

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ekberg, Young, Franich, Dick, Picinich, and Mayor Wilbert. Councilmembers Owel and Ruffo were absent.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Chief of Police Mitch Barker gave a brief overview of the Reserve Officer program and introduced Reserve Officer Christopher Langhelm. Mayor Wilbert performed the swearing in ceremony for Officer Langhelm.

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 September 8, 2003.
2. Short Term Use Agreement – Bremerton Motorsports Park.
3. Postage Meter Agreement.
4. Garage Door Openers at City Shop – Contract Authorization.
5. WWTP Plant Upgrades – Amendment No. 1.
6. West Side Park Survey.
7. Parcel Acquisition.
8. Grandview Forest Park Tank Repainting Project.
9. Wilkinson Farm Park Survey.
10. Franklin / Prentice Street Improvement Project – Amendment No. 1.
11. Special Occasion Liquor License Approval – St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus.
12. Approval of Payment of Bills for September 22, 2003.
Checks #41147 through #41292 in the amount of \$257,722.00.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Young – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance – Utility Rate Reduction for Low Income Seniors. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, presented this second reading of an ordinance designed to allow a rate reduction for qualified low-income seniors, and establishes an average payment plan. He explained that adjustments had been made to the ordinance from the first reading to clarify the language and to limit its application to seniors over 62 years of age. He gave an overview of the program and addressed questions regarding deferred payment, interest accrual, and the number of households that may qualify.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 941 as presented.
Dick / Picinich –

Councilmember Franich voiced concern regarding calculation of the annual disposable income. He recommended exclusion of capital gains from this calculation. Councilmembers discussed this concern.

Councilmember Franich suggested an amendment to the motion regarding waiver of connection fees. Council discussed the difference between utility connections for new construction versus for the customer who finds it necessary to connect an existing structure.

AMENDED MOTION: Move to amend the original motion adopting Ordinance No. 941 by eliminating the second whereas paragraph, and the language in subsection C on page 2, and language in subsection D that refers to the collection of connection fees.
Franich / Picinich – a roll call vote was taken.

Ekberg – no; Young – no; Franich – yes; Dick – no; Picinich – yes.
The motion failed, three to two.

RESTATED MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 941 as presented.
Dick / Picinich – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Skansie Net Shed, House and Garage Painting Project. John Vodopich presented this contract to repaint the Skansie shed, house and garage. He answered questions on the significance in difference in the bid price and bonding concerns. Councilmembers also discussed the merits of painting the structures as opposed to leaving them alone. It was determined that painting would stop further deterioration of the wooden structures.

MOTION: Move to authorize the award and execution of the contract for the Skansie net shed, house, and garage painting to Metropolitan Coatings LLC in the amount of fourteen thousand six hundred seventy-seven dollars and thirty-six cents (\$14,677.36).
Picinich / Dick – unanimously approved.

2. Olympic / Hollycroft Feasibility Study. John Vodopich explained that staff was requested to investigate options for improvements to the intersection of Olympic Drive and Hollycroft by the Public Works Committee,. The feasibility study explores the option for a roundabout at this site. Councilmembers and staff discussed the placement of more roundabouts in the city.

MOTION: Move to authorize execution of the Consultant Services Contract with Skillings-Connolly, Inc. for a feasibility study in the amount not to exceed (\$17,958.51).
Dick / Picinich – unanimously approved.

3. Resolution – Rust Street Vacation. John Vodopich explained that the city received a request to vacate a portion of Rust Street adjacent to the Sorensen property. He explained that the first step in the process is to set a date for a public hearing to consider the petition. He recommended a date of Monday, October 13th be set as the date.

Sherrie Bonsell, 9608 Jacobson Lane, Gig Harbor, WA. Ms. Bonsell asked whether the city had any interest in public access to the property on Rust Street. Mark Hoppen explained that there is no legal interest.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 615 as presented.
Young / Picinich – unanimously approved.

4. First Reading of Ordinance – Latecomer Agreements. John Vodopich presented this agreement regarding the collection of latecomers' agreements. He explained that this codifies the state statutes and incorporates a formal process to provide for the authorization of these agreements. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

5. Dedication of Trail – Plat of Mallards' Landing. John Vodopich explained that one condition of approval of the Concomitant Agreement for the Tallman Annexation and condition of approval for the plat of Mallard's Landing provided for the creation of a trail system throughout the property and that the improvements be dedicated to the city. The city attorney recommended that this be accomplished through a Bill of Sale with no funds exchanging hands.

Scott Wagner, PO Box 492, Gig Harbor. Mr. Wagner asked whether the intent was for the city to own the property because he thought it was originally set up as an easement. Councilmember Dick explained that the easement has already been conveyed, and that the Bill of Sale is for the improvements on the easement to show that there are no encumbrances. Mr. Wagner commended staff members Rob White, Dave Brereton, and Pat lolavera for their flexibility and time spent on this eight-year process. He added that the members of the Tallman Family are excited about the possibility of a formal dedication ceremony.

The Mayor praised the efforts and said that a dedication ceremony would be scheduled. Councilmember Ekberg echoed the Mayor's comments.

MOTION: Move to approve the Bill of Sale as presented.
Picinich / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

GHPD – August Stats. No verbal report given as stats, but Chief Barker noted that the Gig Harbor Police Department made public today the investigative file on the Brame case.

COUNCIL COMMENTS / MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilmember Young reminded fellow Councilmembers and staff of the upcoming Regional AWC Conference on October 22, 2003.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

Budget Worksessions: November 3rd and 4th, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.
Picinich / Ekberg – unanimously approved.

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Gretchen Wilbert, Mayor

Molly Towslee, City Clerk