

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – September 24, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Sep. 10, 2012.
2. Liquor License Action: a) Renewals: Susanne's Bakery & Deli, Harvester Restaurant, Fred Meyer #601, Hot Iron, Quality Food Center #864, Bella Kitchen Essentials; b) Special Occasion – Boys & Girls Club; c) Added Privilege - Fred Meyer; d) Added Privilege - QFC;
3. Appointment to Gig Harbor Arts Commission.
4. Second Reading of Ordinance – Parking Penalties.
5. Second Reading of Ordinance - Extending Collective Garden Moratorium.
6. 2013 AC Water Main Replacements – Department of Health Grant Agreement Authorization.
7. Visitor Information Center/Woodworth Water Tank – Lead Paint Testing – Consultant Services Contract.
8. SR16/Burnham Drive Interchange Improvements – WSDOT Quit Claim Deed.
9. Donkey Creek Design Contract Amendment – Consultant Services Contract.
10. Donkey Creek Project Property Appraisal Contract.
11. Approval of Payment of Bills Sep 24, 2012: Checks #70591 through #70726 in the amount of \$562,149.40.

Councilmember Perrow announced that he would be abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

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

Mayor Hunter introduced and welcomed Janine Miller, newly appointed member to the Gig Harbor Arts Commission.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Ordinance - Comcast Franchise Agreement. Finance Director David Rodenbach presented the background for renewal of the Comcast Franchise to provide cable network service to the citizens of Gig Harbor. He explained that this has been in process over the past eight months.

Councilmember Perrow voiced concern that residents on this side of the bridge had no way to return Comcast equipment without having to go to Tacoma, where customer service was poor.

Councilmember Malich asked if it would be possible to insist on an equipment depository in the agreement. Councilmember Kadzik mentioned that at one time ACE Hardware was a convenient drop off point.

Mr. Rodenbach said that he would check with the attorney working on the agreement to see if this is something that could be explored and return at the next meeting with information. He also responded to the question of whether these are non-exclusive franchise terms by saying the city would need to give the same terms to other cable providers.

2. First Reading of Ordinance – Interim Special Flood Hazard Area Development Regulations. City Attorney Angela Belbeck presented the background information for adoption of interim development regulations necessary to allow for completion of SEPA before adopting the permanent flood hazard area regulations. She explained that an updated draft ordinance setting a public hearing date of October 13th was distributed to Council for review. She said that this ordinance must be adopted tonight in order for it to go into effect before the other interim regulations lapse, and that the vote requires a majority plus one to adopt.

She addressed Council questions regarding SEPA, and why adopting Option 3 was the simpler solution that wouldn't require FEMA approval.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1248, declaring an emergency and adopting interim development regulations relating to development in the special flood hazard and riparian buffer areas to take effect immediately.

Young / Malich – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT:

Making Strides Breast Cancer Awareness Walk – Employee Team. City Clerk Molly Towslee reported that Norine Alvarado, WWTP Operator, is leading the city's team to walk during the upcoming cancer walk scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. She invited Councilmembers to participate either by walking or donating to the cause.

City Administrator Denny Richards praised city staff Laurelyn Brekke, Dan Lilley, and his crew for the set up / clean up of the successful Maritime Pier Ribbon Cutting Ceremony this afternoon.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Kadzik reported that he met with Alan Anderson and other representatives from the Gig Harbor Kayak Club, who were recipients of a \$225,000 grant to purchase special kayaks for members of the "Wounded Warriors" program. He said that there is still concern for where the kayaks would be kept, adding that the club is very interested in participating in the planning process for human-powered watercrafts at the newly purchased Ancich Brothers' Park. Councilmember Kadzik suggested an Ad Hoc Committee that would include the kayak club to work on the park plan.

Administrator Richards reported that the Department of Natural Resources was sending a crew to eradicate the knotweed at the Ancich Brothers' Park site, hopefully by November.

Mayor Hunter stressed that before any site planning takes place, we need to find out what can be done on the site.

Councilmember Young solicited Councilmembers for ideas to forward to the Association of Washington Cities on municipal financing. He explained that they are involved in a multi-year project to make recommendations to the legislature. He then reported that the Puget Sound Regional Council pushed off the county proposal to redirect the 9% regional transportation federal grant money to very small cities.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Downtown Planning / Visioning Committee: Wed. Sept. 26th at 4:00 p.m.
2. Chum Festival at Skansie Brothers' Park – Sat. Sept. 29th 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
3. Planning / Building Committee: Mon. Oct 1st at 5:15 p.m.
4. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Thu. Oct. 4th CANCELLED
5. Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: Mon. Oct. 8th at 4:30 p.m.

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

MOTION: Move to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:58 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).
Kadzik / Young - unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 6:14 p.m.
Kadzik / Malich – unanimously approved.

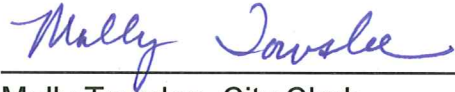
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.
Malich / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

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Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk