

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 12, 2012

PRESENT: Councilmembers Young, Guernsey, Perrow, Malich, Payne, and Kadzik. Councilmember Ekberg acted as Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Hunter's absence.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / FLAG CEREMONY: Members of Girl Scout Cadet Troop 40088 and Junior Troop 40187 presented the colors. Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg asked the audience to rise and join them in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Scouts then recited the Girl Scout Pledge before dismissing the Color Guard.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of Feb. 27, 2012.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: a) Girls Scouts 100th Anniversary Proclamation.
3. Liquor License Action: a) Added Privilege – Harbor Greens; b) Special Occasion – St. Nicholas Catholic School; c) Special Occasion – Kiwanis; d) Added Privilege – Target; e) Application – Hy-lu-Hee-Hee.
4. Receive and File: a) Commute Trip Reduction Program Approved.
5. Third Reading of Ordinance 1231 – Downtown Parking Amendments.
6. Second Reading of Ordinance 1232 – Amendments to Parks Commission.
7. Second Reading of Ordinance 1233 - Adding Schools and Churches in the B-2 Zoning District.
8. Department of Ecology Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Amendment.
9. Wilkinson Farm Park Trail System Permitting – Contract Award.
10. Wilkinson Farmhouse Asbestos Abatement – Contract Award.
11. Wilkinson Farmhouse Electrical Repairs – Contract Award.
12. Eddon Boat Property – Long Term Monitoring Plan Implementation (Year 4) /Consultant Services Contract.
13. Austin Estuary Restoration Project – Construction Contract Award.
14. Point Fosdick / 56th Street Project Agreement with WWR Properties.
15. Approval of Payment of Bills Feb. 27, 2012: Checks #69138 through #69266 in the amount of \$511,978.63.
16. Approval of Payroll for February: Checks \$6435 through #6454 and direct deposit transactions in the total amount of \$316,542.87.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Young / Guernsey – six voted yes. Councilmember Malich voted no.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation: 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America. Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg presented Cadet Scout Carly Carter with the signed proclamation and invited her to say a few words. Cadet Scout Carter accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council for recognizing the Scouts in Gig Harbor during this historic week.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – Utility Extensions in UGA. Planning Director Tom Dolan introduced this ordinance relating to the provision of water and sewer service outside city limits.

City Attorney Angela Belbeck clarified that reference to the Public Works Standards in Section 10 only refers to standards that relate to water and sewer.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg opened the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Kevin Foley – representing three property owners in the UGA. Mr. Foley commented that their attorney has worked closely with the city on the draft ordinance adding that they fully agree with the summary analysis presented to council.

There were no further public comments and the hearing closed at 5:37 p.m.

Staff addressed Council questions. Council concurred that this should return at the next meeting for approval on the Consent Agenda.

2. Public Hearing and First Reading -Extension of Interim Regulations re: Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens. City Attorney Angel Belbeck presented the background information on what has been happening in regards to cannabis for the past several months. She explained that a public hearing is scheduled for tonight and staff is asking for Council direction on extending the interim regulations to move through the Planning Commission process.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg opened the public hearing at 5:49 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

MOTION: Move to consider the ordinance on first reading and bring it back for adoption on the Consent Agenda at second reading.
Guernsey / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Extension of Interim Regulations Adopting FEMA Option #3 – Demonstration of Compliance – Endangered Species Act. Senior Planner Peter Katich presented the background information, explaining that the provisions of the city's interim regulations expire on March 25, 2012 unless they are extended or permanent regulations are adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg opened the public hearing at 5:55 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

MOTION: Move to adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 1231 extending the interim regulations adopted under Ordinance No. 1223.
Payne / Kadzik – five voted in favor. Councilmembers Perrow and Malich voted no.

4. First Reading of Ordinance – Prohibiting Parking in Fire Lanes. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey introduced this ordinance to bring the penalty for parking in a fire lane into closer alignment with other parking infractions. Staff responded to questions on the current penalty (a gross misdemeanor due to the adoption of the International Fire Code); the proposed \$25 fee; and how many tickets have been issued for this infraction over the past few years.

Council discussed whether this is a seriousness concern and what an appropriate fine should be to deter the behavior. Staff was asked to do further comparables for what other jurisdictions are charging and to bring this back under old business with the amount left blank. At that time Council can review the information and decide on an appropriate penalty.

STAFF REPORT:

City Administrator Transition. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey announced that he has been in contact with his replacement, Dennis Richards, who will begin work on April 9th. Mr. Karlinsey explained that he has asked staff to gather information that will make the transition easier.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Helen Nupp – 11320 148th Ave KPN, 98329. Ms. Nupp said she is concerned with the approval of Consent Agenda Item 14: Point Fosdick / 56th Street Project Agreement with WWR Properties. She asked when there was a first or second reading. City Clerk Towslee explained that this is an agreement; no “readings” are required. Ms. Nupp read a prepared letter into the record outlining her concerns that the public wasn’t adequately notified about this project or this agreement with a private developer. She said that 3000 concerned citizens, business people, and residents should have had the opportunity to comment on this agreement before passed. She submitted her statement for the record.

MAYOR’S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Young announced that at the Pierce Transit Improvement Conference on Thursday, they adopted a reduced boundary map that will go into effect on May 8th. The County Council has an opportunity to reject the map, which is unlikely, and cities have the right to pull out of the taxing district within the next 30 days.

Councilmember Malich announced he attended his first Tacoma Narrows Airport Committee meeting on Thursday. He asked what type of reports Council would like to hear from him. He was asked to put together a summary of issues that are of city concern under Council Comments.

Councilmember Guernsey thanked the City Council for passing the parking ordinance. She said that joint parking is issue that will be revisited under the Shoreline Master Program update.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Operations Committee: Wed. Mar 14th at 3:00 p.m.
2. Finance / Safety Committee: Mon. Mar 19th CANCELLED.
3. Downtown Planning and Vision Committee: Wed. Mar 21st at 3:00 p.m.
4. Boards and Candidate Review Committee: Mon. Mar 26th at 4:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing guild negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). In attendance: Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg, Councilmembers, City Attorney Angela Belbeck, City Administrator Rob Karlinsey. No action is to be taken after the session.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for approximately twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing guild negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).
Kadzik / Payne – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 6:40 p.m.
Payne / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
Kadzik / Payne – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1015



Steven Ekberg, Mayor Pro Tem



Molly Towslee, City Clerk