

## GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2003

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:07 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wilbert welcomed the members from the Boy Scout Flying Eagle Patrol, Den #8.

### **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 March 24, 2003.
2. Subscription Testing Services – Civil Service.
3. Purchase Authorization for Power Pumps.
4. Liquor License Renewals: Albertson's; Anthony's; Bistro Satsuma
5. Liquor License Application: Toto
6. Approval of Payment of Bills for April 14, 2003.  
Checks #39684 through # 39880 in the amount of \$535,915.88.
7. Approval of Payroll for the month of March.  
Checks #2437 through #2491 and direct deposit entries in the amount of \$226,648.81.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Franich / Young – unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Second Reading of Ordinance – Moorage Fees. Carol Morris, Legal Counsel, presented this amendment to the Municipal Code that would eliminate moorage fees at Jerisich Dock. She explained that by charging a fee, it eliminates the immunity from liability for unintentional injuries afforded under state statute. She answered Council's questions regarding the amount of collected annually and how this amendment would affect monitoring the length of stay.

Councilmember Franich said that he had spoken with a representative from Association of Washington Cities, who had offered to come and take a look at the dock to determine the level of risk association with the facility. This will happen at the end of the month, and Councilmember Franich said that he wanted more information before making a decision to eliminate the revenue from the moorage fees.

**MOTION:** Move to table this agenda item until the first meeting in May.  
Franich / Young – unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Planning Commission Recommendation.**

John Vodopich, Community Development Director, presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission on two proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that the Planning Commission has recommended denial of both applications for an increase in the amount of commercial land in the Gig Harbor North Planned Community Development district. After giving an overview of what had occurred to date on these applications, John explained the options available to council to either approve one or both of the applications; to deny one or both applications; or to develop a work plan to remand it back to Planning Commission for further consideration.

John said that the Planning Commission struggled while considering the applications because of the lack of individual land-use designations on the Comp Plan Map in the Planned Community District. John recommended that Council hold off on a decision on the applications until the Planning Commission could hold a public hearing on a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map amendments to the PCD District with the existing zoning designations acting as a starting point. He said that the Planning Commission could return a recommendation to Council by the second meeting in May.

Councilmembers discussed amending the Comprehensive Plan map to eliminate the percentage allocation in the PCD zone. Several voiced concerns over delays in getting a recommendation back from the Planning Commission in a timely manner.

John Rose – Olympic Property Management, 19245 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Poulsbo, WA. Mr. Rose explained that there are two issues to consider in whether or not to increase the commercial area in the Gig Harbor North area, whether the increase is warranted, and if so, where is the best place to locate it. He discussed the effort to develop the area using the current zoning that was developed during the annexation process. He passed out a notebook of information for the Council's consideration with background information on their proposed amendment. He also presented a letter proposing policy language for the comp plan.

Matt Halvorsen – 3041 Eastbay Drive. Mr. Halvorsen supported the recommendation to remand this back to the Planning Commission for more public hearings. He stressed that there is no need to speed this through.

Scott Shanks – First Western Development. Mr. Shanks gave a history of his ten-year involvement with developing in this area. He explained that a great deal of demographic study has been done to establish the community needs. He said that the PCD designation is cumbersome, and that they support the recommendation to send this to the Planning Commission for consideration of eliminating the percentages currently used.

**MOTION:** Move to direct staff to prepare a Comprehensive Map for the PCD District, hold one public hearing of the Planning Commission, and schedule a public hearing for City Council at the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Young / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, passed out a route map given to Pierce Transit for a possible Town-Around Bus program. He explained that there had been no discussion of amounts at this point, but that Pierce Transit was willing to cost it out. Mark said that he would keep the Council updated.

Councilmember Young recommended reminding Pierce transit of the sales tax dollars that come from the City of Gig Harbor in the upcoming discussions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Councilmember Owel reported that HB1667 regarding land use authority over gambling increases had been revived and that new language was currently being drafted for consideration. She encouraged everyone to contact his or her legislators and oppose the expansion of gambling.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

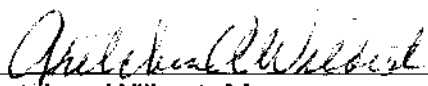
**MOTION:** Move to adjourn to Executive Session for approximately forty-five minutes at 8:14 p.m. to discuss property acquisition and property sale.  
Franich / Ruffo – six voted in favor. Councilmember Ekberg voted no.


**MOTION:** Move to return to regular session at 9:00 p.m.  
Ruffo / Franich – unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.  
Ruffo / Franich - unanimously approved.

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Molly Dowd  
City Clerk