

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2002

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 25, 2002.
2. Proclamations/Correspondence: Proclamation – Emergency Preparedness.
3. Pavement Marking Contract Award.
4. Right-of-Way Dedication, Datta – Grandview Street Improvement Project.
5. Biosolids Contract – South Sound Soils, LLC.
6. Appointments to Gig Harbor Arts Commission.
7. Update to Job Descriptions.
8. Approval of Payment of Bills for April 8, 2002.
Checks #35732 through #35869 in the amount of \$212,915.23.
9. Approval of Payroll for the month of March.
Checks #1361 through #1418 and direct deposits in the amount of \$194,481.74.

Mayor Wilbert introduced Cindy Storrar, one of the new members appointed to the Gig Harbor Arts Commission.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Authorization for the Use of Uniforms and Off Duty Employment Agreement. Chief Barker explained that this was a revisit of the current agreement between the police officers and the city to allow them to work in uniform in an off-duty capacity. The difference in this agreement and the one currently existing, is indemnification. Councilmember Franich asked Carol Morris if she was satisfied with the contract. Carol explained that she had reviewed the document and said that her recommendation is to approve this modified agreement. Mark Hoppen addressed questions and concerns regarding liability and coverage for the officers. Councilmembers discussed several concerns surrounding these issues before voting on the motion.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Use of Uniforms and Off Duty Employment Agreement.
Ekberg/Ruffo - six voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance - Street Vacation – Rust Street – Barta. Mr. Vodopich presented this ordinance to clear the title for a portion of Rust Street.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 904.
Ekberg/Ruffo – unanimously approved.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance - Street Vacation – Rust Street – Rohwer. Mr. Vodopich explained that this was another effort to clear title on a portion of property adjacent to Rust Street.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 905.
Young/Franich – unanimously approved.

4. Second Reading of Ordinance - Street Vacation – Sutherland Street/Prentice Avenue – Bucher. Mr. Vodopich explained that this was the third request to clear title on a portion of property adjacent to Sutherland Street/Prentice Avenue.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 906.
Franich/Picinich – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Latecomers Agreement for Reimbursement of Municipal Water and Sewer – Burnham Drive Waterline Project. John Vodopich presented this latecomers agreement for the watermain extension that serves the Gig Harbor North properties that was a developer-funded project. Steve Misiurak, City Engineer, explained that this agreement was requested by the developer, Logan International. He said that all the affected properties subject to the agreement were notified in writing. Mark Hoppen read the portion of the pre-annexation agreement authorizing the latecomers agreement. Councilmembers questioned the method used to determine the fees. Steve explained that the formula to allocate the fees was identical to the one used for the Women's Correction Center in 1999. Carol Morris explained that LID statutes are different than latecomer's agreement statutes, using only a fair, pro-rata share for cost-allocation method to determine fees, not benefit to property. There was further discussion on the fairness of the formula used.

Michael Perrow – PO Box 245, Gig Harbor. Mr. Perrow voiced his concerns over the fairness of the formula. He said that Wes Hill required that zoning be considered when the latecomers agreement was drafted, and used an ERU as a formula measurement. His second concern was what percentage that the developer would be required to pay for this portion of the line. His final comment addressed discrepancies in the parcels on the map compared to the auditor's website.

MOTION: Move to table this item until the next meeting.
Ruffo/Young – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to direct staff to examine the potential to use ERU in fee calculations for the latecomers agreement.
Young/

No second came forward for this motion.

MOTION: Move to direct staff to find out the discrepancies between the legal description and the GIS system.
Young/Dick -

Councilmembers said that by tabling the agenda item, it gave staff the time and direction to do those things without having to make a motion. Councilmember Dick and Young withdrew the motion.

STAFF REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Arbor Day and Emergency Preparedness. Mayor Wilbert introduced Holly D'Annunzio and Chris Clifton to talk about the Arbor Day Celebration. Mr. Clifton explained that the activity would be held on April 27th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at City Park, and that they would be giving out approximately 400 trees. He gave a brief description of the other planned activities. Ms. D'Annunzio talked about the guest speakers that would be involved. She gave an overview of the information contained in the event brochure and thanked the city for the website link.

Mayor Wilbert reported that she had attended the Health Fair, and reported that the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management booth was next to the PEP-C booth, and they are coordinating efforts. She talked about the effort to train the neighborhoods and shared the new brochure put out by PEP-C.

Mayor Wilbert said that she had received two letters commending the effort of the city's Court Administrator, Paul Nelson, for his involvement with area youth in training them how to interview for a job.

She added that she was leaving to deliver the quilt made by the Harbor Ridge Middle School students to the Mayor of New York. She asked Councilmembers to add their comments to the memory scrapbook that would accompany the quilt.

The Mayor praised the volunteer, community effort that had built the "Kids Gig" playground project, and the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. Councilmember Young and Mark Hoppen also praised the unique, community experience.

Councilmember Franich said that Lita Dawn Stanton was an integral part of the Design Manual, and requested that the joint workshop on April 11th be delayed to the 19th in order to

accommodate her attendance. Mark Hoppen explained that it was important for someone from Administration to be in attendance, and both he and the Mayor would not be available on the 18th. After discussion, it was recommended that a follow-up meeting be scheduled for the 22nd, before the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Councilmember Ekberg said that he had heard from a citizen with several concerns regarding the skatepark. He said that he had discussed these concerns with the Chief and Dave Brereton, asking that the officer's show a presence at the skatepark until completion of construction. He also discussed the litter concerns.

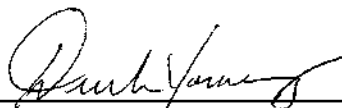
ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Special Meeting/Worksession – Design Review Board and City Council – Thursday, April 11th, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. with a follow-up on the 22nd at 5:30 p.m.
2. Joint Session – Land Use. Tuesday, April 30th, 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers.

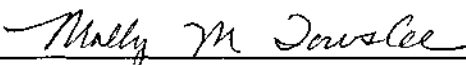
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

Cassette recorder utilized.
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Derek Young, Mayor Pro Tem



Molly M. Jawslee
City Clerk