

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 29, 2001

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 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 May 14, 2001.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
 - a) Letter from Jim Franich - Public Loading Dock.
 - b) Proclamation - Hire A Veteran Month.
3. Wastewater Outfall Extension - Amendment to Contract.
4. Approval of Payment of Bills for May 29, 2001.
Checks #32885 through #33010 in the amount of \$904,442.46.

Councilmember Owel asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that her absence from the May 14th meeting was due to her husband's surgery.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda with amendment to the minutes of May 14th as recommended.
Ruffo/Picinich - unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance - Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, explained that this item was included on the agenda for those who missed the last meeting and might have questions, and that it would return at the June 11th meeting for a second reading. He announced that the city had recently received an A-2 credit rating, an A-1 issuer rating, and that the A-2 rating on the outstanding LTGO debt was reaffirmed. Councilmember Ruffo commended staff for receiving the A-2 rating.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Temporary Hearing Examiner Contract. John Vodopich, Planning Director, requested that this item be postponed until legal counsel returned from vacation to address questions that had come about regarding the contract.

MOTION: Move to postpone the Temporary Hearing Examiner Contract until the next meeting.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

2. Sewer Extension Easement Agreement - Tucci Property. David Skinner, Public Works Director, explained that this was a standard easement agreement for a sewer line extension through the property to connect an existing line to a new sewer line to serve Gig Harbor North. Councilmember Pasin asked for clarification of the language regarding limitations on use of the easement. Mr. Skinner explained that the owners of the property would be allowed to use the easement in future calculations for development of the contiguous property.

MOTION: Move to approve the Swede Hill Easement Agreement.
Picinich/Pasin - unanimously approved.

3. Appointment to Gig Harbor Arts Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg asked the appointees who were present to stand and introduce themselves. Denise Schmidt, Suzanne Glasoe, Shirley Tomasi, and Tony Winters all stood and gave a brief overview of their background and interests. Chris Erlich came later in the meeting. Appointees that were not present were Guy Hoppen, John Ancich, Robin Peterson and Lita Dawn Stanton.

MOTION: Move to approve the appointments to the Gig Harbor Arts Commission.
Ruffo/Owel - unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. John Vodopich - Planning Department. Mr. Vodopich announced that the city was the recipient of a Coastal Zone Management Planning grant in the amount of \$26,500 to assist in the update of the Shoreline Management Master Program.

2. Gig Harbor Police Department - April Stats. No verbal report given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Shirley Tomasi - 11107 Hallstrom Drive. Ms. Tomasi gave an update on the Public Art Program. She said that the Fisherman's Memorial fundraising was going well with the recent receipt of a donation from Trident Seafoods in the amount of \$1000. She added that another \$10,000 was needed by the end of June.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember John Picinich announced that the Maritime Gig was moving forward and that the celebration would begin with a street dance Friday evening at the Methodist Church to benefit Brandy Maxwell. He added that the festivities would all be centered in the downtown area.

Councilmember Owel congratulated the Public Works Director for the recent work at the top of Pioneer. Mr. Skinner explained that the work would tie in with the Kimball Drive project that extends to the Park 'n Ride.

Councilmember Ruffo asked for an update on the East-West Roadway project. Mr. Skinner said that a majority of the road is completed from the upper round a bout to Peacock Hill Road. He said that the final lift of asphalt would be installed soon and the corridor was scheduled to be opened at the end of August.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

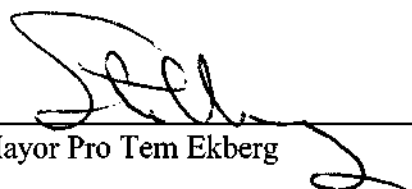
MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.31.110(b), for approximately 15 minutes.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 7:30 p.m.
Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

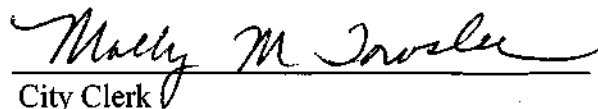
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Picinich/Young - unanimously approved.

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Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg



City Clerk