GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING June 30, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Young, Franich, Conan, Malich, Payne, Kadzik and Mayor Hunter. Councilmember Ekberg was absent.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ADJOURN TO WORKSTUDY SESSION: Utility Rate Increase – Ashley Emery.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to the workstudy session to discuss utility rate increases. Franich / Malich – unanimously approved.

Mayor Hunter introduced Ashley Emery, the city's utility rate consultant who presented the background information for proposed utility rate increases in 2009.

Council asked several questions about the study, and Mr. Emery illustrated how he arrived at the recommended numbers. There was extensive discussion how to keep the rates as low as possible while being fiscally responsible.

Councilmembers Franich and Malich voiced concern for low- and fixed-income residents. David Rodenbach explained that the city currently has an assistance program for senior citizens, but to date, no one has qualified. He offered to explore additional ways to help low-income residents.

Rob Karlinsey, City Administrator, recommended that it would be prudent to have the new rates adopted before the city issues revenue bonds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Outfall Expansion projects. He said the first readings would be schedule at the July 14th meeting.

MOTION: Move to go back to the Special Council Meeting at 7:37 p.m. Kadzik / Payne – unanimously approved.

Councilmember Franich left the meeting at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. <u>Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract for the Canterwood Drive</u> <u>Construction Project</u>. David Stubchaer, Public Works Director, explained that the reason for this request is to expedite the process and so that Councilmember would not have to gather for another special meeting. He said that the contract with the final amount will be brought back at an upcoming regular meeting for Council to ratify. MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor to award and execute a contract for construction of the Canterwood Boulevard NW Roadway Improvements Project with the successful bidder at the bidders price provided that the bid price does not exceed five million six hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$5,600,000.00) and further move that this authorization is in effect for the next 90 days. Payne / Conan –

Councilmember Malich asked if this would be contingent upon all the permits and other things are in place. Mayor Hunter said that yes, and there will be 45 days in which to award the bid.

Carol Morris said that if Council has questions about the procedure they could delay action on the motion until after Executive Session.

- MOTION: Call for the question. Payne / Young – unanimously adopted.
- MAIN MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor to award and execute a contract for construction of the Canterwood Boulevard NW Roadway Improvements Project with the successful bidder at the bidders price provided that the bid price does not exceed five million six hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$5,600,000.00) and further move that this authorization is in effect for the next 90 days. Payne / Conan unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT:

- 1. WSDOT Interlocal Agreement Construction Administration Agreement.
- 2. WSDOT Interlocal Agreement General Maintenance Agreement.

David Stubchaer, Public Works Director, explained that these two agreements, both for the Canterwood Drive Construction Project, have been reviewed by staff and there are numerous issues that need to be addressed with the state before they come before Council for signature.

Carol Morris briefly described several of the issues that they will be working through such as no budgetary limitations and inconsistent indemnification language.

Rob Karlinsey added that the city does not have to go through the state for construction administration but it is the preferred option. Ms. Morris said that if the city chooses to contract for another construction manager, the state could oversee the work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. for approximately 45 minutes for the purposes of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). Young / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

Move to return to regular session at 8:30 p.m. **MOTION:** Malich / Conan - unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

MOTION:

Move to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Payne / Conan - unanimously approved.

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Charles Hunter, Mayor

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