

## MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 25, 2010

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

### CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of January 11, 2010.
2. Receive and File: Application for the EPA Donkey Creek Grant.
3. Correspondence / Proclamations: a) Pierce County READS; b) Arts Day.
4. Liquor License Action: a) Renewals: El Pueblito; Albertson's; 7 Seas Brewing Co.; Olympic Drive Mart; and Blazing Onion.
5. Appointment of Planning Commission Member.
6. Resolution – Interlocal with AWC Risk Management Services.
7. Residential Rental Agreement – 9702 Crescent Valley Drive.
8. Resolution – Delegation of Authority for Utility Maintenance Agreements.
9. Askegard Settlement.
10. Approval of Payment of Bills for January 25, 2010: Checks #62710 through #62800 in the amount of \$734,863.19.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.  
**Ekberg / Kadzik** - unanimously approved.

### PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation for Pierce County READS. Mayor Hunter presented the proclamation to Kathleen Wolf, Pierce County Library, who presented the city with three copies of the chosen Pierce County READS 2010 book *Garlic and Sapphires* by Ruth Reichl. She announced the book signing event on Saturday, March 27th at Clover Park College.

2. Proclamation for Arts Day. Mayor Hunter then presented this proclamation to Fran Zarubik, Volunteer for Arts Advocacy Day who thanked Council for the consideration.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance – Amending Planning Commission Member Terms. Senior Planner Jenn Kester presented this ordinance that amends Planning Commission terms from six to four years.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1183 amending the Planning Commission Member terms.  
**Young / Payne** - unanimously approved.

2. Appointments to the Council Committees. Mayor Hunter briefly introduced his recommendations and asked for a motion to confirm.

**MOTION:** Move to confirm the Council Committee appointments.  
**Young / Payne** - unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Appointment to the Zoo Trek Authority Board. Mayor Hunter explained that ZTA was requesting for a motion to nominate one of the four candidates.

**MOTION:** Move to cast a vote for Don Alvshere, City of Fife for Position 2 on the Zoo / Trek Authority Board.  
**Young / Conan** – four voted in favor. Councilmembers Payne and Malich voted no.

**STAFF REPORT:**

1. Earthquake Exercise - After Action Report. Building Inspector / Fire Marshal Dick Bower reported on the city's participation in the Quake and Shake '09 emergency management exercise along with other agencies. The exercise was based on a 7.1 earthquake occurring on the Tacoma Fault and helped to identify several important areas for improvement. Rob Karlinsey added that grant funds would be used to purchase an antenna to enhance communications.

Councilmembers asked about the PC-NET Program. Mr. Bower explained that due to the budget, the city isn't partnering with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management for those services. A recommendation was made to contact the established neighborhoods to let them know.

2. Fire Inspections. Dick Bower gave an overview of the city's relationship with Pierce County Fire District #5 to perform fire inspection services. He explained that the fire district provided the services at no cost in 2009 due to the city's budget constraint, but could no longer do so. He reported that staff was meeting with representatives from the Fire District tomorrow to further discuss options.

After discussing the impact of raising the business license fee and the benefits of continuing the inspections, Council asked staff to move forward with the suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce to share the cost of the program by 1) increasing the business license fees for fire inspections; 2) a partial city contribution; and 3) a partial Fire District contribution.

3. Harborview / Pioneer Intersection. Mayor Hunter announced that this would be discussed in Executive Session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Narrow Bridge Tolls. Councilmember Young reported that the Transportation Commission voted to increase the tolls based on the need for a higher debt coverage ratio even though there is no requirement to do so. The Citizens Advisory Committee is having a meeting and Senator Kilmer and Representative Angel are trying to draw attention to the issue. He suggested a letter signed by Councilmembers opposing the increase to pass on to the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission. He offered to send around a draft for review.

Councilmember Young continued with an update from the recent Pierce County Regional Council meeting. He explained that there is a re-distribution of stimulus dollars from projects that weren't started last year. He said that because of the sort time-line they are looking at transportation projects that don't require environmental review such as overlaying roads. He said that several of the smaller cities are going to join together to apply for these dollars. He said that action would be taken to distribute the funds at the upcoming PCRC General Assembly meeting, and encouraged anyone interested to attend. Councilmember Young then announced that he has been appointed to the PCRC Executive Board so he will be more aware of issues and opportunities.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

1. Jerisich Dock / Skansie Brothers Parks - Comprehensive Park Plan Workstudy: Mon. March 1st at 5:30 p.m.
2. Planning/Building Committee: Fri. Feb 1st at 5:15 p.m.
3. Operations Committee – Thu. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For the purpose of discussing real property per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing real property per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 30 minutes:  
**Payne / Franich** - unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Move to return to regular session at 6:51 p.m.  
**Franich / Ekberg** - unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 6:51p.m.  
**Franich / Malich** - unanimously approved.

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Charles L. Hunter, Mayor

  
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Molly Towsee, City Clerk