

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 11, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of June 27, 2011.
2. Liquor License Action: a) New Application: Red Rooster Restaurant; b) Added privilege: Tides Tavern.
3. Summer Sounds - Amendment to Contract.
4. Expenditure Approval Related to Storm Structure Void Detection.
5. 2011 Pavement Maintenance and Repair Project – Escrow Agreement for Retainage - Looker & Associates.
6. Crescent Creek Property Hazmat Assessment – Consultant Services Contract/Parametrix.
7. City-wide Travel Demand Model Update, Annual Capacity Availability Report and On-Call Services for Concurrency Testing – Amendment No. 1 to Consultant Services.
8. Resolution No. 863 – Surplus Property.
9. Sewage Lift Station 4 Replacement – Design, Permitting, and Construction Management Services - Consultant Services Contracts.
10. WWTP Improvement Project – Final Deductive Change Order.
11. Austin Estuary Development Contract.
12. Approval of Payment of Bills for July 11, 2011: Checks #67313 through #67421 in the amount of \$1,454,106.94.
13. Approval of Payroll for the month of June: Checks #6261 through #6272, check #6281 through #6289 and direct deposits in the amount of \$313,914.01.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Payne – unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

Pierce Transit Update on System Redesign. Lind Simonsen, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported on the reduction in bus service going into effect in October of this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance – Adopting a New Commute Trip Reduction Plan. City Clerk Molly Towslee introduced and recommended approval of this ordinance adopting a Commute Trip Reduction Plan as required by state law.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1215 as presented.

Kadzik / Payne – unanimously approved.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance - Downtown Limited Parking. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey presented updated information on the number and location of the proposed limited parking stalls.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1216 as presented.
Kadzik / Payne –

Bill Fogerty – 3614 Butler Drive. Mr. Fogerty commended the city for efforts to address the parking issues downtown. He spoke in favor of the flexibility to change the configuration if these don't work as well as anticipated.

Mr. Karlinsey explained that there will be a trial period to evaluate unforeseen problems; flexibility will allow staff to adjust the plan accordingly. He said that he presented the plan during a city-wide update to local realtors; a handful voiced opposition.

Councilmember Franich said this was too broad for him to support. Councilmember Young suggested postponing adoption of the ordinance to a third reading to allow further public comment. Councilmember Payne commented that there had been plenty of time to consider this ordinance.

MOTION: Move to table this to the next meeting.
Young / Malich – two voted in favor. Councilmembers Ekberg, Franich, Conan, Payne and Kadzik voted no. The motion failed.

ORIGINAL MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1216 as presented.
Kadzik / Payne – six voted in favor. Councilmember Franich voted no.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance – Accepting Monetary Donations and Resolution Adopting a Monetary Donation Policy. Rob Karlinsey presented the second reading of an ordinance to provide a mechanism to receive and track monetary donations and recommended adoption of both the ordinance and resolution.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1217 as presented.
Malich / Conan – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 864 as presented.
Conan / Malich – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Senior Planner Jennifer Kester presented information on two proposed comprehensive plan amendments: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Policies and Gig Harbor Bay UGA Expansion.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the public hearing closed. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

2. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Zoning Regulations. Ms. Kester explained that this ordinance to allow electric vehicle infrastructure including battery charging and battery exchange stations is to ensure consistency throughout the region and provide for some local control.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the public hearing closed. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

3. First Reading of Ordinance – Amendments to Special Events Permit. Marketing Director Laureen Lund gave an overview of this ordinance that would allow for certain commercially organized special events. This will return for a second reading at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT:

Donkey Creek Update. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey explained that after the presentation tonight he would ask for Council direction on what options to present at community at the meeting on July 14th. On July 25th, Council would be asked to decide whether or not to close N. Harborview Drive.

Jim Dugan, Senior Consultant at Parametrix, explained that he had been tasked with preparing graphic tools to determine roadway alignment and park tree impact to help Council make their decision. He presented 3-D views illustrating the roadway design option that would remove trees and two options that shift the roadway and retain the park trees. The presentation included the estimated cost and level of service for five alignment options.

After discussion, Council agreed with staff's recommendation to present the one-way option keeping N. Harborview open and the two two-way options that retain the trees. Staff was asked to include parking net gain/loss, other city roundabout configurations, and Finholm signage options at the community meeting.

Councilmember Payne asked that information be passed to the Public Works Department regarding thinning of the maples at Donkey Creek Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Hunter reported that at the Chamber meeting last week he was presented with an American Flag that had flown over Iraq on July 4th in recognition of Gig Harbor's support of the military. The flag and accompanying letter of explanation will be placed in a display case at the Civic Center until a permanent place can be found.

Councilmember Ekberg voiced appreciation to Councilmember Kadzik for watering the downtown flower baskets saying they add a lot to the town.

Councilmember Payne mentioned the value of the Public Affairs Forum on Thursdays mornings at 7:00 a.m. and encouraged other Councilmembers to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Ribbon Cutting: Tue. July 12th at 11:30 a.m.
2. Donkey Creek Project Community Meeting: Thu. July 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Harbor Ridge Middle School.
3. Operations Committee: Thu. July 21st at 3:00 p.m.
4. No City Council Meetings on August 8th or 22nd.
5. Special Council Meeting: Mon. Aug. 29th at 5:30 p.m. – Maritime Pier Construction Bid Award.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 7: 16 p.m. for approximately ten minutes to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).
Payne / Franich – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 7:30 p.m.
Payne / Malich – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1218 (The title was read into the record by City Attorney: *An ordinance of the City of Gig Harbor relating to land use zoning; adopting interim zoning code amendments relating to medical cannabis collective gardens; amending Section 17.14.020 GHMC; setting a public hearing for July 25th, 2011 in order to take public testimony regarding the interim zoning code amendments; adopting a Planning Commission work plan; providing for severability; declaring an emergency and establishing an immediate effective date.*)
Malich / Payne –

AMENDMENT: Motion to add the following language to the ordinance: Section 4 – Interim Zoning; add ED as the designated zone; Section B – Separation Requirements, insert “500 feet”; Section D – Applications, insert “500 feet” in subsection viii, and “750 feet in subsection vix.
Ekberg / Malich – unanimously approved.


Councilmember Franich said the ordinance eliminates an effective way for those who use medical marijuana to obtain it. Legal Counsel Angela Belbeck responded that this ordinance is about collective gardens, and people are still allowed to grow medical cannabis.

Councilmember Young said that he will vote in favor of the ordinance, but it needs more work. He added that most people don't have the knowledge to grow their own and thus the need for community gardens.

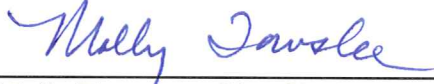
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:35p.m.
Kadzik / Payne – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1020



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk