

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 11, 2013

PRESENT: Councilmembers Young, Guernsey, Perrow, Malich, Payne, and Kadzik. Councilmember Ekberg served as Mayor Pro Tem.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of discussing Guild Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)

MOTION: Move to go into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. for approximately fifteen minutes to discuss Guild Negotiations per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).
Payne / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 5:45 p.m.
Malich / Perrow – unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Feb. 25, 2013.
2. Liquor License Action: a) Assumption – Kelly's Cafe and Espresso; b) Assumption – Albertson's No. 406; c) Amended Application – Netshed No. 9.
3. Receive and File: a) GH Historic Waterfront Association Quarterly Progress Report – December 31, 2012;
4. Appointments to Parks Commission.
5. Resolution No. 922 – Amendments to Civic Center Facility Use Agreement.
6. Gig Harbor Police Guild Contract.
7. Skansie Netshed Moorage/Piling Replacement Project – Consultant Services Contract Amendment No. 1 - Sitts & Hill Engineers, Inc.
8. Eddon Boat Property - Long Term Monitoring Plan – Contract Amendment No. 1 -Anchor QEA, LLC.
9. Determination of the Preferred Harbor Hill Drive Extension Route and Park Improvements Project – Consultant Services Contract/David Evans and Associates.
10. WWTP U.V. Disinfection Alternatives Evaluation Project Consultant Services Contract - HDR Engineering, Inc.
11. Parks & Recreation Concerts on the Park Contracts.
12. Addendum to Interagency Agreement with Washington State Arts Commission.
13. Approval of Payment of Bills Mar. 11, 2013: Checks #71937 through #72040 in the amount of \$593,028.83.
14. Approval of Payroll for the month of February: Checks #6924 through #6936 and direct deposit transactions in the total amount of \$329,850.21.

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

PRESENTATIONS: Recognition of Lt. Bill Colberg's 32 years of Service to the Gig Harbor Police Department. Chief Mike Davis presented an overview of Lieutenant Colberg's 42 years in police work. Chief Davis explained that Lt. Colberg has been acting Chief three times over the years, but always chooses to work "in the trenches" rather than serving in the more public position. Chief Davis described many of the duties that Lt. Colberg performs, praising his work ethic and the fact that he takes extreme pride in his job and the reputation of the department. Chief Davis then recognized Faith Colberg and stressed how important the spouse is in any successful career in law enforcement. He asked everyone to join in congratulating Bill Colberg for his 32 years of exemplary service with the Gig Harbor Police Department and wishing him well on his upcoming retirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg presented Lt. Colberg with an appreciation plaque recognizing his employment with the city from December 7, 1981 to March 31st, 2013, and thanked him for his years of devoted service.

City Administrator Denny Richards said that Bill Colberg was an officer when he came to Gig Harbor as Chief of Police. Then, he had the privilege of promoting him to Sergeant, and then to Lieutenant. He presented Lt. Colberg with a money clip engraved with "Bill Colberg – Dedicated husband, father, friend and police officer."

Lt. Colberg then spoke about the difficult transition coming from California to Gig Harbor. He credited Denny Richards for bringing on more staff and moving this towards a more professional department.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance - Implementing FEMA Option #3 – Permit-by-Permit Demonstration of Compliance under the Endangered Species Act. Senior Planner Peter Katich presented the second reading of this ordinance adopting Option #3 and explained that two clauses have been added to address the option for the City to submit its regulatory approach to FEMA once the Shoreline Master Program has been adopted and is in effect.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1259 as presented.
Payne / Guernsey – five voted in favor. Councilmembers Malich and Perrow voted no.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1258 – Extension of Interim Regulations Adopting FEMA Option #3 Permit-by-Permit Demonstration of Compliance under the Endangered Species Act. Senior Planner Peter Katich explained that due to an issue with timing of the ordinance just adopted to implement Option #3, it is necessary to extend the interim regulations currently in place in one reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1258 extending the interim regulations adopted under Ordinance No. 1248.
Young / Guernsey – unanimously approved.

2. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Extension of interim Regulations – Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens. Planning Director Jennifer Kester explained that the current interim regulations will expire on April 11th. Due to the recent passage of Initiative 502 and the decision by King County Superior Court to uphold a ban on collective gardens by the City of Kent currently under appeal, the Planning Commission is asking Council to extend the interim regulations to allow more time for the outcome of the appeal and any further legislative action.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed. This ordinance will return on the Consent Agenda for adoption at the next meeting.

3. First Reading of Ordinance – Amendments to Fireworks Stand Permits. City Clerk Molly Towslee explained that with the repeal of the Temporary Business Licensing, amendments were needed to update the Fireworks Stand regulations as well. In addition to changing the wording from “license” to “permit,” the insurance requirements and submission dates were updated. She addressed questions. This will return on the Consent Agenda for adoption at the next meeting.

4. Well No. 5 Motor Removal and Analysis Project – Small Works Contract Award. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm explained that the pump and motor assembly at Well No. 5 has an electrical fault that will need to be diagnosed. He said that a repair contract will be prepared for council review based on the analysis. He answered questions regarding the city’s water system.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor to execute a Small Public Works Contract with Pump Tech, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,112.15 for the award of the Well No. 5 Motor Removal and Analysis Project and authorize the Public Works Director to approve addition expenditures up to \$800 to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders.
Guernsey / Payne – unanimously approved.

5. Request to Add Additional Staff. City Administrator Denny Richards said that we haven’t been successful in filling the temporary Building Inspector position and requested approval to add a full-time position in lieu of the temporary status in order to be competitive in the market. He explained that permit approval time continues to creep upward due to increase in submittals and the lack of staff. He added that the increased permit fees will pay for the new position.

Building Official / Fire Safety Manager Paul Rice addressed questions regarding the levels of staffing, the types of inspections being required, and the reason that permit review time has increased. He was asked to identify the types of inspections in future Building Statistic Reports.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor to request the city Administrator and Human Resource Analyst to begin a search for a full time Building Inspector.
Guernsey / Young – unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR’S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Perrow said that the e-mail notifying business owners and residents of the Donkey Creek Project road closures was great, but an additional effort needs to be made with the Harbor Ridge Middle School Principal and Athletic Staff to coordinate impacts.

Councilmember Malich thanked staff for the new chairs in the Council Chambers. He then said it would be nice to have web cams to advertise the city and so people can see what the weather is doing here. He suggested that the Parks Commission could take the lead on that project. It was mentioned that we already have a webcam pointed at Jerisich Dock.

Councilmember Young gave an update on the Pierce Transit adoption of an increase in vanpool fares implemented over several years. He said that the issue of grandfathering van pool services outside city limits eliminated with recent boundary changes was tabled. He said they are also discussing another ballot measure for a potential smaller district. He then reported that he attended the Cities and Towns meeting and learned of a proposal for a large increase in dues in order to become part of the Suburban Cities Association. It appears this group of mayors wants a larger role for Pierce County government and so they changed the bylaws to allow any elected to represent the towns.

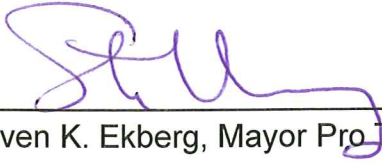
ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Finance / Safety Committee – Mon. Mar 18th CANCELLED
2. Operations Committee: Thu. Mar 21st at 3:00 p.m.
3. Boards and Candidate Review: Mon. Mar 25th at 4:30 p.m.

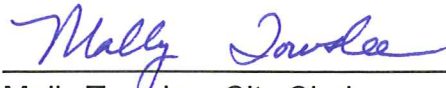
ADJOURN:

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

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Steven K. Ekberg, Mayor Pro Tem



Molly Towslee, City Clerk