

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – October 22, 2012

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ekberg, Young, Guernsey, Perrow, Malich, Payne, Kadzik and Mayor Hunter.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Oct. 8, 2012.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: a) Harbor Hope Network Proclamation.
3. Liquor License Action: a) Added Privilege – Premium Liquor and Wine; b) Application – Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar; c) Renewals: Maritime Mart; Marketplace Grille; Blue Cannon Pizza; Pioneer 76; Qdoba Mexican Grill; and The Wine Studio; d) Application – Sunset Grill.
4. Receive and File: a) Planning Commission Minutes June 21, July 5, August 16, and September 6, 2012; b) Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Minutes July 9, 2012; c) Gig Harbor Historical Waterfront Association Report; d) Third Quarter Financial Report.
5. Doxo Web-based Utility Bill Delivery and Payment Agreement.
6. Fire Alarm Inspection Services – Agreement Authorization.
7. City-wide Travel Demand Model Update, Annual Capacity Availability Report and On-Call Services for Concurrency Testing – Contract Amendment #3.
8. Approval of Payment of Bills Oct 22, 2012: Checks #70864 through #70958 in the amount of \$773,320.23.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Harbor Hope Network Proclamation. Lance Brown and Neil Simpson accepted the signed proclamation from Mayor Hunter. Mr. Brown explained that Harbor Hope Network was created to form partnerships to prevent teen suicide. The organization works to inventory resources, helps to identify holes in the safety net, and identifies low-cost counseling for teens. He thanked the city for its support, and said they would welcome comments and suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance - Comcast Franchise Agreement. Finance Director David Rodenbach introduced attorney Elana Zana to present an update on the ordinance. Ms. Zana addressed the concerns voiced at the first reading and explained that she talked with the representatives from Comcast to learned that there is no option

to return cable boxes in Gig Harbor. She explained that citizens are able to return the box in either Tacoma or Bremerton, or there is an option to obtain boxes for mailing the return for \$15.00. She then said that there are seven facilities within the city that receive free cable, and eight residents receive a 30% senior / low income discount on basic cable. She offered to answer additional questions.

Councilmember Perrow voiced appreciation that Hans Hechtman addressed his questions and that Comcast seems to be willing to work with the city. He described the cumbersome process to obtain the senior / low-income discount and suggested that the city develop a website link for citizens to obtain information on cable and other utility services.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1249 renewing the franchise agreement with Comcast of Puget Sound Inc. for Cable Television Services in the City.
Ekberg / Young – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Senior Planner Jennifer Kester introduced this ordinance for proposed amendments to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:43 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed. Ms. Kester addressed questions, and Council concurred that the second reading can return on the Consent Agenda.

STAFF REPORT:

City Administrator Denny Richards briefly reported on several items:

- Visioning Meeting on Thursday.
- Maritime Pier Completion.
- 56th & Point Fosdick Project – completed early and under budget. He will check with DOT regarding removal of the rusted fencing.
- He will be out of the office in November during the Budget Worksessions.
- City's inability to compensate the Gig Harbor Boatshop for their pile driving project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guernsey commented on the recent loss of Planning Commissioner Michael Fisher. She said that he was a valued member of the Planning Commission and a passionate supporter of Gig Harbor. She thanked his family for sharing him with us, stressing that he was a leader, a teacher, and a very special friend that will be greatly missed.

Councilmember Malich requested that we move the second Budget Worksession on November 6th to another night due to the important presidential election. It was discussed that it has always been on these two dates.

Councilmember Guernsey asked the reason for the scheduling, as she will be gone during those dates. She suggested that next year we move the budget worksessions a week earlier or have a second meeting in December to accommodate passage before January 1st.

Councilmember Payne also recognized the contribution made by Michael Fisher, calling him a selfless volunteer who had a lot of input on shaping the draft Shoreline Master Program update.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Downtown Planning & Vision Committee: Tue. Oct 23rd at 4:00 p.m.
2. Planning/Building Committee Special Meeting: Tue. Oct. 30th at 5:30 p.m.
3. Budget Worksessions: Mon. Nov. 5th and Tues. Nov. 6th at 5:30 p.m.
4. Civic Center closed for Veterans Day – Mon. Nov. 12th.
5. City Council Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 5:30 p.m. due to Veteran's Day.

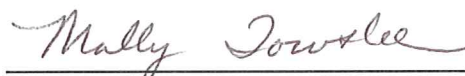
ADJOURN TO SMP WORKSESSION:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.
Kadzik / Perrow – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1019



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk