

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 14, 2001

PRESENT: Councilmembers Young, Pasin, and Picinich. Councilmember Ekberg acted as Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Wilbert's absence. Councilmembers Owel, Dick and Ruffo were absent. Councilmember Owel's absence was due to her husband's surgery.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Gig Harbor Police Chief, Mitch Barker, introduced the city's newest police officer, Dan Welch. Chief Barker reported on Dan's achievements while attending the Police Academy, and then introduced Dan and his family. Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg performed the ceremony.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Update to Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. This public hearing opened at 7:04 p.m. David Skinner, Public Works Director, explained that this was the second public hearing, and that comments from the public hearings would be addressed in the final draft that comes before Council.

Nick Tarabochia - 2788 Harborview Drive. Mr. Tarabochia restated his issues from the last meeting regarding public access to the beach.

Bruce Rogers - 2804 Harborview Drive #C. Mr. Rogers first thanked Council for budgeting money for improvements to the street end of Harborview. He said that he would like to see some simple improvements to the street-end such as benches and flower pots, but that he was opposed to public access and trails on the beach due to safety and privacy issues.

George Hoivik - Tacoma. Mr. Hoivik said that he owns property on the beach addressed by the previous two speakers. He asked Council to keep in mind that the street is public access and the only service to properties in that area. He said that something should be done to protect the access to the beach owners' properties, to provide these property owners with parking, and to allow for public access to the viewpoint. He suggested that the city hire someone familiar with public viewpoint design and to provide adequate funding to do the project properly.

The public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m. and the hearing on the Update to the Comprehensive Stormwater Plan opened at this time.

2. Comprehensive Stormwater Plan. David Skinner explained that this was not an update, but a new Comprehensive Plan. He explained that comments from the public hearings would be integrated into the final draft. Members from Gray & Osborne were present to answer any questions.

There were no questions from Council or the audience, and the public hearing was closed at 7:12 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 Meetings of April 23, 2001.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
 - a) Temporary Opening of Erickson Street
 - b) Environmental Education Staff Memo
3. Kimball Drive Improvement Project - Ratification of Contract Award.
4. Architectural Services Contract - J.A. Brennan Architects.
5. Amendment to the Owner/Architect Agreement - Gig Harbor Civic Center.
6. Liquor License Application - Happy at the Bay.
7. Approval of Payment of Bills for May 14, 2001.
Checks #32693 through #32 in the amount of \$.
8. Approval of Payroll Checks for the month of April.
Checks #704 through #752 in the amount of \$179,775.74.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Young/Picinich - unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Title 17.91 Mixed Use District. John Vodopich, Planning Director, presented this ordinance to allow additional uses to be permitted in the Mixed Use Overlay District, and recommended adoption of the ordinance.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 884.
Picinich/Pasin - unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amendment to the Consultant Services Contract - Engineering Study at Wastewater Treatment Plant. David Skinner, Public Works Director, explained that due to an error in the comprehensive sewer plan model, new flow projections were required to be calculated. He recommended an amendment to the engineering contract to perform these revisions.

MOTION: Move to approve the execution of the Consultant Services Contract Amendment with Earth Tech, Inc. for the amended contract amount for a total not-to-exceed sixty-eight thousand forty three dollars and no cents (\$68,043.00.)
Picinich/Young - unanimously approved.

2. Street Name Request. John Vodopich presented this request from Randy Lussier to rename private lanes in the new development off Stinson Avenue. The recommendations are to change Harbormaster Lane to Reliance Court, to allow Harbormaster Lane to remain the name of the street fronting the apartments, to assign Reliance Ridge Lane to the new development at the top of the hill, and to use Scott Lane for the additional units north of the current Harbormaster

Lane. Councilmember Young said he was concerned that having both roads named "Reliance" would cause confusion for public safety personnel. Mr. Skinner explained that this would not be an issue as there were no dwellings located on Reliance Court, nor was there any future capability of construction on that road.

MOTION: Move to adopt the name changes/additions as recommended.
Picinich/Pasin - unanimously approved.

3. Design Manual Update - Consultant Services Contract. John Vodopich presented this contract to assist the city in the ongoing update of the Design Manual.

MOTION: Move to approve the contract with Ms. Stanton to provide editorial and graphic design services in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars.
Young/Pasin - unanimously approved.

4. First Reading of Ordinance - Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, presented this ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds for the construction of the Civic Center. He introduced Dave Trageser, Bank of America Securities, who handed out a time schedule for the bonds and gave an overview of the current bond market. Mr. Trageser reported that the city had received an A-2 bond rating, which is a very strong, positive rating which would allow for aggressive bids for bond insurers. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pat Rosenthal - 7227 McDonald Avenue and Jane Moxey - 4108 Forest Beach Drive. Together, Ms. Rosenthal and Ms. Moxey announced the upcoming Quilt Festival 2001. They showed an assortment of quilt examples that would be on display around Gig Harbor, and in the Council Chambers prior to the October invitational event. They explained that the quilts would be auctioned off and the proceeds would go to benefit breast cancer research.

Holly D'Annunzio - PO Box 1038, Gig Harbor. Ms. D'Annunzio reported on the success of the recent Arbor Day Celebration held in Gig Harbor. She said that 450 trees have been distributed for planting in the community, and 150 seedling kits were given to students to grow a tree for future planting. She talked about the plan to double their current budget and to spend the funds in Gig Harbor. She volunteered to assist and manage an effort to obtain grants for an Environmental Education Resource Center to be located in Gig Harbor, possibly at the Austin/Erickson Park. She explained some of the program elements and curriculum that might be included in such a Resource Center, then gave an overview of her background. She concluded by saying that environmental donations are on the rise, and that it would be nice to capture some of these funds for a Resource Center.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. due to Memorial Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

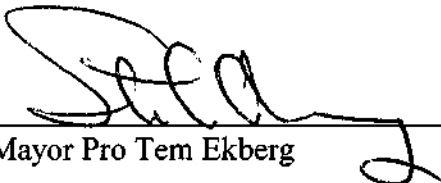
MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending and potential litigation per RCW 42.31.110(i), for approximately 25 minutes.
Picinich/Pasin - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 8:00 p.m.
Picinich/Pasin - unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.
Picinich/Young - unanimously approved.

Cassette recorder utilized.
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Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg



City Clerk