

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 8, 2000

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - 6:45 p.m.: Mayor Wilbert explained that there is a great deal of interest and support to create a Boys & Girls Club in Gig Harbor. She introduced Jeremy Rubin, President of the Student Body of Foss High School, and active member of the Pierce County Boys & Girls Club, who was elected "Youth of the Year" by the Washington State Boys & Girls Club. Jeremy gave a presentation on how the Boys & Girls Club of Pierce County has affected his life and helped him to become a successful young adult.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 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 Meeting of April 24, 2000.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
 - a. Proclamation - Auxiliary 2809 Fraternal Order of Eagles.
 - b. Proclamation - Gig Harbor Tourism Week.
 - c. Proclamation - Relatives Raising Children Day.
 - d. My Home Town - AT & T Cable Services.
 - e. Thank you letter to Chief Mitch Barker - Gig Harbor High School.
3. Construction Survey Services Consultant Services Contract - East/West Road Project.
4. Materials Testing Services - Consultant Services Contract - Pt. Fosdick Improvement Project.
5. Purchase Authorization - Prefabricated Building.
6. Approval of Payment of Bills for May 8, 2000:
Checks #24988 through #25070 for \$196,779.98.

MOTION: Move approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.
Young/Robinson - unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Sewer Outfall Presentation.** David Skinner, Public Works Director introduced the consultant team who gave a presentation on the wastewater outfall relocation and the associated costs of upgrading the Treatment Plant verses relocating the outfall. The consultants each made a presentation in their respective fields.

Jeff Howard - EarthTech, Inc. - Project Manager. Mr. Howard gave a history of the discharge into the harbor. He said that due to high water quality standards, it would be necessary to either relocate the outfall outside the harbor or upgrade the treatment plant to meet these standards. He discussed the estimated cost of both solutions. He said that extending the outfall outside the harbor would constitute a savings of approximately 1.5 million dollars, while improving the water quality in the Harbor.

Bill Fox - Cosmopolitan, Inc. Mr. Fox gave a report on the water quality studies of the Harbor since 1986. He said that he had been involved with the testing from 1997 through 1999, and that during that time, the water quality standards in the harbor had consistently been met, with occasional exceptions. He described the trend for ammonia and nitrogen increases, and added that this would be alleviated with the extension of the outfall outside the harbor. He described the best possible routes for extending the pipeline and added that the city could solve many problems by extending the outfall.

Kristian Guttormsen, EarthTech, Inc. Mr. Guttormsen reported on the improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant showing the citing of additional facilities on the property.

Andy Wones, Jones & Stokes Associates. Mr. Wones gave an overview of the estimated project schedule including coordination with all the appropriate governmental agencies. He added that an important part of the permitting process is the Endangered Species Act.

Dave Skinner thanked the consultants for sharing their information and explaining the issues facing the city. He complimented them on the aggressiveness of the project schedule and asked Councilmembers for direction on how they wished to proceed.

2. Resolution Authorizing Application for Funding Assistance - Scofield Tidelands Property. Dave Skinner explained that this resolution to show commitment to the project, which was a requirement to apply for an IAC Grant to provide 50% of the cost of acquisition of the tidelands. He explained that the remaining 50% of the cost would be sought through a Department of Natural Resources grant or other grants. He said that no city funds would be used.

John Mayer - Peninsula Neighborhood Association. Mr. Mayer spoke in favor of acquiring the tidelands to be used as an educational, wildlife estuary park. He urged Council to approve the effort to begin the process.

John Holmaas. Mr. Holmaas also spoke in favor of efforts to acquire the property. He said it would be an adjunct to the parks plan and helpful to the Borgen site and Historical Society site.

Mayor Wilbert read letters from Marilyn Tagert, Tagert's Dive Shop, and Chris Erlich, Executive Director of the Historical Society, both speaking in favor of obtaining this property.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 551 as presented.
Robinson/Young - unanimously approved.

3. Hotel-Motel Tax Report - Chamber Projects. Mayor Wilbert introduced Marie Sullivan, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce to give this report. Ms. Sullivan gave an overview of how the \$56,000 share of the hotel/motel taxes that had been designated to the Chamber had been spent. She passed out examples of brochures and directories and explained that as the lead agency for tourism, the Chamber is in their second year of a three-year marketing plan. She shared the new Gig Harbor Tourism logo, designed by Jim Tagney. She asked for information on copyrighting the logo to prevent inappropriate use and to collect royalties. She then introduced Lorene Lund, Media Relations, who gave a report on the press kit that had been developed as well as upcoming events to promote tourism.

