

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meeting of Oct. 24, 2011.
2. Liquor License Action: a) Added Privilege: Safeway; b) Renewals: Harbor Kitchen, Half-Time Sports.
3. Receive and File: a) Flood Control Zone District Letter;
4. Commute Trip Reduction Agreement.
5. Resolution No. 879 – Sole Source Purchase of Equipment.
6. Resolution No. 880 – Renewal of Pierce Conservation District Assessment.
7. Holiday Tree Lighting Entertainment Contract.
8. Final Plat Approval – Jasmine Plat.
9. (CPP 0914) Donkey Creek Project Final Design, Permitting, and Bidding Assistance – Consultant Services Contract Amendment No. 1.
10. Approval of Payment of Bills for Oct 24, 2011: Checks #68169 through #68350 in the amount of \$1,099,108.02.
11. Approval of Payroll for the month of October: Checks #6355 though #6370 in the amount of \$304,605.27.

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

PRESENTATIONS: Barbara Grace Award - Senior Planner Jenn Kester.

Planning Director Tom Dolan presented the background information for this yearly award given to a “mid-level planner who has distinguished her of himself with dedication to public service and professional accomplishment.” He praised Jennifer for her outstanding job as a planner for the city for over nine years.

Mayor Hunter presented Jennifer with the Barbara Grace Award, thanking her for her service to the city. Councilmember Kadzik voiced his admiration for the job she performs. Ms. Kester accepted the award saying a few before introducing her husband Ken and son Owen.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance – Code Enforcements Citations. Planning Director Tom Dolan introduced this ordinance that would allow a more efficient method for enforcement of land use violations

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1226 as presented.
Payne / Ekberg - unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing – Development Regulations in Flood Hazard Areas. Planning Director Tom Dolan presented background information on the interim ordinance adopted by Council at the September 26th Council meeting. He explained that this public hearing was set by the ordinance in order to accept additional testimony.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

Mr. Dolan addressed Council questions on potential exemptions and flexibility, and the ability to quantify the potential cost of the regulations.

City Attorney Angela Belbeck explained that the city could choose not to impose the regulations but in doing so, would forfeit grant opportunities and the ability to qualify for the Federal Flood Insurance Program. She said that unless Council wants to adopt additional findings, no action is required.

2. First Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – 2012 Proposed Budget. Finance Director David Rodenbach introduced the ordinance and described changes made as a result of the budget worksessions and the passage of Proposition #1. He explained that the current 2011 salary ranges would be in effect until the completion of guild negotiations.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:56 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed. This returns for a second reading at the next meeting.

3. Public Hearing on Revenue Sources. Finance Director David Rodenbach introduced this public hearing on revenue sources for the next year's general fund budget.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed. No further action required.

4. Resolution – 2012 Property Tax Levy. Finance Director David Rodenbach presented two resolutions; the first to set the city's regular tax levy and the second, for an excess levy for the Eddon Boat bonds.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 881 setting the 2012 tax levy.
Young / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 882 setting the 2012 excess tax levy.
Young / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

5. First Reading of Ordinance – 2011 Budget Amendment. Finance Director David Rodenbach presented the background information for amendments to the general fund department, the street operating fund and the street capital fund prior to year end. He explained that the public hearing would be held at the second reading of the ordinance on November 28th.

6. Naming the Maritime Pier. City Administrator Rob Karlinsey presented information on several proposals for naming the maritime pier. Council recommended following past practice.

MOTION: Move to follow the park naming policy as outlined in Resolution No. 717.
Ekberg / Young – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR’S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Hunter reported that he attended a great Veteran’s Day Ceremony on Friday put on by the local Boy Scouts.

Councilmember Payne welcomed Councilmember Conan back from his mission to Africa. He then recognized Council-elect members Jill Guernsey and Michael Perrow in the audience.

Councilmember Ekberg said that he attended the recent Auditor Exit Interview, and praised David Rodenbach and his staff for another year with no audit findings.

Councilmember Young reported that Pierce Transit is creating a boundary adjustment and the city will be asked to send a representative.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Operations Committee: Thu. Nov. 17th at 3:00 p.m.
2. Civic Center Closed Thu. Nov. 24th and Fri. Nov. 25th for Thanksgiving Holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and Guild Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. for approximately 25 minutes For the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and Guild Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).
Franich / Conan – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 6:45 p.m.
Ekberg / Payne - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to authorize the city's attorneys to file an appeal of the Flood Control Zone District Determination of Non-significance.
Payne / Malich – unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.
Franich / Payne – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1019



Chuck Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk