

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – June 27, 2011

PRESENT: Councilmembers Young, Franich, Conan, Malich, Payne, and Mayor Hunter. Councilmembers Ekberg 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 June 13, 2011.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: Proclamation: Independence Day.
3. Liquor License Action: a) Renewals: The Keeping Room; Hunan Garden Restaurant; Kinza Teriyaki; and Spiro's Bella Notte Pizza.
4. Receive and File: a) Boys & Girls Club Yearly Report; b) Minutes of June 6, 2011 HBZ Workstudy Session; c) Gig Harbor Historic Waterfront Association Progress Report.
5. WWTP Phase 1 Improvements - Amendment to PWTF Loan Agreement for Time Extension.
6. Grandview Forest Water Tanks Anchoring Project – Special Testing Services / Construction Testing Laboratories.
7. Municipal Court Judge Contract.
8. Volunteer Policy.
9. Safety / Accident Prevention Plan Policy
10. Rosedale Street Pedestrian Improvement Project – Final Design and Permitting Contract.
11. 2011 Water Main Improvement and Replacement Project – Construction Contract Award.
12. Approval of Payment of Bills for June 27, 2011: Checks #67191 through #67312 in the amount of \$1,118,962.75.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Independence Day Proclamation – Ken Roberts: John Paul Jones Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mayor Hunter presented Mr. Roberts with the proclamation.

2. Recognition of Justin Bonnell – “Map Your Neighborhood.” Building Official/Fire Marshal Dick Bower gave an overview of the Map Your Neighborhood program and praised Justin for developing the program as his Senior Class Project. He then presented Justin with a certificate of appreciation.

3. Boys & Girls Club Report – Mark Starns, CEO and JoAnne Maxwell, Branch Manager. Mr. Starns thanked the city for its financial and grant support this past year.

Ms. Maxwell highlighted some of the activities and community use of the Boys & Girls Club.

4. Gig Harbor Chamber Economic Development Committee: Tom Drohan and Warren Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman presented an overview of the purpose and function of the Chamber.

Tom Drohan, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, explained that the dedication to creating more commerce to share with the membership and the community. He described the composition of the committee and said their goal is to keep existing employers as well as attracting new. He talked about planned events, activities, and partnering with the nearby military community.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hospital Benefit Zone – Five-Year Plan. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey gave an overview of the process to develop a five-year plan. He described his efforts to converse with developers regarding the Bujacich Lift Station.

Councilmembers further discussed the lift station project and roadway maintenance projects. Staff was asked to bring back a more detailed map outlining the Hospital Benefit Zone. It was stressed that the list was for budget planning purposes and not final approval of the projects.

MOTION: Move to approve the staff-proposed Hospital Benefit Zone Five Year Plan as presented.
Young / Conan – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – Adopting a New Commute Trip Reduction Plan. City Clerk Molly Towslee presented the background and answered questions on this ordinance adopting a Commute Trip Reduction Plan as required by state law. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

2. First Reading of Ordinance - Downtown Limited Parking. Rob Karlinsey explained that the Gig Harbor Historic Waterfront Association has requested time limits on parking in certain areas to improve parking circulation. He described the proposed changes as a pilot, test program and suggested that Council allow the City Engineer the flexibility to add or reduce spaced depending upon the need.

Chief of Police Mike Davis explained that a softer, educational approach will be taken utilizing the Citizens On Patrol, Reserve Officers, and downtown volunteers for enforcement.

3. First Reading of Ordinance – Donations and Consideration of a Resolution for a Donation Policy. Rob Karlinsey presented this ordinance and resolution that will help accommodate donations. The ordinance will establish a policy for the City Administrator

to accept donations of \$20,000 or less without an ordinance. He recommended that both be adopted at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Updates to the Special Events Permit Policy. Marketing Director Lauren Lund proposed a change to the Special Events Permit regulations to allow certain commercially organized special events. She gave an overview of the proposed changes that would allow no more than one event per month. Council directed staff to come back with a draft ordinance for consideration.

2. Survey and Ratings Bureau. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey reported that the city's rating has been dropped from a five to a four as a result of many years of work and the leadership of the Fire Commission, Fire Chief Bob Black, Fire Marshal Dick Bower, and the city for the improvements to the water system.

3. Donkey Creek Community Meeting. Rob Karlinsey then announced that at the upcoming meeting on July 14th at Harbor Ridge Middle School, two options will be presented for public review. At the July 11th Council meeting there will be a preview of the presentation. He added that a large mailing will be going out to capture those who will be affected by this project during their commute.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Franich asked for clarification on the Pierce County Redistricting. Councilmember Young explained that District 7 would change include the northern portion of Tacoma; Fircrest and University Place would move over to District 6. He said that a public hearing was held here last week but there is still time to submit comments. Councilmembers were encouraged to let the County know their position on the redistricting.

Councilmember Young reported that Gig Harbor's UGA Amendment for the bay was passed by Pierce County Regional Council. This was significant because all the others were denied due to incomplete information. He praised staff for having such a complete application. He then reported that on a regional level, Puget Sound Regional Council approved the viaduct replacement and changes to the distribution of votes. This last action added one vote for King County and also increased Pierce County's influence.

Councilmember Malich asked about the possibility of city webcams funded by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Councilmember Young said that this will be added to their next agenda for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:


1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Ribbon Cutting: Tue. July 12th at 11:30 a.m.

2. Donkey Creek Project Community Meeting: Thu. July 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Harbor Ridge Middle School.
3. Operations Committee: Thu. July 21st at 3:00 p.m.
4. Special Council Meeting: Mon. Aug. 29th at 5:30 p.m. – Maritime Pier Construction Bid Award.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.
Malich / Payne – unanimously approved.

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Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk