

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

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

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 Meetings of August 28, 2000.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
 - a) Proclamation - Youth Voting Awareness Week.
 - b) Proclamation - Constitution Week.
3. Approval of Payment of Bills for September 11, 2000:
Checks # 30731 through # 30832 in the amount of \$578,609.03. Check # 30831 void.
4. Approval of Payroll for the Month of August in the amount of 176,771.67:
Checks # 243 through #338 and direct deposit entries.

Mayor Wilbert announced that there were people present in the audience to speak on the two proclamations and invited them to come forward.

Kathy Piersal-Stipek - Pierce County Auditor. Ms. Piersal-Stipek, along with her associate, Carrie Rooney and her son, Kyle Rooney, gave a presentation on Youth Voting Awareness Week. Ms. Stipek invited Elected Officials to visit the local schools and in support of this effort for student awareness of the voting process. Mayor Wilbert read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Stipek. She then invited the representative for Constitution Week to give a presentation.

Lynn Sutherland. Ms. Sutherland explained that she was a member of the Elizabeth Foray Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She gave a brief explanation of her organization and added that over the past year, they had given \$150,000 in hi-school scholarships. Mayor Wilbert read the proclamation aloud, and then presented the signed copy to Ms. Sutherland.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gig Harbor Civic Center - Burr, Lawrence, Rising + Bates. David Skinner, Public Works Director, introduced Jerry Lawrence and Tom Bates, the architects involved in the process to develop a plan for the new Gig Harbor Civic Center. The architects gave an in-depth presentation on the process to develop a plan and the detailed cost estimate for the new facility,

and answered Council's questions. Dave Skinner answered questions regarding improvements to Grandview Street and the future schedule for design and construction of the facility. Mayor Wilbert thanked the architects, the staff and the Councilmembers that participated in the process, for all their efforts and for including the neighborhoods in the process.

2. First Amendment to Henderson Bay Purchase and Sale Agreement. Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, explained that through cooperation of the School District and the City Attorney, an agreement had been reached to extend the timeline for the final date for the School District to turn the site over to the city to April 1, 2001. He introduced John Biggs, attorney for the School District, who explained that they would begin demolition of the existing building on October 2nd, giving them plenty of time to meet the April 1st deadline.

MOTION: Move to approve the amendment for submission to the Peninsula School District Board of Directors.
Picinich/Young - unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointments. Dave Rodenbach, Finance Director, explained the current make-up of the committee and explained that there were two openings. He recommended passing the resolution confirming appointment of Morton Altman and Jacquie Goodwill to fill those openings. Mayor Wilbert asked Mr. Altman to stand and introduce himself to the Council. Ms. Goodwill was not present.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 559 as presented.
Picinich/Robinson - unanimously approved.

2. Appointment to Design Review Board. Mayor Wilbert explained that there had been response by seven applicants to an advertisement for an opening on the board, and recommended the appointment of Linda Gair to the open position.

MOTION: Move to confirm the appointment of Linda Gair to serve a two-year term on the Design Review Board.
Owel/Picinich - unanimously approved.

3. Re-Appointments to Design Review Board. Mayor Wilbert recommended reappointment of Charles Hunter and Paul Kadzik to the Design Review Board.

MOTION: Move to confirm the re-appointment of Charles Hunter to serve another two-year term on the Design Review Board.
Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to confirm the re-appointment of Paul Kadzik to serve another two-year term on the Design Review Board.
Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

4. Ordinance - Planning Director Contract. Mark Hoppen explained that he was happy to present this proposed contract for the new Planning Director, John Vodopich. He gave an overview of the process to interview and hire a new Director from a pool of 50 applicants. He recommended approval of the ordinance that would allow the city to offer Mr. Vodopich a beginning salary that is above the current 2000 budget. He said that the salary offered is consistent with the current market demand for the position. He asked that the ordinance be passed in one reading to allow Mr. Vodopich to begin work as soon as possible.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 849.
Ekberg/Young - unanimously approved.

5. Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Sale of Local Improvement District No. 99-1 Bond Anticipation Note. David Rodenbach explained that this ordinance was for the Bond Anticipation Note for the East West Road. He said that construction was well underway and gave an overview of the process to solicit bids from both local and regional lenders. He continued to say that the best offer came from Key Bank for a \$1,200,000 note with a 4.93% interest rate and a 15-month duration. He explained that this ordinance would need to be passed at this meeting, as the interest rate was only guaranteed through September 20th.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 850.
Young/Robinson - unanimously approved.

6. Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Plan Update - Consultant Services Contract Amendment. David Skinner explained that he had received new information that may affect this amendment and recommended that the item be tabled until the next meeting to allow him to clarify the information.

MOTION: Move that we table this agenda item until the next meeting.
Dick/Robinson - unanimously approved.

7. East-West Roadway Project – Consultant Services Contract for Inspection Services. David Skinner explained that Mr. Tevis had been hired earlier in the year as a temporary construction inspector for city projects. He added that Mr. Tevis had been contacted by the Department of Retirement Services explaining that he would lose his retirement benefits if exceeded the criteria for work performed in a limited amount of time. Mr. Skinner recommended that this consultant services contract be utilized to retain Mr. Tevis' services for the East-West Roadway Project allowing for Mr. Tevis to retain his retirement benefits.

MOTION: Move to authorize execution of the Consultant Services Contract with John Tevis, P.E., for inspection services for the East-West Roadway Project in an amount not to exceed Thirty-three thousand fifty-nine dollars and no cents (\$33,059.00).
Dick/Picinich - unanimously approved.

8. New Street Names Proposed in Historical Name Area. Steve Bowman, Building Official, presented this request to name streets within the city. He explained that one of the names chosen was not on the official street name list, but the other was. The names chosen were "Harbor Ridge Lane" and "Boat Lane." He gave information on why these names were chosen. After discussion, Mr. Bowman was directed to work with the Historical Society to add additional names to the official list, and to return with additional options for naming of the two streets.

9. Resolution - City's Policy on Public Records Index. Molly Towslee, City Clerk, explained that this resolution would help to prevent a challenge for the city's inability to maintain a complex and in-depth index of all records kept by the city. She added that the law allowed for an exception to keeping this index if a formal order were to be issued by the City Council. She explained that this resolution would not prevent any member of the public from obtaining records, or from receiving help from staff to identify records that they may wish to review.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 560.
Dick/Ekberg - unanimously approved.

10. First Reading of Ordinance - Amending the Washington State Building Code and GHMC to Allow Construction of Lightweight Metal Buildings. Steve Bowman introduced this ordinance that would amend the city code to allow for construction of lightweight metal buildings as recommended by the Gig Harbor Building Code Advisory Board. He answered questions on these types of buildings. The question arose on whether or not these buildings would pass the design guidelines adopted by the city. Mr. Bowman was asked to meet with the Planning Commission to address this issue.

MOTION: Move to table this item and ask the Building Official to meet with the Planning Commission to find a way to address the regulation of these buildings.
Dick/Picinich - unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Dave Rodenbach, Finance Director, explained that it was time to accept applications for the Hotel/Motel tax funds and that a meeting had been scheduled for the Committee to review the applications on October 10th at 1:00 p.m. He asked if any Councilmember had requests to spend the money, that these be submitted before the review period.

2. Dave Skinner, Public Works Director, announced that the streetlights along Harborview Drive were installed and functioning.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Wilbert explained that Col. Custer would be leaving his brigade, and that Council had been invited to a Brigadier Change of Command ceremony on Wednesday, November 8th, at

10:00 a.m. at Fort Lewis. She said that in addition, the First Corp Band would be performing at the City Park on Sunday, September 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Wilbert added that Fort Lewis was also providing a Holiday Tree for Jerisich Park and that the cutting would occur on November 28th at 2:00 p.m. She added that she would be attending along with Councilmember Owel.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS: These were mentioned above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None required.

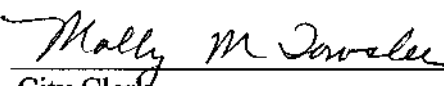
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Picinich/Robinson - unanimously approved.

Cassette recorder utilized.
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Mayor



City Clerk