

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2005

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ekberg, Young, Franich, Conan, Dick, Picinich, Ruffo and Mayor Wilbert.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Mayor Wilbert read a brief biography for Kenneth Watkins. She then performed the ceremony to swear him in as a Gig Harbor Reserve Officer.

MOTION: Move to amend the Agenda to hold the Public Hearings before adjourning to Executive Session.
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

Steve Osguthorpe, Planning Manager, explained that there was a recent article in the Gateway inviting the public to attend the March 14th Council meeting, incorrectly stating that this would be the First Reading of the Ordinance regarding text amendments creating a waterfront view basin to protect views. He apologized for the misinformation explaining that the first reading and public hearing would occur at the March 28th meeting. He invited anyone in attendance for this subject to meet with him in the Community Rooms during the Executive Session for a question/answer session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Adopting a Historic Preservation Ordinance.
2. Amending Chapter 2.21 to Establish a Local Review Board for Historic Preservation Purposes.

Mayor Wilbert opened the combined public hearing on these two items at 7:09 p.m. Steve Osguthorpe explained that the first ordinance is an effort to encourage historic preservation in the city by establishing procedures. The second ordinance would set the criteria to establish a local review board responsible for carrying out the objective of historic preservation. When both are in place, the city may then be eligible for Certified Local Government status and would qualify for grants and other resources.

Jeanne Derebey – 9221 Peacock Hill Avenue. Ms. Derebey spoke in favor of the draft ordinances. She recommended changing the term for the Design Review Board to four years with a two-consecutive term limit. A member would have to step down for four years before serving again. This would allow the city to use some of the other local talent. She then suggested that residency in the city be considered for members of the board.

Rosanne Sachson – 3502 Harborview Drive. Ms. Sachson voiced her appreciation for the ordinances. She recommended giving priority to city residents for those who serve

on any boards or commissions. She handed out an article regarding historic preservation in Los Angeles from the *Getty Newsletter*. She said that the Getty Conservation Institute has put together a comprehensive historic resource survey project that the city may be interested in using as a resource. She then asked that Councilmembers take a look at the line of trees from the Harbor Peddler to the water. She explained that this is an example of how vegetation needs to be addressed when protecting the view corridor.

There were no further comments, and the public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

These consent agenda items are considered routine and may be adopted with one motion as per Gig Harbor Ordinance No. 799.

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of February 28, 2005.
2. Appointments to Gig Harbor Planning Commission.
3. Burnham Drive Sewer Replacement Project – Topographic Survey Services Contract Authorization.
4. Resolution No. 642 Setting a Public Hearing Date – Prentice Avenue Street Vacation Request – Savlov.
5. Electrical Repairs to Lift Station No. 7 Contract Authorization.
6. Skansie Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project Consultant Authorization.
7. Liquor License Application: Marketplace Grille.
8. Liquor License Renewals: Gig Harbor Farmers Market Assoc.; The Green Turtle; The Rose of Gig Harbor.
9. Approval of Payment of Bills for March 14, 2005:
Checks #46467 through #46629 in the amount of \$440,642.93.
10. Approval of Payroll for the month of February:
Checks #3637 through #3676 and direct deposit entries in the amount of \$241,526.35.

MOTION: Move to amend the Agenda and to approve the Consent Agenda before adjourning to Executive Session.
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and pending litigation per RCW 42.30.100(1)(i).

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. for approximately thirty minutes to discuss property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and pending litigation per RCW 42.30.100(1)(i).
Picinich / Ruffo - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 8:05 p.m.
Picinich / Young – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to adjourn back to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for another thirty minutes to discuss property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and pending litigation per RCW 42.30.100(1)(i). Picinich / Conan - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 8:23 p.m. Picinich / Franich – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement which authorizes the purchase of the proposed property known as Eddon Boatworks for a price of 3.75 million. The amendment to the agreement will close on March 17th. The reason for the price of 3.75 million is because the city received an appraisal that values the property at that amount. Ruffo / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to authorize staff to include the Purchase and Sale Agreement and signed amendment in a Council packet for ratification at the next Council meeting. Ruffo / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to authorize John Vodopich to sign a waiver of retroactivity for any grant funding that might be available. Ruffo / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance – Adopting a Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Osguthorpe said that he didn't have any more information to add and offered to answer questions.

Councilmember Franich commented that he is glad to see this come before Council. He stressed that this is going to be initiated by property owners, and that it will not be used to form historic districts. No one will be forced to join.

2. First Reading of Ordinance – Amending Chapter 2.21 to Establish a Local Review Board for Historic Preservation Purposes. Mr. Osguthorpe explained that this is a separate ordinance that would require consideration at the second reading.

Councilmember Young responded to Ms. Derebey's comments. He said that her recommendations cover many of the issues that the Design Review Process Committee discussed. He agreed that preference should be given to professionals that live in the city. He said that the focus of the group is to be a more technical body, and if residency is required, it may limit the applicants with expertise. He continued to explain that what is being created is essentially a new board, and that someone with a historic

preservation specialty may not want to be a full-time Design Review Board member due to the broad scope of the duties. This also may limit the pool of applicants.

Councilmember Dick said that he was pleased that the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission has had an opportunity to review the recommendation from the committee and to forward their comments to Council. He said that he was also pleased that this is moving forward, as Lita Dawn Stanton brought this recommendation to Council quite some time ago. He thanked everyone who had a part in bringing this forward.

3. Utility Extension Capacity Agreement – Thornton. John Vodopich, Community Development Director, presented the background for this request for city water to a lot in the Rushmore Development.

MOTION: Move to approve the Utility Extension Agreement with Margaret Thornton as proposed.
Ruffo / Picinich – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Community Development – Stinson Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project – Phase II. No verbal report given.

2. GHPD – February Report. No verbal report given. Councilmember Ekberg thanked Chief Davis for the thorough reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Wilbert recognized Jim Pasin, who was appointed to serve on the Planning Commission.


Councilmember Picinich thanked Chief Davis for everything that the department has done. He specifically noted that they have followed up on several of his calls.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.
Picinich / Ruffo – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized:
Disc #1 Tracks 1 – 16.



Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk