

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2005

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC MEETING: Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceedings – Ness, aka Rainbow Burnham LLC Request (ANX 04-03).

The public hearing opened at 7:04 p.m. and John Vodopich, Community Development Director, gave a brief overview of this request to annex approximately 34 acres of property located west of Burnham Drive NW, north of 96th Street NW and east of Highway 16. No one signed up to speak and the public hearing closed at 7:05 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 May 23, 2005 and the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of May 31, 2005.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: Hire a Veteran Month.
3. Pape & Sons Construction, Inc. Escrow Agreement – Rushmore Water Main Replacement Project Retainage.
4. Design Review Board - Member Terms and Planning Commission Representative.
5. Pump Station 2A - Consultant Contract Authorization - URS Corporation.
6. Bid Award - 36th Street/Point Fosdick Intersection Improvement Project - Harlow Construction.
7. 36th Street/Point Fosdick Intersection Improvement Project - Consultant Services Contract Amendment No. 2 - HDR Engineering.
8. 36th Street/Point Fosdick Intersection Improvement Project - Contract Authorization - Compaction Testing Services – General Testing Laboratories, Inc.
9. Approval of the Kitsap Peninsula and Island (WRIA 15) revised Watershed Management Plan.
10. 2005 Summer Sounds at Skansie - Performers Contracts.
11. 2005 Summer Sounds at Skansie – Sound System Contract.
12. Liquor License Renewals: The Keeping Room; Harbor Rock Café; Hunan Garden; Kinza Teriyaki; and Spiro's Bella Notte.
13. Approval of Payment of Bills for June 13, 2005:
Checks #47259 through #47351 and #47358 through #47426 in the amount of \$301,575.43.
14. Approval of Payroll for the Month of May:
Checks #3750 through #3797 and direct deposits in the amount of \$238,662.97.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Picinich – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ratification of Ordinance 1003 - Moratorium on Development in the Waterfront Millville Zone. Carol Morris, City Attorney, explained that this is an opportunity for Council to ratify the moratorium ordinance passed on May 31, 2005. Although not required, this gives Councilmembers an opportunity to give any additional comments for the imposition of the moratorium.

MOTION: Move to ratify the imposition of the moratorium Ordinance 1003 passed at the Special City Council meeting of May 31st, and also to schedule the public hearing for June 27, 2005.
Picinich / Franich – four voted in favor. Councilmember Young abstained.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance - Updating References in Relation to Elections. Molly Towslee, City Clerk, presented this ordinance updating the City of Gig Harbor Municipal Code so that references to State Law are consistent with the newly amended statutes.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1004 as presented.
Picinich / Franich – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Annexation - Ness, aka Rainbow Burnham LLC (ANX 04-03). John Vodopich answered Council's questions regarding zoning, density and the issue of irregular boundaries for this annexation effort. He recommended that Council accept the notice of intent and circulation of a petition. Council discussed whether or not to move forward until the concern with the irregular boundaries is addressed. After further debate the following motion was made.

MOTION: Move to accept the notice of intent to commence annexation and further authorize the circulation of a petition to annex the subject property upon conditions.
Picinich / Ekberg – four voted in favor. Councilmembers Franich and Conan voted no. The motion carried four to two.

2. Notice of Intention to Request Annexation Proceedings - Wright Request (ANX 04-02). John Vodopich presented the background information on this effort to annex approximately 8.62 acres of property located at the intersection of Hunt Street and 46th Avenue. He recommended that Council set a date to meet with the initiating parties to begin annexation efforts. Councilmembers discussed this annexation effort.

MOTION: Move to set a date of June 27th, 2005 to meet with the initiating parties of the Wright Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceedings.
Picinich / Dick – five voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

3. Resolution No. 651 - Adding “Ancich” to List of Historical Names for New Streets. Mayor Wilbert presented information of the history of the Kate and Pete Ancich family, requesting that this name be added to the list of names for new streets in the city. Councilmembers and the Mayor encouraged others to submit names that should be considered by the Historical Society.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 651 as presented.
Dick / Conan – unanimously approved.

4. Request for Engineering FTE - Associate Engineer. John Vodopich requested authorization to hire an Associate Engineer to assist in the evaluation of transportation impact analysis that currently is being performed by outside consultant services. He explained that having traffic engineering expertise in-house would cut back the time it takes to review projects. He added that the intent is to find someone with a level of transportation expertise to fill the position. John Vodopich and Gus Garcia, Associate Engineer, addressed questions regarding application deadlines and the resulting savings in consulting fees.

MOTION: Move to authorize the budget amendment adjustment for the immediate hiring of an Associate Engineer.
Dick / Young – unanimously approved.

5. First Reading of Ordinance - Amendment to Ordinance 712 - Adopting the Access Manual. John Vodopich presented this ordinance that amends the municipal code to reflect updates to reference manuals and adds reference to two additional manuals to the list adopted by reference. He added that copies of the reference manuals are available for review. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

6. First Reading of Ordinance – Amendment to GHMC 17.98 Design Review Standards and Review. Rob White, Planning Manager, gave an overview of this ordinance that would allow the Design Review Board an opportunity to hold design review pre-application meetings and encourages DRB members to provide input on all non-residential, multi-family, and planned residential development.

Tiffany Speir – Master Building Association. Ms. Speir asked for clarification on the process in which the DRB is being pulled into administrative review applications. She commented that if an application is submitted that doesn't require Design Review Board review, this seems to sidestep the administrative process. She agreed that pre-application meetings are preferable to address community concerns.

Mr. White explained that this allows the DRB to be a second set of eyes and to note anything that may become an issue.

Lita Dawn Stanton – 111 Raft Island. Ms. Stanton referred to Section 2, paragraph (d) of the proposed ordinance. She suggested a change to the language to the effect that if more than three letters come forward from the DRB members stating that they believe a project should go through design review, then the project will then be referred to the board.

Councilmembers asked Carol Morris to comment on this issue before the second reading.

Councilmember Franich asked for clarification on the same language, asking how the final decision was made prior to the addition of this amendment. Councilmember Young responded that previously, the board was not notified of administrative decision so there was no option for comment. He agreed that further clarification was needed to this language.

STAFF REPORT:

GHPD - Monthly Report for May. No verbal report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Oldham – 5212 45th Ave Ct NW. Mr. Oldham explained that he is the Chairperson for the St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus Blessing of the Fleet Committee. He extended gratitude to the city and Mayor Wilbert for the support of this community event. He gave an overview of all the groups involved in the success of the event, adding that they hoped that this will continue to strengthen the fishing community each year. Mr. Oldham had three suggestions for future success: permanent speakers at the Skansie Park and Jerisich Dock area; a buoy for larger vessels to tie up; and for a permanent, controlled phone devise at the end of the dock.

Rosanne Sachson – PO Box 71. Ms. Sachson asked for an update on the Charrette process. Mr. Vodopich responded that in April a draft RFQ was distributed for comment. Ms. Sachson encouraged staff to give the community an answer to when this would move forward.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor's Report – Progress at a Glance Throughout the Last Decade. Mayor Wilbert asked Council to review the information in the packet.

Councilmember Franich commented favorably on the repaving project on Pioneer Way. Councilmember Picinich added that only half of the crosswalks had been painted. Mr. Vodopich responded that it would be repainted later in the year.

Councilmember Franich then asked for a timeline on the ADA access in the front of the Civic Center, requesting that he be allowed input on the installation.

Councilmember Young commented on the traffic study on Briarwood Lane using speed humps. He asked for Council support of another budget amendment in support of the installation of sidewalks to narrow the street and to facilitate pedestrian travel.

Steve Misiurak, City Engineer, explained that it is better to narrow the street rather than installing speed humps. He reported that grant funding is available for sidewalk improvements and this area may be a potential candidate.

Councilmembers further discussed the safety issues in this area and asked staff to come back with an estimate for what the project may cost.

Councilmember Picinich voiced concern for the high speeds along Edwards Street. Mr. Misiurak asked if Council wanted to do a traffic study on that street. They responded favorably to the idea.

Councilmember Young asked that the Council Retreat be held earlier this year in order to get ideas to staff in ample time before the budget process. Staff was directed to coordinate scheduling of the retreat.

Mayor Wilbert asked staff to clean up the overgrowth along the trails in Grandview Forest Park and the Adam Tallman Nature Trail to make pedestrian travel safer. Councilmember Franich asked whether citizen volunteers would be available to do the work. Mayor Wilbert said that EnviroCorp had requested such a project and had been referred to Sonia Billingsley in the Community Development Department.


Councilmember Picinich commented that the sidewalks on Harborview Drive need to be trimmed and cleaned. Mayor Wilbert added that with the addition of more grass has come the responsibility of keeping it neat.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.
Ekberg / Picinich – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized:
Disc #1 Tracks 1 – 10.
Disc #2 Tracks 1 – 19.



Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk