

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 2006 Proposed Budget. Mayor Wilbert opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, gave a brief overview of the proposed 2006 Budget.

No one signed up to speak at the public hearing and the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:04 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 City Council Meeting of October 24, 2005.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: a) Gig Harbor Waterfront Retail & Restaurant Assoc.
3. Resolution No. 656 Adopting Amendments to Pierce County Interlocal Agreement.
4. Holiday Lighting Festival Contracts.
5. Municipal Judge Contract Renewal.
6. Employees' and Supervisory Employees' Guild Contracts.
7. City-wide Traffic Forecasting Model - Contract Amendment.
8. Eddon Boat Netshed Re-Roofing Contract.
9. Franklin Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project - Survey Staking.
10. Grandview Forest Tank "B" Repainting Project – Materials Testing Services.
11. Skansie Brothers Park DNR Aquatic Lease Agreement.
12. Liquor License Renewals: The Harbor Kitchen; Old Harbor Saloon; and Terracciano's.
13. Approval of Payment of Bills for November 14, 2005:
Checks #48614 through #48769 in the amount of \$474,204.71.
14. Approval of Payroll for the month of October:
Checks #3994 through #4028 and direct deposit entries in the amount of \$250,226.33.

Councilmember Franich asked that item number seven, City-wide Traffic Forecasting Model Contract Amendment, be moved to new business.

Mayor Wilbert pointed out that the Municipal Court Judge contract was on the Consent Agenda for renewal, and thanked Judge Dunn for his service.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance - 2005 Property Tax Levy. David Rodenbach presented this ordinance that sets the 2005 property tax levy for collection in 2006. He offered to answer questions.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1020 as presented.
Ruffo / Picinich – unanimously approved.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance – Wright Annexation (ANX 04-02). John Vodopich, Community Development Director, recommended adoption of this ordinance annexing approximately 8.62 acres of property northwest of the intersection of Hunt Street and 46th Avenue Northwest and establishing the zoning as R-1.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1021 as presented.
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – 2006 Proposed Budget. David Rodenbach said that he had nothing to add from the information given during the public hearing, and offered to answer questions.

Councilmember Franich said that during the Budget Work sessions, a dedicated street fund was discussed, but was never formally initiated. Councilmembers and staff discussed the best method in which to implement this on-going goal to earmark funds for road improvements. Council directed staff to amend the 2006 Budget to articulate both a goal and an objective to develop a Major Streets Projects Savings Program.

Councilmember Franich then addressed the staff adjustments articulated in the draft budget. He asked whether it would be possible to postpone hiring any new positions until February 1st, due to letter from the Mayor-elect, Chuck Hunter, voicing his concern over hiring.

Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, said that no hiring would be done until the new Mayor had an opportunity to review the process.

Councilmember Young said that he was concerned about delaying the hiring of help in the Planning Department, as delays in permitting is one of the chief complaints that come from the public.

Mayor Wilbert said that when Mayor-elect Hunter returns on the 20th of November, that he will begin orientation and be given input into any agendas.

Councilmember Young recommended eliminating the city-wide charrette until more money could be identified to do it right. He said that the downtown area had been done, and that \$75,000 would not be enough to do the rest of the city.

MOTION: Move to direct staff to bring back the draft 2006 Budget with the charrette lined out.
Young / Ruffo –

Councilmember Ekberg recommended leaving in the \$75,000 and adding more to it in the next year's budget cycle. Mark Hoppen suggested setting a goal in the 2006-2007 Budget to do it then.

AMENDED MOTION: Move to direct staff to bring back the draft 2006 Budget with the charrette lined out and to move the \$75,000 into the Ending Fund Balance.
Young / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

3. City-wide Traffic Forecasting Model - Contract Amendment. (Moved from Consent Agenda).

Councilmember Franich said that he agreed that the city needs to find the reason for traffic problems, but voiced his concern that the traffic forecasting modeling is just one tool that cannot take in all the affects of traffic congestion. He said that \$49,000 is a lot of money and that he hopes to get value from this.

Councilmember Young agreed that it is only one tool, but suggested that many of the current traffic problems in the Gig Harbor North area might have been avoided if the city would have had a base-line comparison such as this in place at the time of development.

MOTION: Move to authorize the contract amended with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for the Gig Harbor North Traffic Mitigation Plan in the amount not to exceed \$49,964.00.
Ekberg / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Dick Bower, Building Official/Fire Marshal – Third Quarter 2005 Building Permit Data. No verbal report given.

2. Mike Davis, Chief of Police – GHPD Monthly Report for October. Chief Davis offered to answer questions on the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT: Emergency Preparedness for Families and Neighborhoods.

Mayor Wilbert stressed the need to refocus on emergency preparedness for families and neighborhoods. She gave an overview of her efforts to partner with PEP-C and PC-

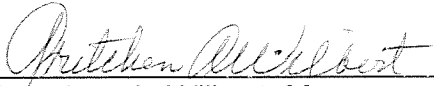
NET to bring emergency preparedness to our neighborhoods. She encouraged others to become involved in these programs.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:


ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.
Franich / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

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Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk