

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 14, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of May 24, 2010.
2. Liquor License Action: a) Special Occasion – Harbor History Museum; b) Renewals: The Keeping Room; Hunan Garden Restaurant; Kinza Teriyaki; and Spiro's Bella Notte Pizza & Pasta.
3. Eddon Boat Dust Collection System Engineering Contract.
4. Resolution - Green House Gas Emissions Reduction Policy.
5. Hotel/Motel Public Relations Consultant Contract.
6. 2010 Pavement Markings – Pierce County Interlocal Maintenance Agreement.
7. Resolution - Setting the Public Hearing Date Woodworth Avenue Street Vacation.
8. Approval of Payment of Bills for June 14, 2010: Checks #63767 through #63924 in the amount of \$2,424,242.53.
9. Approval of Payroll for the month of May: Checks #5691 through #5702 and direct deposits in the amount of \$307,633.52.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Conan - unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Building Official of the Year. Mayor Hunter recognized the city's Building Official / Fire Safety Director Dick Bower for being chosen as the Building Official of the Year by the Washington Association of Building Officials. He described Mr. Bower's background as a firefighter, building official, fire chief as well as his involvement in emergency management.

2. Legislative Update. Representative Jan Angel gave an overview of how the State has gone from a \$2 billion dollar surplus to the current \$2.8 billion dollar deficit citing several missed opportunities for reform. She stressed the importance of getting people back to work while promoting government efficiency, accountability and transparency. She said she fears that the economy will continue the current downward trend for another 10-15 years and that government needs to make serious adjustments in anticipation of what may occur. She addressed Council questions.

3. Pierce County Library 2030. Ms. Neel Parikh, Director of the Library System presented an overview of plans to address community needs during the next twenty years. She explained that the plan was developed through public input, assessment of

current facilities and population trends, and best practices from other libraries to chart a course for the future. She answered Council questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1190 – LTGO Bond. Finance Director David Rodenbach explained that a delayed passage of the ordinance resulted in lower interest rates and a reduction in the amount being borrowed. He introduced the city’s representatives from D.A. Davidson and K & L Gates.

David Trageser, Senior Vice President D.A. Davidson and Co., described the process for purchase of these bonds.

Deanna Gregory, K & L Gates, explained that the ordinance solidifies the numbers and rates for the issuance of the bonds and clarified that only one motion was required by Council.

Councilmember Franich said he can’t support this action because it puts the city in a position to not honor its implied commitment to pay off the Civic Center debt early.

There was discussion on how this has allowed the city to borrow against the Civic Center Debt fund in order to purchase the Stutz Property.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1190 providing for the issuance and sale of Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds.
Payne / Young – six voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – 2010 Park Plan Update. Associate Planner Kristin Moerler presented the 2010 Park Plan Update background information.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Jacquie Goodwill – 3203 Grandview Street. Ms. Goodwill, Chair of the Parks Commission, voiced appreciation for the collaborative effort and work done by staff and thanked Council for its interest in public parks. Councilmember Kadzik recognized the hard work done on the part of the Parks Commission.

Councilmember Malich asked if there had been discussion about including information about public beach access on city-owned waterfront property, specifically at the Old Ferry Landing. Ms. Goodwill responded that had been discussion about how to address ecologically sensitive waterfront sites. She said that public access should be encouraged at sites where appropriate. After further discussion it was suggested that the Parks Commission work on that as an addendum to the proposed plan.

There were no further public comments and the public hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

Councilmember Franich voiced concern with the language regarding acquisition of the sand spit citing the cost to purchase the property and on-going maintenance. He said that he feels that this site, similar to the Harborview Street End Park, should remain low-impact.

Jacque Goodwill responded that acquisition would only occur if the Coastguard were to surplus the property. After further discussion staff was directed to come up with language that didn't imply the city was actively attempting to acquire the property.

Planning Director Tom Dolan stressed that heavy use would destroy the natural habitat of the sand spit, and he believes this will be addressed in the Shoreline Master Program. He thanked the Planning Commission and Mayor Hunter for working with staff to develop this update. He pointed out that because of the hard work performed by Kristin Moerler to accomplish the work in-house, the city saved \$120,000.

2. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Portal Signs. Tom Dolan gave a brief background for this ordinance that would allow portal signs on city-owned docks and piers to advertise publically owned facilities. He answered Council questions.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT:

Councilmember Young explained that the current tenant at the Wilkinson Farm house had lived there before the city purchased the property and is moving out at the end of June. He asked if the other Councilmembers wanted to continue renting the property, voicing concern with the city acting as landlord.

Councilmembers discussed the benefit of having someone live on the property to discourage vandalism and voiced a desire to take sufficient time to find the right renter.

Councilmember Young said if Councilmembers had any comments on the County-Wide Planning Policy Amendments to let him know by Thursday.

Councilmember Malich said that because our Senator and Representatives have come to speak before council that there should be equal opportunity for opponents to do the same. He then voiced concern with a recent accident in front of Lighthouse Marine on the corner of Stinson and Harborview.

Council further discussed the problems with the boaters parking on the sidewalk at this business location. Mayor Hunter said he would take it up with the Police Department encouraging them to find solutions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Marine Outfall Open House – Tue. June 15th 4:00 p.m.
2. Operations Committee Thu. Jun 17th CANCELLED.
3. Finance / Safety Committee – Mon. Jun 21st at 3:30 p.m. **Early start time.**
4. Council Workstudy Session – Mon. Jun 21st at 5:30 p.m.
5. GH North Traffic Options Committee – Wed. Jul 14th at 9:00 a.m. **Final meeting.**
6. Civic Center Closed for Independence Day – Mon. Jul 5th.
7. Elected Officials Appreciation Event – Milgard Family HOPE Center Tues. July 6th at 4:30 p.m.

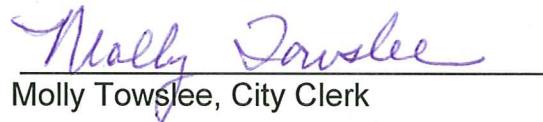
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Payne / Young – unanimously approved.



Timothy Payne, Mayor Pro Tem

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Molly Towslee, City Clerk