Ms. Sullivan then passed out a financial statement itemizing expenditures of the hotel/motel tax funding and explained that they would like to request an additional mid-year funding allocation for this year. Mayor Wilbert said that Council would take it under consideration.

4. Habitat Analysis for Donkey Creek Consultant Service Contract - Applied Engineering. Mr. Hoppen explained that this agenda item would return at the next meeting.
5. Moritz Outside Utility Request - Water and Sewer. Mr. Hoppen explained that this is the fourth time this request had come before Council, being approved in various measures. He explained that the property was located across from the City Park at Crescent Creek, and that there is an existing duplex served by city water and sewer. He said that this request was for an additional six units to be served and staff recommended approval.

MOTION: Move to authorize the execution of the Utility Extension Capacity Agreement with Chris Moritz as presented.
Dick/Owel - unanimously approved.

6. Ordinance - Proposed Moratorium on the Acceptance of Development Applications for PUDs and PRDs. Carol Morris, Legal Counsel, explained that this was not on the agenda but an informational packet was before Council. She said that this was an item that the statutes do not require advanced public notice in order to prevent rushed applications for PUDs or PRDs during the time that the city considers imposing a moratorium. She said the issue before Council was whether or not they wished to impose a moratorium until the city considers an amendment or repeal of the existing regulations. She described the process to develop an ordinance to be submitted to the Planning Commission for hearings to gather information and come back to the Council with a recommendation to the City Council for action. She said that the process could take less than six months, but that this time limit is authorized by statute. At the end of the six-month period, Council could request more time, but another public hearing would be required within 60 days to sustain the moratorium. She requested that Council set a date for a public hearing to adopt

findings, facts and conclusions to keep the moratorium in place. A date of June 12, 2000 was scheduled for a public hearing.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 843, setting a date of June 12, 2000 for the public hearing.
Picinich/Ekberg - unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT/DISCUSSION:

Mayor Wilbert introduced Ruthie Reinert, Tacoma-Pierce County Convention & Visitor Bureau. Ms. Reinert thanked Council for adopting the proclamation on behalf of tourism. She gave a brief report on the role of tourism and the benefit to Gig Harbor and Pierce County.

Mayor Wilbert then introduced Colonel John Custer, the city's liaison with Ft. Lewis with the Community Connections program. Col. Custer explained that the military has a major impact on the vicinity, therefore they have a responsibility to foster a relationship with the surrounding communities. He said that he was fortunate to be chosen as the liaison for the Gig Harbor area and offered his assistance to the community in any way that he could be of help.

Shirley Tomasi - Cultural Arts Commission. Ms. Tomasi said that she was excited to hear the arts mentioned so many times throughout the evening. She spoke favorably about the efforts to acquire the Scofield Tidelands property and suggested the possibility of an *Arts in the Park* program to be located there. She discussed upcoming events and how the Arts Commission had utilized their portion of the hotel/motel taxes. She gave a report on the involvement of local youth in the programs and the Ad Hoc Committee for the Borgen Property. She thanked the Mayor for facilitating this process.

Marie Sullivan - Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sullivan again addressed the logo issue. She said it was created with city hotel/motel tax funds to promote tourism. She said that her concern was unauthorized use of the logo and asked for direction on how to protect the logo and possibilities to get royalties. She said she would like to use the logo for the Chamber's letterhead but was unsure if that would be appropriate, as city funds were used. Councilmember Dick asked the city attorney to explore what would be an appropriate use of the logo and how this could best be handled.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember Picinich said that he had attended the Peninsula Historical Society's Spring Banquet, and added that it is amazing what has been accomplished toward financing the new museum. He then talked about the donation of the Shenandoah and Borgen Property and what a wonderful destination Gig Harbor is becoming.

Mayor's Report - Update on the Borgen Property. Mayor Wilbert said that when the doors were removed from the building, the original Austin-Erickson Construction Company façade was exposed. She said that the focus of the Ad Hoc Committee was the Donkey Creek salmon habitat, education and restoration of the open space.

STAFF REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Special City Council Meeting - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 11th at City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(i) and property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(b). Action may be taken after the session.


MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. for approximately fifty minutes for the purpose of discussing potential and pending litigation. Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 10:00 p.m. Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

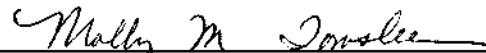
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Robinson/Picinich - unanimously approved.

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Mayor



City Clerk