

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of July 26, 2010.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: a) Constitution Week; b) National Preparedness Month; c) Boys and Girls Day for Kids.
3. Liquor License Action: a) Farmers Market; b) Moctezumas and Forza Coffee Company; c) QFC Pt. Fosdick; d) Gig Harbor Gallery Association; e) Boys & Girls Club.
4. Cartegraph Systems, Inc. Software & Service Proposal – WA State Sales/Use Tax.
5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Ph.1 Improvement Project – Contract Amendment #2 / Parametrix.
6. Resolution - Harbor Glen/Block Land Annexation Legal Description Revision.
7. Fisherman's Pier – Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic Lands Lease Assignments.
8. Skansie Netshed Partners in Preservation – Grant Agreement.
9. Resolution No. 840 – Setting the Public Hearing Date Prentice Avenue Street Vacation – Thomas Page.
10. Resolution No. 841 – Declaring Emergency Repairs Related to Lift Station #7 Accident.
11. Frontage Road Turnback Agreement with WSDOT.
12. Initiation of Proposed Development Agreement with Harbor Hill LLC.
13. Employee Dental Plan Change.
14. Approval of Payment of Bills for August 9, 2010: Checks #64236 through #64341 in the amount of \$1,564,194.27.
15. Approval of Payment of Bills for August 23, 2010: Checks #64342 through #64451 in the amount of \$495,824.67.
16. Approval of Payment of Bills for September 13, 2010: Checks #64452 through #64584 in the amount of \$3,446,485.70.
17. Approval of Payroll for the month of July: Checks #5714 through #5728 in the amount of \$477,781.05.
18. Approval of Payroll for the month of August: Checks #5729 through #5746 in the amount of \$309,876.09.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Conan – unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Constitution Week Proclamation. Mayor Hunter invited Kathleen Grulke, Chapter Regent/President of Elizabeth Forey Chapter NSDAR, to come forward and accept the proclamation. Ms. Grulke accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and City Council for what they do on behalf of the people they serve.
2. Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids. Mayor Hunter invited Jo Anne Maxwell, Director of the Gig Harbor Boys and Girls Club, to come forward and accept the proclamation. Ms. Maxwell came forward and invited some young members in the audience to accept the proclamation with her and say a few words about their experience there. Each of the children addressed the Mayor and City Council with examples of how valuable their experiences have been at the Club. Ms. Maxwell said that on September 24-25, they are celebrating National Kids Day invented by the Boys and Girls Club with over 300 kids. It will be a fun, carnival-type event and welcomed everyone to come. She stated that on October 25, 2009, the new Gig Harbor facility opened their doors with a membership of twelve children. Almost a year later, they have a current membership of 687 children between the ages of 6-18.
3. National Preparedness Month. Mayor Hunter invited Dick Bower, Emergency Management Director, to come forward and accept the proclamation, and encouraged citizens to put together their own emergency plan and the importance of being prepared.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Third Reading of Ordinance – Vacating a Portion of Woodworth Avenue - Gartland. Engineering Technician Willy Hendrickson presented the third and final reading of this ordinance. He stated the Gartlands have paid the \$3,200 appraisal fee in anticipation of the approval of the street vacation. Mr. Hendrickson further stated that all Public Works issues have been addressed.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1196 as presented vacating a 15-foot portion of Woodworth Avenue.
Kadzik / Payne – unanimously approved.

2. Public Hearing – Interim Ordinance Amending Temporary Sign Regulations in the C-1 / Sign Area 2 District. Senior Planner Jennifer Kester gave a brief background of the temporary sign Ordinance 1195 that was passed on July 26, 2010 with a majority plus one vote of the whole Council. Ms. Kester explained that no action was required by Council, however she said that after the public hearing, the Council had the option of adopting additional findings justifying interim amendments if desired.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m.

Jennifer Kilmer – 4121 Harborview Drive. Ms. Kilmer, Harbor History Museum Director thanked the Council for continuing to move forward to allow some banners to be hung for the grand opening event. She said that once the banners go up, she is certain that the Council will note that the quality is good. Ms. Kilmer stated that they are putting the finishing touches on this \$11.6M project and looking forward to a great grand opening event on Saturday, September 18.

There were no further public comments and the public hearing closed at 5:44 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Permit Processing Amendment. Planning Director Tom Dolan provided background information for this ordinance. Mr. Dolan stated that during last year's budget discussions, the Planning Department indicated that there were a number of code amendments identified that would add efficiencies to the land use permit process. He explained that the biggest proposed change was to allow the administrative approval of site plans by the Planning Director. All other major land use permits would still require approval by the Hearing Examiner. He stated that allowing the Planning Director to administratively approve a site plan will shorten the processing time for the applicant by 30 days and as well as provide a savings of \$500 - \$1,000 for the applicant. Mr. Dolan further explained that in order to allow the administrative approval of site plans, DRB recommendations needed to be made to the Planning Director rather than the Hearing Examiner and appealable to the Hearing Examiner.

Mr. Dolan summarized two other major changes that included closing out lapsed applications and amending the expiration period for land use permits.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Mark Hoppen – 8133 Shirley Avenue. Mr. Hoppen requested city staff to comment on why there is no review of PUDs and PRDs under the proposed amendment and noted that PUDs and PRDs no longer had noticing requirements under this proposal.

There were no further public comments and the public hearing closed at 5:51 p.m.

Ms. Kester explained that Type 3 PRD & PUD major amendments are processed as permits and currently only noticed as a legal notice in the Gateway newspaper. The proposed amendment would have increased noticing requirements which would include posting the property, a legal notice in the Gateway, and notices mailed out to all property owners within 300 feet.

Ms. Kester further explained that Type 1 PRD and PUD minor amendments do not affect the substance of PRDs and PUDs therefore there are no added noticing

requirements. Council and staff discussed the pros and cons of the proposed amendment.

2. First Reading of Ordinance – Adopting Regulations for Second Hand Stores and Pawnbrokers. Chief Davis explained during a recent investigation by the Pierce county Sheriff's Department involving a burglary revealed that a second hand dealer in precious metals located in the city was not following RCW 19.60, a legal requirement to keep items received for 30 days before removing them from its place of business. He stated that in order to regulate the activities of pawnbrokers and second hand dealers, RCW 19.60 must be adopted by ordinance. Adopting the ordinance will allow the city to proceed with prosecution of criminal investigations of this type in the future. Council and Chief Davis discussed the proposed ordinance.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Pierce County Flood Plan Elected Officials Workshop. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey encouraged the electeds to attend the workshop on Sept. 30 from 6:30-9:00 pm. The meeting location had not yet been determined. Mr. Karlinsey asked council to let him know if they were attending. He further stated that legal counsel was able to get a BRB hearing on Oct. 12 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pierce County Annex. He said that we should have a presence there to speak/testify on the city's behalf.

Mr. Karlinsey reminded council of the Council Retreat on Friday, Sept. 24 from 8:30 to noon.

Mr. Karlinsey spoke about the 2011 federal and state legislative agenda. He stated that he and Mayor Hunter would be meeting with the Capital Budget Chair at the offices of Gordon Thomas Honeywell to discuss funding for the Fishermen's Pier with the hope of getting this on the state's Capital Budget. Mr. Karlinsey stated that this matter has already been discussed with the Internal Government Affairs committee and has received their concurrence to move forward.

Mr. Karlinsey gave a brief update of the Harborview Drive/Stinson Water Main Replacement project. He reported that Phase 1 is almost complete. Paving of the ditch line from N. Harborview Drive to Stinson Avenue will occur next Monday with a full one lane overlay over the entire project at completion. He further reported that the main line and connection lines are in, however they are not hooked up until a pressure test is performed and the results of the purity test are in, which is expected on Sept. 22.

Chief Davis reported that the Peninsula's first Emergency Preparedness Fair at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church was a great success and well attended with about 800 people. He stated that the overall message was that families need to have their own emergency plan in place. In a catastrophic event, the city, fire department and police will be initially responding to greater emergencies first.

Chief Davis also mentioned the 2nd Annual First Responders Event at the Methodist Church on Oct. 2 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. He stated that this is a quality and multi-denominational event and welcomed everyone to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Payne said that he represented Gig Harbor while attending a memorial service for fallen soldier, Sergeant Faith Renee Hinkley, 27 years old of the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, who died on Aug. 7, 2010. He shared that he was deeply moved by the service and the outpouring for this young soldier.

Councilmember Payne said that he had toured the Marine Outfall project with Construction Inspector George Flanigan and highly encouraged members of council that have not seen this project up close, to do so. Mr. Payne stated that on Sept. 29 is an important date for this project as the outer pipe will be connected from the sand spit to the Sound. He commended Sr. Engineer Jeff Langhelm as the project manager and George Flanigan for doing a great job.

Councilmember Payne also reported that on Aug. 29, he, along with 50 volunteers from Chapel Hill Church laid down a 600-ft. trail at KLM Park. He has suggested to the Parks Commission to do a Hero's Walk there.

Councilmember Franich thanked Kathleen Grulke for accepting the proclamation for Constitution Week and enjoyed what she had to say.


ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Operations Committee – Thu. Sept. 16 at 3:00 p.m. – CANCELLED
2. Harbor History Museum Grand Opening – Sat. Sept. 18.
3. Finance / Safety Committee – Mon. Sept. 20 at 4:00 p.m. - CANCELLED
4. City Council / Planning Commission Joint Meeting – Mon. Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
5. Council Retreat – Fri. Sept. 24 at 8:30 a.m. to noon.
6. Pierce County Flood Plan Elected Officials Workshop – Thu. Sept. 30 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.
7. City Council/Parks Commission Joint Worksession – Mon. Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m.


ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.
Young / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1010



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Maureen Whitaker, Assistant City Clerk