

## REGULAR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 1999

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Ekberg, Platt, Owel, Dick, Picinich, Markovich and Mayor Wilbert. Councilmember Young was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan - 2000 - 2005.

Mayor Wilbert opened this public hearing and asked Wes Hill, Public Works Director, to give an overview of the proposed plan. Mr. Hill explained that the ordinance before Council was a requirement of RCWs and emphasized that changes could occur to the plan over the years. He gave an overview of the proposed projects and the main features for the year 2000.

Councilmember Dick asked about funding sources and construction timing for the East/West Road and how Initiative 695 may affect the financing of the project. Wes Hill and Mark Hoppen addressed his concerns. Councilmember Dick also asked if the state or county had set aside SEPA fees for projects along the SR-16 Corridor that may affect projects on the city's six-year plan. Wes explained that he was unaware if any funds had been set aside to participate in improvements. He added that any funds that had been collected from development previous to the annexation had already been spent on the Pt. Fosdick/Olympic Drive improvements. Mark Hoppen explained that the city had an interlocal settlement agreement with Pierce County that would allow discussion regarding money being spent in our jurisdiction for impacts from projects in the county.

Marie Sullivan - Gig Harbor Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sullivan asked about the project listing for a downtown parking lot, and whether a location had been identified. Mark Hoppen explained that no location is currently available. Wes Hill added that the project completion date should be modified to read 2002, and it was in the plan as a place-holder. Ms. Sullivan then asked about funding through impact fees. Wes explained that the figures in the document assume both a combination of impact fees and grant funding.

Mayor Wilbert closed the public hearing on this agenda item at 7:34 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 August 9, 1999, City Council Meeting.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
  - a) WFOA Distinguished Budget Award - Gig Harbor 1999 Budget.
  - b) Proclamation - National Be Aware and Prepare Month.
3. Liquor License Application Denied: Central B.P.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Picinich/Owel - five members voted in favor. Councilmember Platt  
abstained.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Second Reading of Ordinance - Six Year Transportation Improvement Program, 2000-2005. Because this had been discussed during the public hearing, the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 823 which adopts the Six Year  
Transportation Plan.  
Markovich/Picinich - unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. First Reading of Ordinance - Donation from Peninsula Computers to Skateboard Park.  
Mark Hoppen introduced this first reading accepting a \$525 donation toward construction of the Skateboard Park. Councilmember Picinich said he would like to pass this ordinance on its first reading, as it was non-controversial and to save staff time. Mr. Hoppen explained that there is a legitimate process to pass an ordinance on the first reading through the city code with a super-majority of council votes. He added that it was his understanding that council wished to utilize this privilege only if there were some dire need due to fiscal reasons or a deadline that could not be superceded, which was not the case with this ordinance. Mayor Wilbert explained that the practice had been to give notice and have two readings of an ordinance to allow public comment. She added that if Council wished to review this policy, it could be done at the upcoming retreat. Councilmember Picinich made a motion to adopt the ordinance.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance 824 accepting the donation for \$525.  
Picinich/Markovich -

Councilmember Dick said that he was confident that there would not be any public controversy on accepting this donation and spoke in favor of passing it on the first reading. Councilmember Platt said that this is not the kind of ordinance that Council should exercise the option to pass in one reading. He said he agreed that no one would speak against this donation, but that the procedure should be used only if necessary, to avoid sending out the message that an ordinance may be passed on a first reading. He added that it should come back to allow for two chances to say "thank you" for the donation.

**RESTATED MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance 824 accepting the donation for \$525.  
Picinich/Markovich - Councilmembers Markovich, Picinich, and  
Dick voted in favor. Councilmembers Owel, Platt and Ekberg  
voted against. The motion failed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Pasin - 3208 50<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. NW - Mr. Pasin talked about the notice to drop the NW designation from all addresses within city limits. He asked when the street signs would be modified to reflect the changes to avoid confusion. He then asked what preparations were being made to deal with public safety issues on New Years Eve. He was assured that the police department would be fully staffed as well as on-call employees from Public Works, Emergency Services and Administration departments. He asked that these efforts be published in the local paper well in advance.

Tiffany Spear - Master Builders Association. Ms. Spears asked if everyone had received their invitation to the open house for their new building in Tacoma. She then addressed her letter requesting a postponment of the impact fees discussion scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> due to changes to Council in the upcoming election. Mayor Wilbert explained that though the election is held in November, the new Councilmembers would not take office until January 1<sup>st</sup>, and the decision was to keep the hearings on impact fees on schedule for this fall.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Wilbert announced an invitation to McChord Air Force Base "In-the Hangar Air Force Ball" and party, and passed the invitation around to Council. She then spoke about the second notice from Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Solid Waste Division seeking volunteers to serve on their advisory committee.

Councilmember Dick said he had several concerns regarding Initiative 695 and what to anticipate. Mark Hoppen said that this issue would be discussed in the Council Retreat tomorrow. He explained that he had attended a city management conference in Chelan and received a briefing from AWC at length regarding this issue.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

1. Chief Mitch Barker - GHPD July Statistics. No verbal report given.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

1. Council Retreat - Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at Murphy's Landing, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
2. Public Hearing on Impact Fees - Regular Council Meeting of September 27, 1999.
3. Time Capsule Ceremony - Finholm View Climb, Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None required.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.  
Owel/Platt - unanimously approved.

Cassette recorder utilized.  
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Gretchen Albert  
Mayor

Molly M. Dowd  
City Clerk