RESOLUTION NO. 1172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1152 RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council has the care of City property and the management of City funds and business; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor city employee unions and the City are committed to building a relationship based on respect, trust, and cooperation which fosters a flexible, problem solving environment where all employees can provide professional and efficient customer service; and

WHEREAS, a functional system and harmonious relations are essential between City employees, the City, the unions and the public. All will benefit by continuous peace and by addressing any differences using rational common-sense methods; and

WHEREAS, Washington's Open Public Meetings Act carves out an exemption for collective bargaining sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act does not apply to certain types of meetings. RCW 42.30.140 provides that the OPMA does not apply to: collective bargaining negotiations and related discussions, and meetings involved with planning for such negotiations and for grievance and mediation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, a transparent government is a top priority for the City of Gig Harbor; and

WHEREAS all negotiated contracts are currently made public and open for public comment prior to the council voting to approve any contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> Resolution 1152 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

RESOLVED by the City Council this 10th day of February, 2020.

APPROVED:

MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK MOLLY M. TOWSLEE

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