

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – December 17, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER: 5:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Parks Commission Minutes Nov. 7, 2012.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 921 – Adopting the Draft Shoreline Master Program. Senior Planner Peter Katich presented a brief background for this resolution to forward the draft Shoreline Master Program to the Department of Ecology.

Councilmember Malich asked if there is an opportunity for changes to the document before final adoption. Mr. Katich described the process the document will go through after being sent to Ecology for review. He said that Council will have the ability to respond to Ecology comments and make adjustments to the draft document. He also said that Ecology has yet to determine whether they will hold a public hearing.

Councilmember Guernsey asked if there would be limitations to the changes that can be made when it comes back from Ecology. Mr. Katich said that any changes need to be consistent with the review that has occurred to date; any new topics or issues identified would require additional review by Ecology. After the draft is sent for Ecology review, they may send comments back for the city to accept or negotiate for resolution. Ultimately the city will seek an approval letter from DOE which will trigger a 60-day appeal period with any appeals to be filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board. If no appeals are filed, the city will have a document to use to administer development along the shoreline. He said he would alert his counterpart at DOE regarding the nonconforming section identified by Councilmember Guernsey and other minor changes that need correction before adoption.

Councilmember Perrow thanked staff for the opportunity for additional review time.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution No. 921 Adopting the Draft Shoreline Master Program.
Payne / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

Councilmember Payne thanked Mr. Katich and Mr. Dolan, and said he especially wanted to recognize the Planning Commission for the many hours of work it took to develop this document.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2013 State Legislative Agenda. Councilmember Young explained that he was surprised to find the Ancich Property on the 2013 agenda and asked if Council thought there might be higher priority projects.

Councilmember Payne explained that there hadn't been a thorough review of capital project opportunities and so they saw this as a way to spur the development of the property and push it forward with the state legislature.

Mayor Hunter said it took three years for the Maritime Pier from the time it was submitted until the money came through, so this is an opportunity to get it in the queue. He said if the money comes sooner we would be able to move forward with the project.

Councilmember Payne added that because the city doesn't have the funds to restore the historic netshed, it is a project that could see benefit in immediate improvement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

STAFF REPORT:

City Administrator Denny Richards said that he had some great photos of the high tides today that he will forward to Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Malich said that recently he allowed a couple of gillnetters to use his dock. He stressed that gillnetters are also commercial fisherman and yet they weren't taken into consideration when the Maritime Pier was designed. He asked if the city could consider a re-design to accommodate their use. He added that the gillnetters do not carry large insurance policies but they still should be allowed to use the city dock.

Mayor Hunter responded that several things need to be addressed. He said that we are still working with AWC now to make sure they understand operating a pier without the benefit of a port authority. He agreed that there was a lot of discussion with the Fishermen's Club but for whatever reason the gillnetters weren't "at the table."


Councilmember Young gave an update on the Pierce Transit proposed cuts in service. He then said that a downtown trolley is still being talked about. Mayor Hunter encouraged him to do what he can to preserve service.

Councilmember Kadzik wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He said that he is proud of everything that has been accomplished this past year.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.
Malich / Perrow – unanimously approved.

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Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk