

## MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 23, 2012

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Jul 9, 2012.
2. Receive and File: a) Parks Commission Minutes Jun 6, 2012;
3. Liquor License Action: a) Renewals: JW Restaurant, Mizu Japanese Restaurant, Bartell Drug Co, Galaxy Uptown, and Safeway Store; b) Application: Bluesteele Coffee & Wine;
4. KGHP Radio Station Support Agreement with Peninsula School District.
5. Utility Billing Agreement.
6. Rainier/Cascade Water Main Project – Materials Testing Contract.
7. Crescent Creek Park Tennis Court Resurfacing – Contract Authorization.
8. Resolution No. 906 - Sole Source Equipment Pump Station 3A.
9. Resolution No. 907 – Indigent Defense Standards.
10. Sehmel Right Turn Lane Addition Project – Public Works Contract Award and Materials Testing Contract Authorization.
11. Donkey Creek Project Utility Relocations Survey Services – Consultant Services Contract.
12. Approval of Payment of Bills Jul 23, 2012: Checks #70132 through #70259 in the amount of \$628,830.16.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. 2011 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award. Mayor Hunter voiced his appreciation to the staff of the Wastewater Treatment Plant explaining that this is the sixth consecutive year that the treatment plant has received this award. He asked WWTP Supervisory Darrell Winans and his employees to come forward to receive the award.

Mr. Winans introduced his team, Matt Quinlisk, Norine Alvarado, Nancy Nayer, Joe Pominville, and Chuck Roy. Larry Washburn and Jim Landon couldn't be present. Mr. Winans read stats of some of the work that they perform, saying how proud he is of a team that shares a passion to protect human health, environment, public, and private properties. He said that they are dedicated and proud of what they do, which shows through receiving this award once again.

2. Recognition of Public Service - Kae Paterson. Mayor Hunter read a brief history of the many committees and boards that Ms. Paterson has served upon for over four decades. He thanked her for her selflessness and presented her with a plaque of appreciation.

Ms. Paterson thanked the people in her life that inspired and supported her over these many years of volunteerism. She talked about her input in changing the 1969 plan to construct a frontage road from Wollochet to Rosedale to instead link by Skansie Avenue. She shared her dislike of frontage roads and how she worries about the proposal for one from Rosedale to the cemetery.

Councilmember Ekberg explained that Kae's husband was the first to greet his family when they moved next door forty years ago. He said that Kae was involved in shaping the city during the time the city had a very small staff, and when something needed researched, it was Kae who did the work. Both Kae and Mayor Bogue were concerned with making the sure the town was developed to their standards, and so if you think the city is a neat place, you need to thank Kae.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Second Reading of Ordinance – 2012 Housekeeping Code Amendments. Senior Planner Jenn Kester described the two alternatives that Council asked for portable signs: one which allows any material and changeable copy and one which prohibits changeable copy and non-durable materials.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Option 19B for freestanding signs made of durable material that does not allow changeable copy.  
**Ekberg / Malich –**

Ms. Kester addressed Council questions, explaining that the concern with portable signage is the durability of the materials, the appearance, the number, what is being advertised, and the size of the signs. She said that there was a separate set of regulations to differentiate between portable and temporary signs.

Councilmembers talked about the decision on portable signs during the update of the sign code. Portable signs allowed for business identification and were intended to be brought in at the end of the day; there was a definite desire to limit reader boards and signs with changeable lettering. One compromise was to allow one portable sign per business.

After further discussion on allowing changeable copy on durable materials, it was suggested to allow this housekeeping ordinance to move forward without adoption of either 19A or 19B and to take the issue up with the Planning and Building Committee.

Councilmember Payne apologized that he had to leave the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Ekberg withdrew his motion to adopt option 19B.

**MOTION:** Move to delete Section 19 from the draft ordinance.  
**Guernsey / Kadzik** - five voted in favor. Councilmember Perrow voted no.

Ms. Kester addressed a question by clarifying the meaning of the term “customarily” in the ordinance.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1245 as amended to remove Section 19 in its entirety.  
**Guernsey / Malich** - five voted in favor. Councilmember Perrow voted no.

Ms. Kester said that she would add changeable copy on signs to the August 6th Planning / Building Committee agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. SEPA Exemption Levels. Senior Planner Jennifer Kester explained that staff is asking for direction on how to proceed with the recent interim changes to SEPA thresholds for minor new construction. She explained that these interim changes went into effect on July 10th, and the Department of Ecology has been directed to further modernize the rules for SEPA in light of the increased environmental protections in place under GMA and SMA. She suggested that the city maintain these interim levels until the final recommendation from DOE comes forward, and to look at other sections of code to make sure we haven't missed anything that would be affected by the new thresholds.

She addressed council questions by clarifying how this affects wetlands, new development, and transportation concerns.

Councilmember Guernsey commented that SEPA became law before all the critical area regulations were in effect; and so it's another unnecessary layer of review. She said that she believes there is going to see total rewrite of Section 800 by DOE by the end of the year, and so what is being proposed makes sense.

Shawn Hooey – Master Builders Association. Mr. Hooey voiced support of the proposal. He said that SEPA has become increasingly out of date and the new changes will streamline the process. He added that Pierce County has addressed the changes by referencing the WACs.

**MOTION:** Move to direct staff to maintain interim threshold levels and to develop any necessary amendments to implement that change.  
**Guernsey / Perrow** – unanimously approved.

**STAFF REPORT:**

City Administrator Denny Richards commented on how fantastic it is that the Wastewater Treatment Plant has won the Outstanding Performance Award six years in a row. He then gave an update on current projects and answered questions regarding:

- The chip sealing that has begun and is going well;
- Illegal "Vote Boat" signs; Emerald Yacht Sales has been directed to remove them;
- The summer crew is beginning the process to power wash Harborview Drive.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

1. Donkey Creek Project: Open House / Harbor History Museum, Wed. Jul 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
2. Downtown Planning / Visioning Committee: Wed. July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
3. Special City Council Meeting: Mon. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Community Rooms A&B.
4. Planning / Building Committee: Mon. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. (*following Special City Council Meeting*)
5. No City Council Meetings on August 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. Operations Committee: Thu. Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For the purpose of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

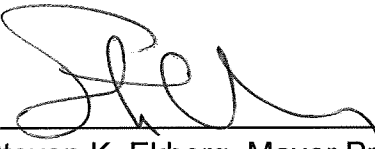
**MOTION:** Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).  
**Kadzik / Ekberg** – unanimously approved.


**MOTION:** Move to return to regular session at 6:54 p.m.  
**Kadzik / Perrow** – unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.  
**Kadzik / Malich** – unanimously approved.

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Steven K. Ekberg, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Molly Towslee, City Clerk