

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 12, 2008

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ekberg, Young, Franich, Conan, Malich, Payne, Kadzik and Mayor Hunter.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of April 28, 2008;
2. Receive and File / Council Committee Minutes: a) Operations & Public Projects Committee 4/17/08; b) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee 4/10/08 c) Building and Fire Safety April Activity Report; d) Mainstreet Program Worksession 4/28/08; e) Intergovernmental Affairs Committee 4/14/08; f) BB16 Worksession 4/28/08; g) Joint City Council / Planning Commission Worksession 4/21/08;
3. Correspondence / Proclamations: Kinship Caregiver Day.
4. Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Facilities Easement and Maintenance Agreements – Gig Harbor Senior Estates.
5. Shoreline Master Program Update Contract.
6. Acquisition of Uddenberg Lane.
7. Resolution No. 751 – 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
8. Purchase Authorization for Speed Monitoring Devices.
9. Eddon Boat Sediment and Mediation Project Bid Award.
10. Reclassify Associate Planner Position to Senior Planner.
11. Senior Planner - Above Mid-range Hire.
12. Approval of Payment of Bills for May 12, 2008:
Checks #57573 through #57686 in the amount of \$959,370.76.
13. Approval of Payroll for month of April, 2008:
Checks #5086 through #5109 in the amount of \$330,802.73.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Franich / Young – unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: KGI Watershed Presentation.

Jeff Langhelm, Associate Engineer, gave an overview of the city's decade long participation in the Key Peninsula Gig Harbor Islands Watershed Counsel, also known as KGI, an organization created to protect water quality and the beneficial uses of water. He introduced Barbara Ann Smolko, Watershed Coordinator for Pierce County's Water Program and KGI.

Ms. Smolko introduced Chair of the KGI Watershed Counsel, Erin Ewold and Kris Shutes, staffing for KGI, before proceeding with an update on what has been happening with the organization and what is currently going on. Ms. Smolko said the goal is for healthy fish, wildlife and people through partnerships, education, and monitoring efforts.

She finalized by asking for the city's continued participation with the counsel and support of efforts such as the Donkey Creek Chum Festival and habitat improvements for Donkey Creek and Crescent Creek. She suggested supporting small grant programs as well as signing an agreement with the Conservation District to do a Stream Team Program here in the city.

Ms. Smolko addressed questions about the Stream Team Program. She explained that it allows people to monitor the water quality in streams and to perform a variety of educational activities. The program requires an Interlocal agreement with the Conservation District to allow the crossing of jurisdictions while monitoring. She further explained that if the city is facing certain problems with water quality, these can be addressed through a series of targeted workshops.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance – Update of Building Codes. Rob Karlinsey, City Administrator, presented this ordinance to keep up with changes at the state level.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1128 as presented.
Franich / Young – unanimously approved.

2. Tides Tavern Lease Agreement. Rob Karlinsey explained that last December Council approved a lease for a small portion of city-owned tidelands with changes suggested by the City Attorney, but the proponent disagreed with the amendments and would not sign the agreement. He said that this is before Council again as an opportunity for them to suggest alternative language. He said that they don't appear to be present and suggested that this be considered later tonight in case they arrive later in the meeting.

The Mayor agreed to move this to the end of new business. He then asked to add an agenda item for the Skansie Ad Hoc Committee.

3. Skansie Ad Hoc Committee meeting schedule extension.

John Moist – 3323 Harborview Drive. Mr. Moist reported that the Ad Hoc committee is requesting an additional two meetings due to the overwhelming public interest. The additional meetings are scheduled for June 3rd and June 17th, the last to be a public hearing. A final report and recommendation is suggested to come before Council no later than August 2008.

Councilmembers asked staff to draft an amendment to the resolution reflecting these changes to bring back at the next meeting on Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – Heritage Point Map Amendment. Tom Dolan, Planning Director, described the process that led to this ordinance amending the zoning

map to remove a parcel from the height restriction area to be consistent with the Hearing Examiner's decision on the site specific amendment.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1129 at its first reading.
Kadzik / Payne – unanimously approved.

2. Downtown Business Plan – Consultant Services Contract. Rob Karlinsey presented this agreement to develop a business plan for enhancing the downtown economic activity while preserving the character of the area. He said that Rod Stevens, the consultant, was present to answer questions.

There was discussion on how this plan would tie in with the Main Street Program as well as the Harborview / Judson Street Improvement project.

Councilmember Franich said he feels even more out of step with this administration and Council because he believes that the free market should dictate economics, not the government.

Mayor Hunter responded that this is an attempt to bolster the downtown area due to the competition from new development.

Councilmember Payne voiced support of this effort as long as there are appropriate parameters and the focus is on those who live here, not outsiders.

Mayor Hunter then commented that he will be following this closely to make sure we don't lose what we have downtown and to ensure that there is an appropriate outcome.

Councilmember Ekberg said that many cities are spending a great deal of money to create downtowns. Gig Harbor already has one, and this is an effort to get the citizens involved to enhance what is already here without trying to create something new.

Councilmember Young cautioned everyone of the importance in gaining a broad range of input to avoid another failed attempt.

Councilmember Kadzik said that he thinks this is a good plan, adding that he is proud to serve on a Council with the foresight to be proactive.

Rod Stevens, the consultant, explained that his role is to act as an aid to the process to involve the entire community and to ensure buy-in. He stressed that it's not just about the main street and shops; it's about the whole area. He talked about bringing forward ideas while ensuring that the stakeholders take ownership in the process.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Downtown Business Plan consultant Services Agreement with Spinnaker Strategies for \$30,000.00.
Payne / Ekberg – five voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

3. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – R-2 Zoning District Amendment (ZONE 08-0002). Tom Dolan presented the background for these proposed amendments to the Medium Density Residential zone. He addressed questions from Council.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

Council thanked both staff and the Planning Commission for coming up with logical solutions to the issue of existing non-conforming structures in R-2 zones. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

4. Resolution No. 752 – Support of Mainstreet Program. Rob Karlinsey presented this resolution affirming the City's support for and endorsement of the Gig Harbor Waterfront Association and its use of the Main Street program.

Councilmembers Payne and Kadzik voiced their support of this resolution.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 752 in support of the Mainstreet Program.

Kadzik / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kadzik recused himself from the next agenda item and left the Council Chambers.

5. Mainstreet Program Agreement. Rob Karlinsey presented this agreement with the Gig Harbor Historic Waterfront Association to provide certain deliverables to the city. In return the city will contribute up to \$70,000 for 2008. The first \$35,000 is a non-matched contribution, and the second \$35,000 is a dollar for dollar match of contributions from other sources. He explained that the city will receive credit for office space and equipment the group might use.

Councilmember Malich asked for clarification on how the city's contribution works. Mr. Karlinsey responded that outside funding would have to be raised before the city matches the second \$35,000, and the in-kind credit would be considered before any cash amounts.

Councilmember Franich said he doesn't believe that the city should be spending money on this.

Rob Karlinsey pointed out changes to the contract on page 2, paragraph 2 (B). After further discussion, he was directed to amend page 2, paragraph 2. B to read: "This agreement is intended to provide to GHHWA "in-kind" lease of office and conference

space in the Bogue Building until December 31, 2008.” One other small change was to insert the word “contribution” in two places in paragraph C. on page 5.

MOTION: Move to approve the agreement between the City and the Gig Harbor Historic Waterfront Association with changes as noted by staff.
Payne / Conan – six voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

Mayor Hunter said he wanted to clarify that these funds are committed for 2008, and there is no promise for funds in following years. It will be considered during budget time.

Councilmember Kadzik returned to the Council Chambers at this time.

Because there wasn't anyone to represent the Tides Tavern Lease Agreement, Council agreed that this should be brought back on a future agenda.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Gig Harbor Police Department – Monthly Report. Chief Davis presented information on the Department's move toward more accurate tracking of officer activities using electronic statistical reporting.

2. Pierce County District Court – Toll Violation Hearings. Rob Karlinsey reported that due to the low numbers, Pierce County has decided not to continue holding toll violation hearings here at the Civic Center.

3. Rob Karlinsey announced that updates to the city's fireworks ordinance would be coming before council to reflect changes in state law, specifically the definitions section. He asked if Council would be interested in banning fireworks in the city parks. Council asked if it had been an issue. Chief Davis responded that no, there are no concerns. Council said they would not be interested in moving this forward.

Councilmember Franich asked if the police had to enforce the recent smoking ban in the parks. Chief Davis responded that he knew of one incident in which a youth had been issued a citation at the Skatepark.

Councilmember Young said that the city laborers have commented that the ban is working because of the lack of cigarette butts. Councilmember Payne agreed, saying that he hadn't seen any violations during family visits to the parks.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Hunter reported that he visited the Women's Correction Center last week. He shared several statistics about the prison, as well as a list of the programs that are provided. He said it was a very interesting visit.

Mayor Hunter said that he attended a forum put on by the Cascadia Center on water-taxis. He reported that Gig Harbor couldn't generate enough trips to make this effort worthwhile, as it would take around 200 round-trips per day to make a foot-ferry feasible. He talked about the other jurisdictions that are actively involved and the impact of the cross-sound ferries on Indian Fishing Rights.

Councilmember Payne praised the staff effort in obtaining Uddenberg Lane. He then asked about the sediment remediation contract on the Consent Agenda that came in below budget. Rob Karlinsey responded that the budget amount on the agenda bill reflects the overall dollar amount of the entire remediation project. The contract itself came in right at the engineer's estimate. This fiscal note in the agenda bill explains it in more detail.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. GH North Traffic Options Committee – Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Community Rooms A & B.
2. Harborview/Judson Open House – May 13th and May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Community Rooms A&B.

Councilmember Kadzik asked who owned Gilich, Adams, and Stanich Streets because this might make a difference in the recommendation from the Harborview/Judson Street Stakeholders committee. He reported that the Main Street Group had obtained preliminary figures for a parking inventory and these streets might play into these figures as well. Rob Karlinsey said that he would get back with that information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purposes of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).and personnel issues per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f).

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. for approximately 45 minutes for the purposes of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).and personnel issues per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f).

Franich / Young – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 8:34 p.m.

Kadzik / Conan – unanimously approved.


ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.
Conan / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

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Derek Young, Mayor Pro Tem



Molly Towslee, City Clerk