

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 26, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Nov. 13, 2012.
2. Correspondence / Proclamations: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.
3. Liquor License Action: Change of Location: The British Connection.
4. Receive and File: a) Minutes of Budget Worksession I Nov. 5th; b) Minutes of Budget Worksession II Nov. 6th.
5. Resolution No. 917 – Surplus Property IT.
6. Maritime Pier Pump-Out - Washington State Parks Grant Agreement.
7. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1251 – Amendment to Employee Bonds Requirement.
8. 2013 Addendum to Agreement for Legal Services.
9. Grandview Reservoir Repainting Project – Public Works Contract Award and Consultant Services Testing Contract.
10. Approval of Payment of Bills Nov. 26, 2012: Checks #71107 through #71198 in the amount of \$297,771.09.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Guernsey - unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Hunter presented the signed proclamations to Joan Babbutt, volunteer advocate for Puget Sound Pancreatic Cancer Alliance along with Dan Frank. She thanked Council for the proclamation which she said will be valuable in helping bring awareness and support for a critical research bill currently before the Senate.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Public Hearing and Resolution No. 918 Amending the Development Agreement with Harbor Hill LLC. Senior Planner Jennifer Kester explained the five elements of the proposed amendments to the development agreement.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed. Ms. Kester addressed Council questions regarding density and zoning for the project.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 918 Amending the Development Agreement with Harbor Hill LLC.
Ekberg / Kadzik - unanimously approved.

2. Final Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1252 - 2013 Proposed Budget. Finance Director David Rodenbach gave an overview of the proposed budget numbers and explained that this is the final public hearing before adoption.

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

City Administrator Denny Richards was asked for additional information on the need for an Administrative Receptionist. He explained that since he arrived, he has observed the efforts to maintain coverage for the reception desk, adding that the person in the position would also perform other duties in addition to front counter work. Mr. Richards also talked about the need for better signage.

Councilmembers voiced concern over adding another full-time position, the salary range for the position, and where the person should be located.

Mayor Hunter explained that Mr. Richards has spent quite some time considering the issues and agreed that using a temporary person wouldn't work. City Attorney Angela Belbeck responded that she would have to defer to the city's human resource attorney for advice on whether using a lower salary range is a guild negotiation issue.

After further discussion, everyone agreed that it is a public service issue and that better signage is important.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1252 adopting the 2013 Budget.
Ekberg / Payne - unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and Resolution No. 919 - Adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Senior Engineer Emily Appleton presented an overview of the six-year transportation list developed to address future projects. She addressed Council questions.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Charles Nicodemus – 5902 125th St. Ct. NW. Mr. Nicomedus, Vice President of Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club, restated their position against planning a connector road through their property. He stressed that the property is not for sale and that they have provided a worthwhile service to the community for over fifty years. He said that they would like to work with the city to find an alternative route.

Mr. Nicodemus was assured by Councilmembers and the City Administrator that the city is working on a route around the property. Ms. Appleton added that the map showing the road through the property is only to show that there is a plan for a connector in the area.

There were no further public comments and the hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 919 adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
Payne / Perrow - unanimously approved.

2. Cushman Trail Cottages Annexation Petition. Planning Director Tom Dolan presented information on this Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation request for five acres east of Canterwood Boulevard. Mr. Dolan answered zoning questions, and explained that Council could either deny the Notice of Intent or authorize the process to move forward subject to conditions.

MOTION: Move to accept the Notice of Intent to Commence Annexation subject to: 1. Acceptance of the proposed annexation boundary; Requirement of the simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning code with the property being zoned R-1 upon annexation; and 3. Requirement of the assumption of proportionate indebtedness of the City.
Guernsey / Malich - unanimously approved.

3. First Reading of Ordinance – Maritime Pier Use. Lita Dawn Stanton, Special Projects, presented the background information for this ordinance that adopts a new chapter to address the use of the newly constructed Maritime Pier. She addressed concern that provisions will be made to keep the center of the pier open for pedestrian access.

Councilmember Malich asked about the key deposit and fifteen-minute time limit. Attorney Belbeck explained that the reason for the \$150 key deposit is to ensure that the applicant will take care not to lose their key, which would require time and money to replace the locks. Ms. Stanton responded that the time limit only applies to the float at the end of the pier to allow broader use for the public; the upper pier will have a 45 – 60 minute limit.

This will return at the December 10th meeting for a second reading.

4. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – 2012 Budget Amendment. Finance Director David Rodenbach explained the purpose of this budget amendment is due to increased activities in the Hotel/Motel fund approved by Council in April, 2012 and park development to purchase of three parcels along Harborview Drive. He addressed Council questions.

Councilmember Kadzik said he would like to move forward with a committee to discuss and gain public comment for a community boating park.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed. This ordinance will return for adoption on the Consent Agenda at the December 10th meeting.

STAFF REPORT:

City Administrator Denny Richards thanked Council for a smooth budget process.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Young reported that Pierce Transit met last week to lay out the 2013 Budget cuts. He said there would be a redesign of the system and more will be known in December. The cuts in service will become more apparent in the fall of 2013 or spring of 2014 due to a federal amendment requiring compliance to make sure that minority or low income citizens are not overburdened by the cuts.

Councilmember Young then announced that he was elected as Vice-Chair of the Pierce County Regional Council. He also said that their annual dues will be increasing in 2013.

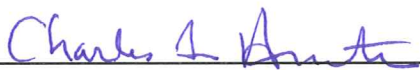
ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Gig Harbor Tree Lighting Ceremony – Sat. Dec 1st at 5:00 p.m.
2. Planning / Building Committee: Mon. Dec 3rd at 5:15 p.m.


ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.
Malich / Perrow – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1017



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk