

## REGULAR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 12, 1999

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Young, Platt, Owel, Dick, Picinich, and Mayor Wilbert. Councilmembers Ekberg and Markovich were absent.

**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 the June 28, 1999, City Council meeting.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
  - a. Puget Sound Regional Council - Year 2000 Member Dues.
  - b. Letter to Mayor J.D. Fluckiger, Benton City.
  - c. Quote from Thea Foss's journal.
3. Approval of Payment of Bills for July 12, 1999:  
In the amount of \$90,952.69.
4. Approval of Payroll for June, 1999:  
Checks #18357 through #18508 in the amount of \$294,780.28.
5. Wieger Appraisal Company Contract - Property Appraisal Services.
6. Adolfson and Associates Contract - Wetlands Assessment.
7. SCA Engineering Contract - Wetlands Mapping / Hydrogeologic Assessment.
8. Halsan Frey Associates Contract - Land Use Analysis.
9. Shannon and Wilson Contract - Critical Area Assessment.

Mayor Wilbert announced that there was a correction to number three in the consent agenda, to read: Approval of Payment of Bills for July 12, 1999: Checks #22884 through #22972, in the amount of \$124,334.53.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the consent agenda with corrections to number 3 as stated.  
Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Second Reading of Ordinance - Prohibition of Commercial Card Games. Mark Hoppen introduced the second reading of this ordinance and explained that legal counsel had comments on changes to some language of the ordinance. He added that at the request of Councilmember Owel, he had downloaded the National Gambling Impact Study Commission report and said that one of the recommendations from the Commission was that States should not authorize any further convenience gambling operations and should cease and roll back existing operations. He said that this was a phenomenal

recommendation considering that the commission was represented by equal members of the gambling industry, as well as those folks with a polarize view of the industry. He read a comment that was made by Las Vegas Mayor, Jan Jones, regarding neighborhood gambling locations that may leave higher rates of adolescent gambling and problem, pathological gambling in later life.

Carol Morris, legal counsel, read the proposed changes to the language in section one to reflect that a new chapter was being added to the code rather than an existing one being amended. In section two she recommended adding language to clarify when the moratorium will be repealed adding the words "as of the effective date of this ordinance." The third suggested change is in Section one, subparagraph 1, to add the words "as defined in RCW 9.46.0217 and 9.46.0282" to clarify the definition of commercial stimulant.

Councilmember Young asked if the definition of commercial stimulant would include pull-tabs and punchboards, and wanted clarification on what the existing definitions included. Mark Hoppen said he was unsure of the language that was defined in the RCW chapters that were being amended in the ordinance, but that the intent of the ordinance was not to ban pull-tabs and punchboards. Carol Morris read the RCW definition of "social card games."

Mark Hoppen explained that there had been a one-sided population of interest in respect to social card games. He added that if the ordinance included punchboards and pull-tabs, there would have been other interests come forward as they are significant income producers. Councilmember Young said that he didn't know if you could make the social argument that you are getting rid of gambling if you allow certain forms to remain. He added that if gambling was to be banned, then all types should be banned. Councilmember Owel said that the ordinance was just about card games, then asked to hear from the public.

Bruce Gair - 9301 North Harborview Drive. Mr. Gair read an article from the Seattle PI regarding the harm that comes from gambling. He added that citizens could not depend on the legislature and urged Councilmembers to approve the ordinance.

Wes Sullivan - Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Sullivan read a statement regarding his opposition to gambling and spoke of its negative effects.

Hank Searles - 4435 Holly Lane NW. Mr. Searles said he would like to second Pastor Sullivan's comments.

Councilmember Picinich said that he was opposed to the city taking any revenue from gambling and that there are other ways to obtain revenues. He made the following motion.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 821 with the language changes as recommended by Legal Counsel.  
Picinich/Owel -

Councilmember Owel commented on Pastor Sullivan's statement that gambling is an economic mirage. She said that many states now have been able to issue economic studies that show that there is not a significant gain from gambling when you take into account the expense incurred from regulating the industry, law enforcement, and other costs. She added that Gig Harbor has economic vitality and that there is no need to entice this type of revenue into our community. She added that she supported the ordinance banning social card games as read.

Councilmember Young talked about the revenues from the taxing of the existing punchboards and pulltabs within town. He said that if these revenues are not needed in the city, and that if gambling should be banned as a moral issue, it should be taken to the next level and all forms of gambling, such as pull-tabs and punchboards, should be banned. He added that at least, if they are not banned, the tax on them should be eliminated altogether.

Mayor Wilbert said that this ordinance only addressed card games, and the other games could be addressed at a later date. Councilmember Picinich asked how much revenue the city receives from gambling taxes. Dave Rodenbach, Finance Director, said that it was somewhere in the neighborhood of eighty to ninety thousand dollars per year. Councilmember Young said that it is also a significant source of revenue for the businesses that have them.

**RESTATED MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 821 with the language changes as recommended by Legal Counsel.  
Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Purchase/Credit Card Resolution. Dave Rodenbach said that this is a resolution to formalize how the city currently handles credit card use. He said that the state requires that Council adopt formal procedures.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Resolution No. 536 as presented.  
Young/Platt - unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/DISCUSSION:**

Pam Darland - Weatherswood Neighborhood. Ms. Darland voiced her concerns about the potential danger of the proposed gas line across the Narrows and up into county parkland and through their neighborhood. She said that the neighbors are scared of what could happen with this line and felt they never had the opportunity to oppose its location. Mark Hoppen explained that during the comment period on the E.I.S. he had vigorously protested the selected location of the line because there were other alternatives, although more expensive, that would have avoided the more populated areas and would not have put a pipeline through the middle of a park. He

added that there had never been any other opportunity for the City of Gig Harbor to comment on this project, and she was advised to attend County Council meetings and voice her concerns.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Owel asked about scheduling a Council Retreat. The last week in August was decided upon and she offered to schedule Murphy's Landing for the retreat.

Councilmember Picinich said that the Maritime Gig had another successful year, and added that after participating for three years, he was looking for a replacement as Co-chair for the festival. Councilmember Young said he would consider the position.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Mark Hoppen announced that on August 9<sup>th</sup>, Rhonda Brooks from DOT would like to make a presentation on the status of the Highway 16/Narrows Bridge Project. He asked when Council would like to hear this presentation and suggested at 6:00 before the regular Council meeting time. That time was agreed upon.

Mayor Wilbert reported on the success of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Finholm View Climb.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

Fred Meyer Informational Session - Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pierce County Library at 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

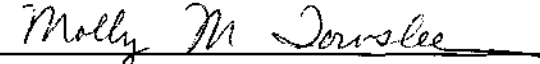
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No Executive Session needed.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.  
Owel/Young- unanimously approved.

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**REGULAR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 26, 1999**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Ekberg, Owel, Dick, Picinich, Markovich and Mayor Wilbert. Councilmembers Young and Platt were absent.

**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 the July 12, 1999, City Council Meeting.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations:
  - a. WSDOT - Response to Resolution No. 533 - Potential Tolls.
  - b. Pierce County Resolution - Block Grant Consortium.
  - c. Pierce County Public Works - KGI Watershed Action Plan.
3. Approval of Payment of Bills for July 28, 1999:  
Checks #22973 through #23055 in the amount of \$158,481.66.
4. Liquor License Renewals:

Flowers on the Bay	Pinocchio Seafood & Chowder House
Emerald Star Chinese Restaurant	Harbor Rock Café
Hunan Garden Restaurant	Kinza Teriyaki
Shorline Steak and Seafood Grill	Sprio's Bella Notte' Pizza & Pasta
The Keeping Room Candles & Wine	
5. Liquor License Assumptions - Round Table Pizza.

Mayor Wilbert gave an overview of the correspondence items.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Owel/Dick - unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. First Reading of Ordinance - Donation from Northwest Snowboards. Dave Rodenbach introduced this ordinance accepting a donation of \$773.45 to go toward the construction of a skateboard park. Mayor Wilbert introduced Jake Cantrell, the senior from Gig Harbor High School who raised the funds. Jake gave an overview of his senior project, which was to perform a community service. For his project, he organized a music concert with the assistance of his friends and family, Northwest Snowboards and American Music. The event was advertised as a fundraiser for the future skateboard park. Mayor Wilbert thanked Jake and the others, and added that construction on the park was scheduled to begin in September. This ordinance will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

2. Appointment to Planning Commission. Mayor Wilbert introduced Carol Ann Ketchledge as the person she recommended to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission. She invited Ms. Ketchledge to address the Council and explain her interest in the position. Ms. Ketchledge explained that she was the current President of the Peninsula Art League, and had moved here three years ago from Hawaii, where she was very active in her community. She spoke of her interest in serving this beautiful community as a member of the Commission. She gave a report on the success of the recent Art Festival. Mayor Wilbert explained that she had received only two applications for the position, and offered Councilmembers the opportunity to review the other application.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the appointment of Carol Ann Ketchledge to a six-year term on the Gig Harbor Planning Commission.  
Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wade Perrow - 9119 North Harborview Drive. Mr. Perrow gave a history of the efforts to extend a waterline from the city's line to the Women's Correction Center, under Highway 16, and down Burnham Drive to serve the Northharbor Business Park, as well as other properties along Burnham Drive. He said that this was a four-year effort that began with the idea of including the Gig Harbor North landowners in the effort to fund the line. With the current formation of a separate LID for improvements to serve the Gig Harbor North area, funding for this line had become an issue. He asked for Council guidance on how to proceed to complete the project. Councilmember Ekberg suggested that Staff bring this issue forward as a future agenda item to address the options.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

1. Dave Rodenbach, Finance Director - Quarterly Report. Dave explained that there were no surprises in the quarterly report and offered to answer questions.
2. Chief Mitch Barker - GHPD June Statistics. No verbal report given.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

1. Council Retreat - Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at Murphy's Landing, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
2. Presentation by WSDOT and United Infrastructure - 6:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church preceding the regular City Council Meeting of August 9, 1999.
3. Public Hearing on Impact Fees - Regular Council Meeting of September 27, 1999.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(I). Action will not be taken.


**MOTION:** Move to adjourn to executive session at 7:45 p.m. for approximately ten minutes.  
Picinich/Owel - unanimously approved.


**MOTION:** Move to return to regular session at 7:55 p.m.  
Owel/Dick - unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.  
Owel/Picinich – unanimously approved.

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