

RESOLUTION 1227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RESOLUTION 601 TO ALLOW SISTER CITY AFFILIATIONS TO INCLUDE 501c(4) ORGANIZATIONS IN ADDITION TO 501c(3) ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, both the City of Gig Harbor (hereinafter “City”) and local Rotary Clubs seek to enrich cultural understanding, create adult and student exchanges, and broaden cooperation in the encouragement of goodwill between the City of Gig Harbor and other cities around the world through mutual exchange; and

WHEREAS, the City and local Rotary clubs support mutual understanding, official and non-governmental exchange and friendship through the promotion of peace, prosperity, friendship and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop Sister City relationships, the City desires to clarify terms of participation between local Sister City affiliation organizations and the City; and

WHEREAS, City of Gig Harbor Resolution 601, mandated that local Sister City affiliations must be 501c(3) under the IRS Code, but current organizations involved, unlike in 2003, are 501c(4) organizations; and

WHEREAS, City of Gig Harbor Resolution 601 states that at its discretion the City Council will “authorize such funds as may be required for Sister City functions”; and

WHEREAS, any local affiliative organizations such as Rotary clubs, will at their discretion budget monies for Sister City activities; and

WHEREAS, potential Sister Cities agreements have been proposed with the City of Bodø, Norway; and the Cities of Milna and Selce on the Island of Brac, Croatia; and

WHEREAS, Sister City recognition requires approval of the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. Resolution 601 is hereby amended to include local 501c(4) organizations as acceptable Sister City affiliations, in addition to 501c(3) organizations, as “genuinely reflective of the community” and “with resources adequate to the task” of conducting Sister City activities.

Section 2. All agreements between proposed Sister Cities, such as the ones currently under consideration, shall be authorized by the City Council before the Mayor’s signature.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 13th day of December, 2021.



Kit Kuhn
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker
Interim City Clerk