Springbrook Software.
7. Communications Maintenance Contract.
8. Approval of Payment of Bills for February 14, 2000:
Checks #24243 - 24351 for \$291,973.38. Check #24242 is Void.
9. Approval of Payroll for the month of January, 2000.
10. Special Occasion Liquor Licenses: GHHS Sports Boosters Navy League

Mayor Wilbert announced that Dave Rodenbach, Finance Director, had requested that item number six, the Contract Award for Springbrook Software, be removed from the consent agenda and brought back for consideration at the next meeting after amendments had been suggested by Legal Counsel.

Councilmember Dick asked that item number seven, the Communications Maintenance Contract with Pierce County, be moved to new business as he would have to abstain from the vote as an employee of Pierce County.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

Councilmember Dick recommended moving New Business items six and seven, Resolution of Appreciation For Councilmembers Markovich and Platt to the beginning of New Business as Mr. Markovich was in the audience.

MOTION: Move to move agenda items 5 & 6 to the beginning of New Business.
Dick/Picinich - unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution of Appreciation - Councilmember Nick Markovich. Mayor Wilbert thanked Councilmember Markovich for his service and read the Resolution of Appreciation aloud. Councilmember Owel said that she found Nick to be an articulate person, and added that she appreciated his wisdom and admired the fact that he expressed himself with grace and discernment, which she considered a great contribution.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 546.
Dick/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

2. Resolution of Appreciation - Councilmember Corbett Platt. Mayor Wilbert read the personalized paragraph of this resolution thanking Corbett for his service to the City of Gig Harbor.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 547.
Picinich/Young - unanimously approved.

3. Burnham Drive Water Main Extension - Spadoni Easement Agreement. Dave Skinner, Public Works Director, explained that this easement was necessary for the construction of the water line from Bujacich Road to Burnham Drive. He described the terms requested by Mr. Spadoni as consideration for the easement requested by the City, which include a credit toward future water hook up fees, the installation of valve for future use, and a commitment that no assessment for the cost of the project will be imposed against the property.

MOTION: Move to authorize the easement agreement as presented.
Dick/Young - unanimously approved.

4. Skateboard Park Construction - Bid Award. Dave Skinner requested award of the construction bid for the Skate Park to T.F. Sahli, who has built seven of these parks. He gave an overview of the process that led to the bid award and answered Councilmembers' questions about the bidding process and construction timelines. Councilmember Ekberg said he was pleased to see this project come closer to conclusion and pulled out his support Gig Harbor Skatepark t-shirt with the logo "Ticket Free in'98" and made the following motion.

MOTION: Move to execute the contract for the Skatepark with Sahli Construction in an amount not to exceed \$237,600.00 dollars.
Ekberg/Robinson - unanimously approved.

5. Hilliard Sewer Request. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, explained that Mr. Ken Hilliard had requested one ERU of residential sewer to the city system due to a failed septic system. He said that Mr. Hilliard lived on Purdy Drive and had been advised by engineers to hook up to the pressurized line along SR-302 if possible. He gave a brief overview of the sewer line project adding that other connections were anticipated in the design of the line, necessitating payment of a latecomer's fee to Peninsula School District. Councilmember Robinson asked if it would be prudent for other residents along the line to group together to minimize the cost of connecting to the line. Mr. Hoppen explained that it was unlikely that residents with functional systems would be desirous to spend the funds on connection. He added that he had yet to be contacted in recent years by any of these homeowners seeking connection until Mr. Hilliard came forward.

MOTION: Move to extend one ERU of sewer to the Hilliard residence.
Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

6. Agreement for Emergency Management. Mark Hoppen explained that the city satisfied state requirements for emergency management services by contracting with Pierce County. He added that this agreement was different than ones in the past, as it was for a five-year period with memorandum of update each year which provides for a cost of living adjustment. Councilmember Dick recused himself as an employee of Pierce County and left the room.

MOTION: Move to approve the Emergency Management Agreement in the amount of \$4,080.51.
Owel/Picinich - unanimously approved.

7. Resolution - Additional Employee Benefits. Mark Hoppen explained that during the past year, discussion has arisen about the lack of short-term disability coverage for employees. He explained that this concern led to Dave Rodenbach contacting a representative from AFLAC to explore an opportunity to provide various supplemental coverage to employees at no cost to the city. Dave Rodenbach explained the program and recommended approval of the resolution amending the Personnel Policy to reflect this additional benefit.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 548 adding additional employee benefits.
Young/Robinson - unanimously approved.

8. Resolution - Declaration of Surplus Property. Dave Skinner presented this resolution declaring vehicles and other items of city property as surplus and eligible for sale.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 549 as presented.
Young/Ekberg - unanimously approved.

9. Contract Award - Springbrook Software. It was determined that this item was removed from the consent agenda and would come back at the next meeting for consideration.

There was discussion regarding the software and Councilmembers voiced their concerns about the contract.

10. Communications Maintenance Contract. Mark Hoppen's memo explained that this is a yearly renewal of the maintenance contract for the two-way radios used by the Police and Public Works Department.

MOTION: Move to approve the Communications Maintenance Contract with Pierce County.
Ruffo/Ekberg - six voted in favor. Councilmember Dick abstained as an employee of Pierce County.

PUBLIC COMMENT/DISCUSSION:

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Wilbert announced that she had attended the annual meeting of F.I.S.H. and added that the city can be proud of this volunteer organization that has provided social services to the community for over 23 years. She passed around a copy of their latest audit report and an agenda of the meeting.

She then reported that two of the three scheduled meetings to review the Borgen property had taken place. She said that many ideas had come forth, and a compilation of these ideas would be put in survey form to be mailed to the Ad Hoc Committee for consideration. She said that approximately 35-40 people had attended the sessions. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th.

STAFF REPORTS: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Third and final Walkabout for the Borgen Property - Saturday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m.
2. Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly Meeting - Thursday, February 17, 2000 at University Place City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing pending and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(i).

MOTION: Move to adjourn to executive session at 8:10 p.m. for approximately 45 minutes.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 8:55 p.m.
Owel/Young - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to go back into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes.
Owel/Picinich - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 9:10 p.m.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to authorize Legal Counsel to file a lawsuit against Pierce County
for the Abu-Rish and Associates Land Use Application.
Owel/Ekberg - uanimously approved.

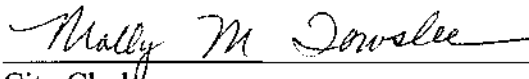
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.
Owel/Picinich - unanimously approved.

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Mayor



City Clerk