

GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2007

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ekberg, Young, Franich, Dick, Conan, Payne, Kadzik and Mayor Hunter.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of October 8, 2007.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: Restore International Week.
3. Receive and File: a) Minutes of Workstudy Session CIP – Transportation 9/24/07; b) Minutes of Joint Workstudy Session – City Council and Parks Commission 10-3-07; c) 2008 Parks Commission Work Plan.
4. CLG Grant Agreement for Historic Resource Survey.
5. Conservation Grant Agreement - Development of the Westside Neighborhood Park.
6. Eddon Boat Brick House Roofing Project – Contract Authorization.
7. Appraisal of Vacant Property – Contract Authorization.
8. Agreement for Attorney Services – Drolshagen v. Gig Harbor.
9. Liquor License Renewals: Maritime Mart; Marketplace Grille; Finholm's Market and Grocery; and Gig Harbor Shell Food Mart.
10. Liquor License Application – Harborview Grocery.
11. Approval of Payment of Bills for Oct. 22, 2007:
Checks #55617 through #55740 in the amount of \$222,518.74.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Franich – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Third Reading of Ordinance – Transfer of Pierce County Right-of-Way. Steve Misiurak, City Engineer, presented this ordinance that would amend the city boundaries in two locations to accommodate the construction of two roundabouts.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1105 as presented.
Young / Franich – unanimously approved.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance - Minimum Lot Size Amendments. Carol Morris, City Attorney, presented this ordinance that relates to two exceptions to minimum lot size standards in the city's zoning code.

Councilmember Franich commented that it isn't a good idea to allow development on substandard size lots.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1106 as presented.
Payne / Kadzik – six voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing on 2008 Revenue Sources. David Rodenbach, Finance Director, reported on revenue sources for the next year's general fund budget. He explained that most of the increase is due to the expected increase in sales tax revenues. In addition, a larger beginning fund balance is expected in 2008 due to increased revenues and cost savings in expenditures. He said that a 1% property tax increase is being recommended in the following property tax levy ordinance. He addressed Council questions.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:11. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

2. First Reading of Ordinance – 2007 Property Tax Levy. David Rodenbach presented this ordinance setting the 2007 property tax levy. He said that the amount calculates out to be \$1,616,270, which is approximately \$.95 per \$1000 assessed valuation and includes the full 1% increase that the city is allowed. He answered questions on the Eddon Boat bond. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

3. Public Hearing & First Reading of Ordinance – Prentice Avenue & Benson Street Vacation Request – Todd Block. David Brereton, Community Development Director, presented information on this petition by Mr. Block to vacate a portion of Benson and Prentice that abuts his property.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:15. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

Councilmember Franich asked whether this could create a building site between the two properties. Further discussion clarified that the adjacent property owners already own these pieces of property and this action only clears the title for tax and loan purposes. The property then could be built upon.

4. Public Hearing & First Reading of Ordinance – Prentice Avenue & Benson Street Vacation Request – Douglas & Annette Smith. David Brereton presented this ordinance to vacate the street in the same proximity as the request from Mr. Block. He stressed that there is no evidence of any use of this property.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:28. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

5. First Reading of Ordinance – Grease Trap Ordinance. Carol Morris explained that the grease trap ordinance was adopted earlier this year, but due to a clerical error,

the incorrect ordinance was codified. The adoption of the correct ordinance will correct this error. She recommended adopting this at this first reading as it has already been passed and needs no further public notice. She did mention that the effective date needs to be updated and a reference added to allow Council to take action at this reading. She further explained that the codifier is not authorized to make substantial changes to the code and adoption of the correct ordinance is the most conservative action to avoid future challenges.

MOTION: Move to adopt the grease interceptor Ordinance No. 1107 on the day of its introduction under GHMC Section 1.08.020(b).
Payne / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

6. Gig Harbor Arts Commission – Recommendation to Purchase Art in 2007 and Overview of 2008/2009 Budget Requests. Mayor Hunter introduced Bob Sullivan, Chair of the Gig Harbor Arts Commission.

Mr. Sullivan recognized other members of the GHAC Betty Willis, Vice-Chair, Ron Carson and Carolyn Arnold. Mr. Sullivan utilized a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate examples of artwork by two artists that the Gig Harbor Arts Commission would like to propose for placement in city parks.

The artwork by Tom Torrens would be a free-standing sculpture of a bell and salmon made from welded steel and cast fiberglass that would cost \$5,962. The GHAC recommended that this piece be placed on the sidewalk by Donkey Creek Park.

The second recommendation is for two artistic benches by Douglas Granum made from polished black basalt stone that would cost \$33,520 and be placed on the two Eddon Boat Park bench sites.

Councilmembers thanked the Arts Commission for all their work and recommendations. There were several questions about the practicality and durability of the pieces and whether a more traditional design would better fit the historical nature of the Eddon Boatyard site. Mr. Sullivan responded to the question of the citing choices by explaining that the Donkey Creek Park is finished, and the pads are in place for benches at Eddon Boat. Neither Wilkinson Park nor the Westside Parks are ready for artwork.

The Arts Commission was encouraged to develop a portfolio of art for placement around the community. They were also asked to work closely with the Parks Commission and Design Review Board to develop criteria for placement of art and to work towards including art in major development projects. It was agreed that they need to be involved early on in the design. The commission was invited to attend the October 29th presentation on visioning for the city.

Council asked the Arts Commission members to discuss the comments from this evening with both artists, then to meet with the Parks Commission and Design Review Board to discuss and to develop a recommendation for Council consideration.

Mr. Sullivan reiterated his understanding that the Gig Harbor Arts Commission should put this proposal on the back burner and then come back with new photographs, new ideas, new drawings and a tightened sketch from both artists. Also, re-examine other benches and materials. He then moved onto the second portion of their presentation.

Overview of 2008 GHAC budget request and proposed 2009 GHAC budget request.

Mr. Sullivan said that a representative of the Gig Harbor Peninsula History Museum and the International Thunderbird Boat Association came forward with an idea to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Hull No.1. Further discussion led to a design that would also include a memorial plaque to Ed Hoppen. He explained that whether the Arts Commission should be involved in memorial art is a philosophical question, but the GHAC is suggesting a partnership with these two non-profits to come up with funds to do something significant at the Eddon Boatyard to honor the 50th anniversary event. He recommended an earmark of \$20,000 from the GHAC budget to work towards this. He said that the proposed design shown in the photo might be a bit small, and said that the GHAC would like to lend support to a different concept. He mentioned the Mayor's suggestion of a full scale T-Bird to recognize the boat building industry that took place.

Councilmember Franich voiced concern with the scale of a full-size boat placed at this site. Mr. Sullivan responded that the GHAC isn't suggesting a full-scale piece; it was just one idea that he is passing on. It is up to the ITBA and PHS to propose a design, and the Arts Commission just wants to support the concept of recognizing the boat-building industry.

Mayor Hunter asked if all three groups would contribute equally. Mr. Sullivan said that the ITBA and PHS are presenting as one group, and it is up to them to come up with whatever they can. The Arts Commission wants to support the concept with the earmarked funds.

Councilmember Ekberg said that he thinks this is a great concept and a great place, and collaborating with the other entities is a good idea, but he agreed with Councilmember Franich on the size. There is no need to recreate a full-size model when the museum already has the Thunderbird Number One.

Mr. Sullivan said that the second budget request is for \$1000 for installation and signage for the Bonney Family public artwork donation for the Austin Estuary Park. The third request is for \$15,000 for public art to honor the community's Scandinavian influences at the Bogue Viewing Platform. He explained that if the Arts Commission is allowed to purchase the two art pieces in 2007 and these three items in 2008, the Public Art Capital Projects Budget would be reduced to \$15,500, which is a safe cushion.

Mr. Sullivan mentioned the request for 2008 General Fund Request to support grants and website development before moving on to an overview of the request for 2008 Capital Art Project funds. He explained that they are requesting \$73,000 additional

funds for two projects: the first, a project at the Austin Estuary Park to complement the bronze cormorant donated by the Bonney Family. He showed examples of cut-steel sculptures from Raymond as an idea of what could be done at this site. The second project he discussed is a new Gig Harbor Entrance Sign at the top of Pioneer. He suggested working with the same artist that created the stainless sculpture in the Civic Center to do signs that would be much more pleasing. He used the City of Sumner entrance sign as an example.

Councilmember Franich commented on the new, sandblasted wood signage throughout the city as a result of the recent wayfinding efforts. He asked if discussion had taken place with staff or other community members regarding changing the style of signs. He said that he prefers the wooden signs and would be concerned with a contrast in the style. Mr. Sullivan agreed that there should be consistency which we have with the directional signs, and they are not suggesting changing these. He said that one recommendation is a "rolling budget" of \$25,000 - \$30,000 per year for signage that would go through the design review process and eventually replace all the entrance signs with nicer signs.

Mr. Sullivan continued to explain that there will be construction at the intersection of Pioneer and Harborview, and the Arts Commission is suggesting setting aside funds for a realistic bronze statue similar to the Fishermen's Memorial. These can be quite expensive, and they are recommending \$65,000 for this. Another idea that they would like Council to consider is an earmarked percentage of new construction budgets for public art similar to other jurisdictions. This would help to involve the Arts Commission in new construction process.

Councilmember Dick complimented their efforts in long-range planning.

STAFF REPORT:

Quarterly Report. David Rodenbach, Finance Director said that all funds are tracking to come in within budget. He offered to answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Franich asked about the Transportation Alternatives Open House. Mayor Hunter and Rob Karlinsey responded that it went very well, and a report would be coming to Council in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. GH North Traffic Options Committee – Wednesday, October 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in Community Rooms A & B.
2. Tour of Hospital Site following the GH North Traffic Operations Committee above.
3. Special City Council Meeting – October 29th at 6:00 p.m.

4. Six-Year Transportation Update Open House – Nov. 1st, 6:30 p.m. Community Rooms A & B.
5. Budget Workshops, Monday and Tuesday, November 5th and 6th at 6:00 p.m. Community Rooms A & B.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
Franich / Payne – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized:

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Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk