GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</u> Mayor Wilbert introduced members of Scout Troop #212 who presented the colors and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members included Jason Cox, Jason McKinney, Tim Reich, and Jonathan Scholendraw, along with Scout Leader, Spruce Cox. Mayor Wilbert presented a copy of the Proclamation for Constitution Week passed at the last meeting to the scouts.

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 September 10, 2001.
- 2. Correspondence/Proclamations: none.
- 3. Liquor License Renewals: Hy-Iu-Hee-Hee Olympic Village 76
- 4. Approval of Payment of Bills for September 27, 2001. Checks #33916 through #34052 in the amount of \$411,304.96.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. <u>Resolution - National Unity.</u> Mayor Wilbert read this resolution expressing the need for local unity and support of the national effort to eradicate terrorism in light of the events of September 11, 2001.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 573 as presented. Picinich/Ruffo - unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

GHPD - August Statistics. No verbal report given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Wilbert invited Colonel Caniano, the city's liaison with Ft. Lewis, to give a brief update on the local military efforts. Colonel Caniano thanked Council for showing support of the armed forces by passing the resolution. He said he was honored to follow the boy scouts and their

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symbolic support. He added that the military stands ready and prepared for any mission that may be given. He said that the important thing to remember is that this will be a long-term, structured campaign, and gave an overview of local efforts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember Pasin asked for an update on the opening of the East-West Roadway. Mayor Wilbert announced that the ceremony to open Borgen Boulevard was scheduled for Monday, 9:00 a.m., October 1st. Mark Hoppen described the program, adding that an invitation was forthcoming.

<u>Spruce Cox - Scout Troop 212</u>. Mr. Cox said that his troop had been invited to perform the opening ceremony presentation of the colors for the Borgen Boulevard ribbon cutting. He said that the troop were privileged to be invited and asked for assistance in obtaining permission for the students to be absent from school. Mark Hoppen asked for a list of the students' names and their school and assured him that arrangements would be made.

Mayor Wilbert called attention to a tapestry donated to the City of Gig Harbor many years ago. She asked the City Clerk to read the descriptive message attached to the tapestry by the artists, Floyd and Margreth Brewer, calling for peace among all people. Mayor Wilbert expressed that this is an appropriate time for the message depicted in the tapestry.

Councilmember Pasin addressed the scouts and the leader of Troop 212, describing his memories of serving in the scouts in his youth. He congratulated Mr. Cox for his dedication as a leader, adding that the scouting program gives youth the knowledge, skills and friendships that would help to prepare them for the future.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

Opening Ceremony for Borgen Boulevard - Monday, October 1st - 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION:

Move to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Ruffo/Picinich - unanimously approved.

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