

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 14, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of Feb. 28, 2011.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: AWC Retro Program Refund Letter.
3. Liquor License Action: a) Special Occasion: Kiwanis Club; b) Special Occasion: Paradise Theatre; c) Special Occasion: Quipunet at GH Yacht Club; d) Renewals: Gig Harbor Beach Bay B&B, St. Anthony Hospital, Gig Harbor Farmers Market Association, The Green Turtle, Happy at the Bay Teriyaki, Harbor Greens, Gig Harbor Farmers Market, Maritime Inn, and Greenhouse Restaurant; e) Discontinued: QFC #886.
4. Receive and File: a) Minutes of the Boards and Commissions Candidate Review Committee Feb. 28, 2011; b) Minutes of the Operations & Public Projects Committee Feb.17, 2011.
5. Hearing Examiner Contract.
6. Appointment to Parks Commission.
7. Appointments to the Gig Harbor Arts Commission.
8. Appointments to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
9. Appointment to Planning Commission.
10. Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board Payment for Economic Development Services.
11. Approval of Payment of Bills for March14, 2011: Checks #65889 through #65997 in the amount of \$861,954.31.
12. Approval of Payroll for the Month of February: Checks #5851 through #5870 in the amount of \$304,541.29.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Malich - unanimously approved.

Mayor Hunter read the names of the re-appointed and appointed Commission members and asked those present to stand and be recognized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

MOTION: Move to go into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).
Franich / Malich – unanimously approved.

Councilmember Ekberg recused himself from the Executive Session citing a conflict in interest.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 5:54 p.m.
Franich / Payne – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Official City Newspaper. City Clerk Molly Towslee presented an overview of the history of the recent re-bid for official newspaper. She explained that in 2010 the city paid approximately \$19,650 for advertising and legal fees, of which \$9,000 was reimbursed.

Councilmembers discussed the lower cost and higher circulation of *Gig Harbor Life* while noting that *The Peninsula Gateway* is a more traditional newspaper.

MOTION: Move to appoint *The Peninsula Gateway* as the city's official newspaper.
Young / Ekberg - two voted in favor. Councilmembers Franich, Malich and Payne voted no. The motion failed.

MOTION: Move to appoint *Gig Harbor Life* as the city's official newspaper.
Malich / Franich - four voted in favor. Councilmember Ekberg voted no.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing on 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket. Senior Planner Jennifer Kester introduced the docket and gave a brief overview of the four proposed comprehensive plan amendments. She answered questions on the electric vehicle infrastructure policy.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the public hearing closed.

Ms. Kester continued to address Council's questions on the amendments.

MOTION: Move that all of the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment applications be forwarded to the Planning Commission for further processing.
Ekberg / Payne – unanimously approved.

2. 2011 Planning Commission Work Program – Revised. Planning Director Tom Dolan explained that extensive oral and written comments on the Shoreline Master Program will delay the Planning Commission from beginning review of the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments until late June or early July. Due to this delay, the Planning Commission is requesting a one-year interim change to the downtown parking

regulations. This would allow the review of the C-1 gross floor area text amendment first and then the Commission would go back to a more comprehensive review of the downtown parking regulations. He addressed Council questions.

MOTION: Move to approve the revised Planning Commission 2011 work program.
Payne / Young – four voted in favor. Councilmember Ekberg voted no.

3. SR16/Burnham Drive NW Interchange Improvement Project Acceptance. City Engineer Steven Misiurak presented the background information on this project to increase capacity required as a result of the construction of the hospital. He explained that the project realized over \$590,000 in construction savings, adding that the success of the project is attributable to the hard work of a consortium of organizations and shared project management. He said that he has made application to The Association of Public Works Association for Project of the Year for this project.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Misiurak and his staff for a job well done on this complex project. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey complimented staff on avoiding costly change orders and for the outstanding public outreach.

MOTION: Move to formally accept the project completion and authorize the Mayor to sign the Project Certificate of Completion.
Payne / Malich – unanimously approved.

4. Resolution 857 – Emergency Declaration for Replacement of the Cushman Trail Cross Culvert. City Engineer Misiurak present the background information for this resolution authorizing the replacement of a broken culvert along Cushman Trail. He answered Council question on how the degradation of the culvert occurred, ownership, and funding options.

City Attorney Angela Belbeck reminded Council that due to the emergency nature of this action, it would require a majority plus one vote.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 857 declaring an emergency, waiving competitive bidding requirements and authorizing the Mayor to execute contracts for the emergency replacement to the broken culvert under Cushman Trail located approximately 900 feet north of Rosedale Street.
Young / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT:

Lift Station Improvement Sequencing. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey explained that repairs to Lift Station No. 4 had been moved to the top of the list due to the recent malfunction at that site. He explained that Lift Station No. 4 is critical as it handles

approximately 50% of the city's sewage. He also reported that staff continues to move forward with design and property acquisition for the upgrades to Lift Station No. 6 on Cascade and Ryan with plans to construct in 2012.

City Engineer Steven Misiurak addressed questions regarding the estimated project costs for Lift Station No. 6. He said that the goal is to avoid having the project cost more than the estimate adding that there will be regular updates to the Operations and Public Projects Committee and City Council as this moves forward.

City Attorney Angela Belbeck explained that there are upcoming project hearings that are in the queue for public noticing and asked if Council would consider postponing the appointment of the Official Newspaper to allow a transition period. Planning Director Tom Dolan added that the *Gig Harbor Life's* requirement to have public notices submitted eleven days prior to publication adds additional restraints and asked if the appointment could be postponed until April 15th.

T.J. Erickson, editor for *Gig Harbor Life*, explained that that eleven day notification period only pertains to classified ads.

MOTION: Move for reconsideration of the previous motion to appoint *Gig Harbor Life* as the city's official newspaper.
Young / Payne – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to amend the previous motion to appoint *Gig Harbor Life* as the city's official newspaper effective April 15, 2011.
Malich / Franich – unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kit Kuhn – A Jeweler Designed for You. Mr. Kuhn explained that the petition he passed out is signed by 27 business owners requesting that the city consider 2-3 hour timed parking in the downtown area. He said that marking even every fifth spot would help movement and suggested that the salary of the enforcement person could be paid by parking fines. He said that the current 30 minute spots seem to be helping.

Councilmembers mentioned several issues and agreed that there needs to be continued discussion on parking that involves the property owners.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Malich asked the date of the activation of the pump-out at Jerisich Dock. Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, Darrel Winans responded that it would be turned on April 1st.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Outfall Ceremonial Valve Turning – Wed. March 16th at 3:00 p.m.
2. Operations Committee – Thu. March 17th at 3:00 p.m.
3. Finance / Safety Committee – Mon. March 21st at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.
Franich / Malich – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1019



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk