

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – June 25, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Jun 11, 2012.
2. Receive and File: a) Parks Commission Minutes April 4, 2012; b) City Council / Parks Commission Joint Worksession Minutes May 2, 2012; c) Planning / Building Committee Minutes June 4, 2012;
3. Ordinance No. 1241 - Accepting Donation of Photo of Narrows Bridge for Public Display.
4. Resolution No. 903 – Materials Purchase Screwsucker Pump for Lift Stations No. 4 & 8.
5. Resolution No. 904 – Surplus Equipment Public Works.
6. Eddon Boat Remediation Monitoring Wells Contract / Anchor QEA, LLC.
7. Maritime Pier, Ramp and Float Project - Construction Contract Authorization; Change Order Authority for City Engineer; and Consultant Services Contract Amendment No. 3.
8. Approval of Payment of Bills Jun 25, 2012: Checks #69901 through #70015 in the amount of \$1,334,974.56.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1242 - Hospital Benefit Zone (HBZ) 30-year Project List. Finance Director David Rodenbach introduced this ordinance to amend the project list to allow the city to maximize the HBZ annual match benefit.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1242 as presented.
Guernsey / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – Amendment to 2012 Personnel Salary Schedule. Finance Director David Rodenbach explained that the Chief of Police salary adjustment

was left out of the 2012 Salary Schedule in error. Council agreed that this could go on consent agenda for adoption at the next meeting.

2. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Allowing Schools in the PCD-BP Zoning District. Senior Planner Jennifer Kester introduced this zoning code text amendment that would allow primary and secondary schools as permitted uses in the Planning community Development Business Park zones.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed. Council agreed that this could go on consent agenda for adoption at the next meeting.

Councilmember Young recognized the new Peninsula School District Superintendent, Chuck Cuzzetto, sitting in the audience.

3. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – 2012 Housekeeping Code Amendments. Senior Planner Jenn Kester introduced this ordinance to implement efficiency amendments that will clarify permitting procedures, correct errors and omission, reduce the need for interpretations, and improve customer service. She said that there were a few substantive issues being addressed, then presented a summary of the proposed amendments.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:41 p.m.

Scott Teodoro – representing Harbor Greens. Mr. Teodoro explained that he and his business partner, Chad Roy would like to discuss the change in the portable sign regulations which he sees as being unfairly directed at his business. Mr. Teodoro presented his background and the history of his local grocery store. He described the need for portable signs in order for the business to be successful and how they are challenged by the regulations.

Mr. Teodoro responded to Council questions and comments. He said that he needs at least three changeable signs to get the word out on specials.

Ms. Kester explained that the hours of display isn't being removed; only relocated, and that changes to the temporary sign code section would not allow changeable interface.

There was further discussion on sign clutter.

Mayor Hunter closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Planning Director Tom Dolan asked for direction. Council agreed to let the rest of the housekeeping amendments move forward, then asked for Staff to work on solutions to the non-changeable interface portion of the ordinance bring back alternates at the next reading, scheduled for the July 23rd meeting.

4. Resolution – Recognizing and Support of Gig Harbor as a Boating Destination. Councilmember Jill Guernsey explained that this resolution is a result of comments that were heard while working on a visioning process for the downtown. The resolution makes a commitment that we recognize and encourage Gig Harbor as a boating community. She said that she hopes that other organizations will recognize this as well, as we move forward together.

Gary Glein – 3519 Harborview Drive. Mr. Glein spoke on behalf of the Waterfront Association, who he said has worked to promote economic vitality consistent with maintaining the Gig Harbor community character. He said that most people feel that enhancing boating and water-oriented assets is essential and contributes to the economic vitality of the downtown area. He said that they applaud the Mayor and Council for considering this resolution.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 905 as presented.
Ekberg / Perrow – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT:

City Administrator Denny Richards said he is thrilled to be back in Gig Harbor. Mayor Hunter added that Denny has a quiet way of getting things done.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR’S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Malich commented on the deluge of political signs on city right of way and asked if the ones located in the middle of the road and center of the round-a-bouts could be limited as they block visibility and become a safety issue. He then voiced concern that the Farmer’s Market at Skansie Park has expanded to Sunday in addition to Wednesdays. He said that the park was not intended to be a place of business and suggested that the Parks Commission take a look at the policy.

City Administrator Richards said he was there on Sunday and there were a lot of walkers and other things going on. He explained that the market draws a lot of folks to the downtown area. He said he would look into it further.

Councilmember Perrow voiced concern with the vehicles parked on the grass. Mr. Richards explained that this has been discussed with the event coordinator and it was agreed that products that can only be transported by truck are allowed on the grass.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Downtown Planning and Visioning Open House: Wed. Jun 27th at 4:00 p.m.
2. Civic Center closed on Wed. July 4th.
3. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Mon. Jul 9th at 8:45 a.m.
4. Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: Mon. Jul 9th at 4:30 p.m.
5. Operations Committee: Thu. Jul 19th at 3:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Hunter, City Councilmembers, City Administrator Denny Richards, and City Attorney Angela Belbeck were in attendance. It was announced that action may be taken after the session.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).
Ekberg / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

Councilmember Perrow recused himself from one of the items being discussed and left Executive Session.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 6:54 p.m.
Ekberg / Young – unanimously approved.

Councilmember Perrow rejoined the Commissioners.

MOTION: Go back into Executive Session for another five minutes to discuss a personnel issue per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).
Young / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 7:00 p.m.
Young / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

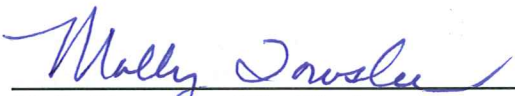
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
Young / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1020



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk