

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of December 13, 2010.
2. Receive and File: a) Application for Pierce County Comprehensive Plan Amendment; b) Minutes of Operations & Public Projects Committee of December 9, 2010.
3. Liquor License Action: a) License Assumption – Hot Iron Grill; b) Renewals: El Pueblito, Albertson's, Hy lu Hee Hee; and 7 Seas Brewing Co.
4. Agreement for Communications Maintenance Program – Pierce County.
5. Agreement for Transfer of Ownership of Former K-9 Dog.
6. Derelict Boat Interlocal Agreement – Pierce County.
7. Jerisich Dock Park Receptacle Easement.
8. Water Rights Assistance – Contract Amendment/Tom Mortimer.
9. On-Call Development Review – Professional Services – Amendment No. 1 to Consultant Services Agreement / David Evans and Associates.
10. Maritime Pier Long Term Monitoring Plan Implementation – Consultant Services Contract.
11. Extension of Voluntary Furlough Policy.
12. Approval of Payment of Bills for December 24, 2010: Checks #65212 through #65328 in the amount of \$786,609.72.
13. Approval of Payment of Bills for January 10, 2011: Checks #65329 through #65435 in the amount of \$959,442.13.
14. Approval of Payroll for the Month of December: Checks #5809 through #5834 in the amount of \$490,484.39.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Swearing in Ceremony - Sergeant Sharon Cox. Chief Mike Davis introduced Sharon Cox and presented her background information. Mayor Hunter performed the swearing in ceremony and Chief Davis presented Sergeant Cox with a certificate of promotion. Sgt. Cox introduced her family members.

2. Greenhouse at Wilkinson Farm. Paul Schneider, Healthy Communities of Pierce County, provided the history for the community garden program. He then introduced Barbara Carr.

Ms. Carr gave an overview of the mission of the community garden program to provide organic gardening, physical activity and nutrition education. She explained that future plans for the program include a greenhouse to start plants from seed. She introduced Mark Hoppen.

Mark Hoppen presented information on a greenhouse proposed to be located in the same location as the current but dilapidated structure. He explained that money would be raised to fund the project and it would be built by volunteers with minimal city involvement. He addressed Council questions.

Council complimented the efforts of Barbara Carr and the garden group.

3. Crescent Creek Park Play Structure Update. Jaci Goodwill, Parks Commissioner, presented the recommendations that came from community meetings that included representatives of the City of Gig Harbor, the Parks Commission, the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation, PenMet Parks, and citizens involved with the playground structure at Sehmel Park. The group suggested that the city host a public forum on March 3rd to gather input on what the community would like to see in a playground. The input from that meeting would be used for the general parameters to come up with a design for Council approval. The next step is to consider funding sources through grants or bond efforts before it is built.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Art Policy. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey introduced this policy. He explained that it had been reviewed and approved by the Arts Commission.

MOTION: Move to approve and authorize the Indoor/Outdoor Display and Exhibits Policy.
Ekberg / Franich –

Councilmember Malich voiced concern that one person has the knowledge or power to make the determination on what gets displayed. He said it would be more appropriate for the Arts Commission to decide as a committee.

Council and staff discussed the desire to keep the process as simple as possible, and whether to discontinue the program if it becomes burdensome.

RESTATED MOTION: Move to approve and authorize the Indoor/Outdoor Display and Exhibits Policy.
Ekberg / Franich – six voted yes. Councilmember Malich voted no.

STAFF REPORT:

City Administrator Rob Karlinsey congratulated City Attorney Angela Belbeck for her recent article in *City Vision*. He then announced that the city flags would be flown at half-mast until Friday in honor of the victims of the Tucson shootings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Fleisch – 3107 Horsehead Bay Drive. Mr. Fleisch, Executive Director of the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation, spoke in support of the Crescent Creek Play Structure program. He explained that the organization was heavily involved with the Sehmel Park structure and he likes the approach of using a hybrid concept. He offered their expertise in this effort to enhance the lifestyle of the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

2011 Council Committees and Selection of Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Hunter asked Councilmembers to submit their preferences to the City Clerk by January 17th for appointment at the January 24th meeting.

Councilmember Young asked for direction on a request from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to explore dropping health coverage for the Marketing Director, who has offered to take advantage of the policy to offer employees \$100 a month for declining coverage. This would result in a savings to the LTAC budget.

Mr. Karlinsey said that he and the Mayor don't recommend moving forward at this time for several reasons. Councilmembers asked to see a proposal as soon as possible before making a decision.


ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Civic Center Closed Mon. Jan. 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
2. OPPS Committee – Thur. Jan. 20th at 3:00 p.m.


ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.
Franich / Conan – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1014



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towsee, City Clerk