

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – June 24, 2013

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes June 10, 2013.
2. Receive and File: a) Joint Worksession Minutes City Council / Planning Commission Jun. 3, 2013; b) Parks Commission Minutes May 1, 2013.
3. Liquor License Action: a) Renewals: The Keeping Room, Hunan Garden Restaurant, Kinza Teriyaki, Spiro's, Applebees, and Forza Coffee.
4. Re-appointment to Planning Commission.
5. Re-appointment to Design Review Board.
6. Eddon Boat Park Upland Improvements – Construction Contract Award, Surveying and Material Testing Services.
7. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1263 – Amendments to Title 15 Building and Construction Code.
8. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1264 - Amending Gig Harbor Municipal Code Chapter 18.10-Flood Hazard Zone Construction Standards.
9. Lift Station #17 Final Design – Consultant Services Contract.
10. Approval of Payment of Bills Jun 24, 2013: Checks #72758 through #72868 in the amount of \$1,332,855.58.

Councilmember Malich asked that Item No. 9 – Lift Station #17 Final Design Contract be moved to new business for further discussion.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended to remove item number 9.
Kadzik / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

MOTION: Move to go into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. for approximately ten minutes to discuss potential litigation.
Guernsey / Malich – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to go return to regular session at 5:40 p.m.
Kadzik / Perrow – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – Amendments to Peddlers License.

MOTION: Move to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting.
Ekberg / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

2. Pilot Trolley Program Funding. Councilmember Young presented the background information for this proposed partnership with Pierce Transit, the City of Gig Harbor, the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Waterfront Alliance, and Uptown to bring a trolley service to the harbor on a trial basis during the summer months. He gave an overview of the proposed route, fare, and schedule, and explained that Pierce Transit is hoping that the trolley service could be a new strategy for providing service to the outlying areas. Councilmember Young said that Pierce Transit is asking for a \$41,161 as a fare box recovery support. Uptown has committed to \$10,000, and he asked if the city would consider the same level. The other partners aren't able to make a monetary commitment at this time, but they have promised their support through promotional efforts. He added that Pierce Transit would like to enter into an interlocal with the city for the full amount, and the city would then collect from the other contributors.

MOTION: Move to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 to Pierce Transit for the City's partnership and support for this trial project.
Kadzik / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

3. Lift Station #17 Final Design – Consultant Services Contract. City Engineer Steven Misiurak presented the background for this contract for permitting, final design, property and easement acquisition assistance, and preparation of bid documents for a new lift station on Bujacich Drive. He explained that this item was identified in the 2013 Wastewater Capital Fund budget.

Councilmember Malich voiced concern with moving forward with this expenditure this year. He said he would rather use the money for other projects such as Lift Station No. 4 rather than a design for an uncertain project. Councilmember Young clarified that the money comes from Hospital Benefit Zone district dollars and must be used within the appropriate area. Councilmember Malich mentioned that there are other needed projects in the HBZ district and a need for a fuel dock at the Maritime Pier.

MOTION: Move to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Consultant Services Contract with HDR, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$389,096.00 for the Lift Station Design Project.
Young / Kadzik – five voted yes. Councilmember Malich voted no.

STAFF REPORT:

Maintenance of Frontage Planter Strips. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm explained that poor communication with property owners and a series of contractor mishaps along the 56th / Pt. Fosdick has led to unintended problems with the frontage planting strips.

He explained that the staff is working on rectifying these issues. He referenced three sections of city code that address maintenance of sidewalks and frontage improvements and that places the responsibility on the adjacent property owner, with a few exceptions. He said that the city has added several parks, restrooms, and lane miles since 2006, but maintenance was cut back in 2009 due to the layoffs and lack of summer help. Since that time, landscape maintenance has been scheduled around location, events, usage, citizen concern, and excessive vegetation. Mr. Langhelt talked about future plans to enter maintenance scheduling in the city's database to help track the program. In addition, the seasonal workers are back to help keep maintenance on track. He explained that for the city to maintain the frontage improvements rather than the property owner would require additional staff and equipment.

Councilmember Perrow thanked Mr. Langhelt for the update, and then said that it is embarrassing that things could have gotten so bad. He said the Wastewater Treatment Plant has the best landscape maintenance in town, and that KLM Park looks better because of the volunteers from Comcast during Parks Appreciation Day. He then asked that 56th be fixed.

Mr. Langhelt responded that it would, adding that staff and the seasonal workers have been focusing on the Civic Center, and all other park and street maintenance will take a concerted focus to catch up. There was discussion on the contract extension to maintain the landscaping improvements at the treatment plant.

Mayor Hunter said that we are paying for the staff cuts and suggested more consistency in landscaping might make it easier.

Councilmember Malich asked if there are consequences for the property owner if they don't maintain the improvements. Mr. Langhelt explained that this is covered under the nuisance code.

City Administrator Denny Richards asked Council to submit any agenda items they would like to discuss during the upcoming joint City Council / Parks Commission meeting on July 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Thu. Jun 27th at 8:45 a.m.
2. Planning / Building Committee: Mon. Jul 1st at 5:15 p.m.
3. Civic Center closed on Thu. July 4th.
4. Intergovernmental Affairs: Mon. Jul 8th at 4:00 p.m.


ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.
Malich / Perrow – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1014



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk