

## MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2012

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Young, Payne, Kadzik and Mayor Chuck Hunter. Councilmember Ekberg was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**SWEARING IN CEREMONIES:**

Mayor Hunter asked Ken Malich, Jill Guernsey, and Michael Perrow to come forward to be sworn in as Councilmembers. After the ceremony, each took their position on the dais.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Hunter announced the Councilmembers Jill Guernsey and Michael Perrow would both abstain from voting on the Consent Agenda due to a conflict of interest.

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of Dec. 12, 2011.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: a) Letter from Rotary Club regarding Cushman Trail Project; b) Letter from Conan Fuel.
3. Receive and File: a) Planning / Building Committee Minutes – Dec. 5, 2011; b) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Minutes – Oct. 7, 2011.
4. Resolution No. 888 - Emergency Declaration Manhole Replacement on Soundview Drive.
5. Harborview Drive Right-of-Way Dedication Agreement – Perrow.
6. Stanich/Judson Pedestrian Improvement Project Closeout Deductive Change Order No. 1 – Henderson Partners LLC.
7. Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Amending Countywide Planning Policies for Consistency with VISION 2040.
8. Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Amending Countywide Planning Policies to Designate Three New Candidate Regional Growth Centers.
9. Approval of Payment of Bills for Dec. 26, 2011: Checks #68560 through #68659 in the amount of \$778,134.71.
10. Approval of Payment of Bills for Jan 9, 2012: Checks #68660 through #68754 in the amount of \$259,548.59.
11. Approval of Payroll for the month of December: Checks #6391 though #6413 in the amount of \$477,321.67.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Recognition of Service - Dick Bower, Building Official / Fire Safety Manager. Mayor Hunter gave a brief overview of Mr. Bower's accomplishments during the past nine years with the city and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service.

City Administrator Rob Karlinsey also talked about how fortunate Gig Harbor was to have Dick as the Building Official / Fire Safety Manager and wished him the best at his new job in California.

Don Lee. Mr. Lee said that Dick has been the “sparkplug for preparedness” and has kept several agencies working together for the common good. He thanked Dick for being instrumental in leading the community into a cohesive response plan.

John Burgess – PCFPD #5. Chief Burgess commented on Dick’s commitment to partnering and the creative solution to continue the fire inspection program. He said thank you on behalf of Fire District #5, and that Dick will be missed.

Ken Roberts. Mr. Roberts said that he and Dick worked together on the Multi-agency Coordinating Council. He said that the community is a safer place because of the work Dick has performed.

Dave Watson. Mr. Watson said he appreciates that Dick has been able to work well with all different types of groups. He recommend for Dick to keep it in perspective and to have a sense of humor. He said thanks from PEP-C.

Patty McGallian. Ms. McGallian said that she is grateful for all the Dick has taught her while working together the past nine years. She said that Monterey’s gain is Gig Harbor’s loss.

Dick Bower talked about how interesting the past nine years have been and complimented his staff for their professionalism, technical capability, and customer service. He thanked the Mayor and Council, and invited everyone to look him up if they come to Monterey Bay.

2. Pierce County Flood Control District – Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy, County Councilmember Joyce McDonald, and County Councilmember Stan Flemming.

County Councilmember Stan Flemming said he was here as part of the presentation team and to listen to the city’s concerns.

Executive Pat McCarthy presented the background information for the continued effort to create a flood control district to mitigate the impact of catastrophic flooding.

Harold Smelt, Manager of Surface Water for Pierce County, talked about the economic impacts, outreach efforts, and the next steps to form the flood district.

Mr. Smelt, Executive McCarthy, and Sharla Newman responded to several Council questions and concerns with the proposed flood district, including the Opportunity Fund, taxing rate and distribution, sub-zones, and how this model has worked successfully in King County.

3. Peninsula School District Levy – Superintendent Terry Bouck. Superintendent Bouck gave a detailed presentation on the proposed levy.

Chuck Cuzetto – Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Cuzetto gave an overview of what it costs the taxpayers for this levy. He explained how our low bond rate is a result of higher property values, future forecasts for property values, and levy equalization and how it affects our district.

Mr. Bouck finalized by describing how the school district has been addressing past revenue shortfalls through budget cuts and partnering. He thanked Council, saying that the levy is about giving our kids a quality education and being fiscally responsible.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Public Hearing and Resolution in Support of Peninsula School District No. 401 Special Election Proposition No. 1 – Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

After City Administrator Rob Karlinsey introduced the resolution, Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Randy Boss (no address given) - Mr. Boss pointed out that the last chart illustrating the rate drop from 2006 to 2010 is explanatory because when the rates dropped the value of homes in Gig Harbor went up which explains why our rates are low. He asked how the new McClary Ruling is going to affect this levy then talked about how this replacement levy is at a higher percentage rate than the one it replaces. Mr. Boss talked further about the Supreme Court ruling, and then said he just wants Council to know this is an unconstitutional levy.

There were no further public comments and the public hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

Legal Counsel Wayne Tanaka commented that he is familiar with school funding and the McClary ruling has an implication as to the over-reliance on levies of some districts that are property tax poor.

Mr. Bouck responded that the school received a ruling from its attorney and the Ways and Means Committee in Olympia saying that this levy is legal.

Councilmembers took turns speaking in favor of the levy, praising the school district's performance and how budget restrictions have been handled.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Resolution No. 891 supporting the Peninsula School District Replacement Levy on the February 14, 2012 special election ballot.

**Payne / Malich** – unanimously approved.

2. Resolution – Evergreen Business Center Amendment to the Wastewater Comprehensive Plan. Senior Engineer Jeff Langhelm presented the background for this amendment to the wastewater comprehensive plan to allow the Evergreen Business Center project to connect to the city’s sewer collection through Basin #3 even though the project is located in Basin #17. He explained that the technical amendment would amend the boundary between Basin #3 and Basin #17.

Jeff Sherman – Apex Engineering, responded to council questions by explaining several reasons for moving forward with the amendment at this time rather than waiting for the construction of a lift station.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Resolution No. 892 amending the wastewater comprehensive plan by revising sewer collection basin boundaries.  
**Malich / Payne** – unanimously approved.

3. Harbor Hill Residential Phase I - Request for New Street Names. Building / Fire Safety Director Dick Bower presented this request to name a street within the Harbor Hill residential plat as “North Spring Way.”

**MOTION:** Move to approve the naming of the street within the Harbor Hill residential plat as “North Spring Way.”  
**Kadzik / Guernsey** – six voted yes. Councilmember Malich voted no.

4. Request for Small Scale Model (Maquette) of Proposed Public Art. Representing the Gig Harbor Arts Commission, Charlee Glock-Jackson presented the background information for the proposed bronze statue of a man holding a salmon to be placed at the maritime pier location. She explained the importance of a small scale model of the statue to ensure an authentic recreation of what is seen in the photograph.

**MOTION:** Move to approve and authorize the request for a small-scale model (maquette) of the proposed life-like bronze statue of a man holding a salmon as public art at the Maritime Pier location.  
**Malich / Kadzik** – unanimously approved.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

Text Amendment for the B-2 Zone. Planning Director Tom Dolan explained that the Peninsula School District has requested that schools be added to the B-2 zone. In addition, it was discovered that churches were inadvertently left out of that zone. He said staff is recommending a text amendment for both and asked if Council would be willing to sponsor the amendment.

Council concurred with this request.

Sound System Update. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey reported that a sound system tech from Seattle had come and adjusted the sound system in the chambers, which seems to be working quite well. The tech will make another visit, possibly during a council meeting, to further fine-tune the system.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

Council Committees. Mayor Hunter asked that Councilmembers turn in their ranked preference for appointments to the Council Committees by January 17th.

Councilmember Young reported that he attended the first Public Transportation Improvement Conference. He said he was pleased that the map they presented preserves services to Gig Harbor and part of the city's UGA up to the Purdy Park 'n Ride. He asked for any comments to be forwarded to him before January 20th. He then encouraged other Councilmembers to attend the upcoming PCRC General Assembly meeting on January 29th.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

1. Operations Committee – Thu. Jan 19th CANCELLED.
2. 56th Street / Point Fosdick Improvement Project Public Meetings: Jan 25th and Feb. 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
3. Wilkinson Farm Park Trail Open House – Wed. Feb 1st at 5:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and Guild Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. for approximately 45 minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Guild Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).  
**Payne / Young** – unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Move to return to regular session at 8:28 p.m.  
**Young / Malich** – unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Move to return to Executive Session for an additional fifteen minutes.  
**Payne / Malich** - unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Move to return to regular session at 8:46 p.m.  
**Kadzik / Payne** – unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN:**

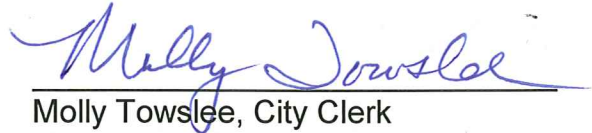
**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.  
**Kadzik / Payne** – unanimously approved.

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Chuck Hunter, Mayor



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Molly Towslee, City Clerk