

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – October 14, 2013

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ekberg, Guernsey, Perrow, Malich, Payne, Kadzik, and Mayor Hunter. Councilmember Young came later in the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Hunter announced that when the public hearing was opened for New Business No. 1, that each person who wished to speak would have three minutes and that donating your time to another would not be allowed. He then noted that Councilmember Young would be late due to a Pierce Transit Trolley meeting he was attending.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes: a) Regular Meeting Sep. 23, 2013; b) Special Meeting Minutes Sep. 30, 2013.
2. Liquor License Action: Domo Sushi Application.
3. Receive and File: a) TNAAC Meeting Summary July 11, 2013; b) Parks Commission Minutes Sept. 4, 2013; c) Minutes from Council Workstudy Session Sep 23, 2013.
4. Correspondence / Proclamations: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.
5. Resolution No. 937 – Adopting an Interlocal for a Joint Self-Insured Health and Welfare Benefit Program.
6. Memorandum of Agreement with Pierce County for Commute Trip Reduction Program.
7. Approval of Payment of Bills Oct 14, 2013: Checks #73603 through #73758 in the amount of \$1,849,959.83.
8. Approval of Payment of Payroll for the month of September 14, 2013: Checks #7040 through #7052 in the amount of \$359,784.80.

Councilmember Guernsey announced that she would be abstaining on this vote due to an item concerning her employer, Pierce County.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ekberg / Perrow – five voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Downtown Waterfront Building Size and Height Amendments. Planning Director Jennifer Kester presented this ordinance previously considered at the September 9th meeting. She explained that Council directed staff to prepare an open house and to bring back the water-side amendments for continued consideration and additional public comment. She said that

public comments were included in the packet, public comments which came in after the packet was prepared were given to Council, and that the testimony received tonight will finish out the public comments. She added that reduced copies of the information boards from the open house were also included in the record. Ms. Kester then narrated a PowerPoint presentation that described the steps leading up to the proposal including the main objectives identified in the visioning process, the history of building size and height limits in the downtown area, and illustrations of what currently exists verses what could be built under these proposals, both in commercial and residential waterfront areas. She finalized by saying that tonight we hold a public hearing; Council then considers the comments, asks clarifying questions, and provides direction to staff before this returns on the 28th.

Councilmember Malich asked about the typical width of a house and how much view would be impacted by moving the house closer to the right of way. Ms. Kester responded that it would depend upon the lot size, adding that as you go further up Harborview the lots are narrower. She said that by moving the house closer to the street it would take up more of your peripheral vision, and offered to do a rough calculation based on a 50 foot lot before the next meeting.

Councilmember Ekberg asked for clarification on the reason behind moving the height measurement from the setback up to the property line. Ms. Kester explained that this would allow more height and a front porch closer to the street, which is the desire of communities and more consistent with the historic nature of the neighborhood. She said that the Planning Commission didn't propose measuring from the right of way because that isn't allowed anywhere else. In addition, it could possibly affect future public projects.

Councilmember Malich then asked about using land fill to increase height and the time limits on fill. Ms. Kester said you could not use fill to increase the height of a building and because of the requirements for permitting and for maintaining the natural topography.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. and reminded the audience of the three-minute limit. Councilmember Young joined the meeting at this time.

Mike Baechler – 12520 59th Ave NW. Mr. Baechler mentioned the Smithsonian article naming Gig Harbor number five of the 20 best towns in America, and said that most people they have met in their travels know about Gig Harbor. He described Gig Harbor's small-town character when he moved here in 1999, and talked about the quaint downtown with a glorious water view of a harbor, fishing fleet, and private boats for residents and tourists to enjoy. He talked about the changes he's seen since then, and how he enjoyed the Uptown and North Gig Harbor communities; while asking to leave the downtown area alone. He complimented the Russell Foundation building, calling it a nice addition that provides a water feature and viewing area to sit and enjoy. Mr. Baechler said that he was proud of the Mayor and Council for taking care of the community; today he is here to say leave the waterside of Harborview Drive alone for

future visitors. He then said he would like to be as proud of this Council as he has been of its predecessors.

Brian Heath – 3321 109th St. Ct. NW. Mr. Heath thanked the Council and Planning Commission for serving the public. He continued to say that he knows it's not Councils' duty to vote the way he wants; they are elected to think, debate, research, compromise, listen and decide. He emphasized that it *is* their duty to listen to what the public wants, and that the duty goes beyond holding meetings when people are at work or on their way home; and it goes beyond holding a vote without inviting the opposing view to speak. He stressed that Council, over the past year, must have realized the controversial nature of this issue and added that it's their duty to do a better job of notifying the public of a decision of such magnitude and that changes the very nature of our community. He also said that as Council becomes aware of these things, it's their duty to invite both sides into the debate.

Jennifer Baechler – 12520 59th Ave NW. Ms. Baechler asked if she understood the process, then she cannot donate her time to Ms. Woock. Mayor Hunter responded that she could not.

Jenni Woock, Citizens for the Preservation of Gig Harbor Waterfront – 3412 Lewis Street. Ms. Woock said that the 1,507 signed petitions is a testament to Gig Harbor voters and citizens for no new zoning anywhere on Harborview Drive. She said that they expect the comments from the online petitions to be entered into the legal record. She continued to say that if two-story buildings are allowed anywhere on the water side of Harborview, the only option for property owners on the uphill side to keep their view is to go up big and tall with multi-story development agreements. She stressed that the pedestrian experience is both sides of the street; if houses are allowed to move closer to the sidewalk it eliminates harbor views for boaters, residents, and tourists walking and driving by. View corridors can contain tall trees and six-foot tall hedges, she said, adding that this view killing ordinance passed in 2012 at another public hearing folks knew nothing about. She said that it is the Council's job to represent the majority of the voters, adding that you have heard loud and clear that the voters do not want this amendment. It is time that the views of the majority outweigh the money of builders and special interest. You *will not* vote against the will of the majority of the people, she emphasized, and that at some point you will have to make one of two choices: either your legacy to your children, grandchildren, and the town of Gig Harbor is to be known as the City Council that killed the view and the feeling of downtown, or you can stand and be counted to save the waterfront and promote a unique downtown for generations to come. She finalized by saying that the citizens deserve to see a copy of the petitions.

Two people flanking the podium unfurled copies of the petitions onto the floor.

Marilyn Lepape – 10408 Kopachuck Dr NW. Ms. Lepape described the town of Gig Harbor in which she grew up when the population was only 1,000. She said that the town was somewhat isolated and unknown. She explained that that the stores consisted of a grocery, a hardware store, a pharmacy, a movie theater, doctors, and

dentists, all who were all located downtown. She emphasized that people didn't worry about the vitality of the economy, and Gig Harbor didn't seek out visitors; nor did visitors seek out the town. Fast forward to the present with two bridges and people moving here in droves because they like it; now people from all over know where it is. She said that Gig Harbor North and Uptown are developed and the residents have other options to buy necessities. In spite of this, many residents, visitors, and tourists still frequent the downtown because they like the way it is. There are those who feel the need to revitalize the downtown by amendments that allow two-story, 27 foot high buildings along the waterfront of Harborview Drive, but she doesn't believe that this will revitalize anything. She said that if you build it the tourists and visitors will not come because you will be taking away Gig Harbor's greatest assets: the view, the openness, the feeling of an authentic town that is content the way it is. Ms. Lepape said that she attended the July 8th open house, and to her best recollection, none of the business owners spoke in favor of the proposal. The only ones speaking in favor were builders, developers, and an architect. She continued to say that this amendment addresses the water side between The Green Turtle Restaurant and Rosedale Street but if it passes you have said you plan to extend the re-zoning to the Finholm District next year. She said the changes that would occur with this rezoning would have a significant impact that would alter the unique character of Gig Harbor. She finalized by saying that you have already passed rezoning for the non-water side of Harborview; please allow the water side to remain as is, an inviting place to visit, to walk, and to revitalize one's spirit.

Dave Morris – 2809 Harborview Drive. Mr. Morris thanked Council and the Planning Commission for the study on this issue, and then spoke to the proposed 27 foot height proposal from Rosedale Street down past the Green Turtle Restaurant, on the waterside. He said he wouldn't be in favor of this in any other location in the city, but here it's entirely appropriate. He added that his family and he have been here since the late 40's, so they are not newcomers. He explained that from an architectural and economic standpoint it makes perfect sense along that particular, very narrow area, which is already developed in large part, and can't really change. He explained that the park is there, the Russell Building is there, and as you go around to the Haub Property, the views won't be impacted because of the large property up behind is all trees. He said that he has looked at the elevations from where the businesses will look across. He finalized by saying again that from an architectural and economic standpoint, it adds vibrancy to the town so he is in favor of this.

Peter Stanley, Tides Tavern – 2925 Harborview Drive. Mr. Stanley stated that he has been a business and property owner in Gig Harbor for 40 years. He explained that he grew up in Connecticut so he understands old, small villages and how they are valued. He said that what we have is a gem, and the 20 foot view corridor downtown and between houses is unheard of on the East Coast; the buildings there are a foot apart and right on the street. People love to live there, and so this proposal to move the houses closer to the street is in keeping with hundreds of years of history. He continued to say that having and maintaining the 20 foot view corridor is a gift, so taking out the trees and shrubs is another issue that he would favor in order to be able to see from the street to the water. He thanked Council and all the others involved in the eighteen

month process that has gotten us here. He explained that perhaps the reason that business owners weren't at the hearing to testify is because they had already been involved in the process that has gotten this to where it is. He agreed with comments made by Dave Morris about the architectural and economic sense, and the opportunity to provide incentive for building owners to reinvest in the downtown area. He explained that currently, they have no reason to put any money into the buildings because they are small, antiquated spaces that cannot generate the sort of rental returns needed. He commented that the allegations that the Mayor and City Councilmembers are in the pocket of developers is hurtful, and said "*shame on you.*" He again said that he has been here for 40 years and has heard from a lot of developers that it's a tough place to get anything done because the Council, the Mayor, and the citizens have been so concerned about the nature and look of Gig Harbor. He finalized by saying what you see today is the result of a tremendous efforts by all to grow and to preserve, and that's what the process we are looking at here is all about.

Anne Knapp – 5810 19th St. Ct. NW. Ms. Knapp noted that they own two properties in Gig Harbor. She said that our town has long attracted visitors due to the unique setting, views along Harborview, and the eccentric charm. What is being proposed today will change this, and once these areas are built, like the Russell building, it will be there for a lifetime. We need to decide what matters more, the historic look of our town or the rights of developers and waterfront property owners to maximize their views at the expense of the rest of the community. She continued by saying that she is not opposed to development, just to placing the rights of the developers over the rights of the residents and business owners. Gig Harbor is a branded destination, and she fears we will lose that if we allow 27 foot, flat-roofed buildings along both sides of the street that will fundamentally change the look of this area, with an unattractive corridor which impinge views and reduce property values downtown. If tourists don't come, sales for businesses will be negatively impacted, but ironically, their rents will go up. She continued by saying "Welcome to Harbor No-view Drive; welcome to wall-to-wall upscale offices and the end to small retail shops." The Council voted on September 9th to increase heights to the downtown business district, and as a result we are already faced with the possibility of a line of 27 foot buildings on the lower section of Pioneer. She continued to say she doesn't feel this is an attractive inducement to tourists to come and spend money. Our town has been successful than most in attracting tourists that are important to the economy, adding that it would be short-sighted to kill the cash cow for a little hamburger. If the developers want to build taller buildings then let them go to Uptown or Gig Harbor North; that is why those areas were created. Residents of Gig Harbor have no responsibility to maximize profits for developers at the expense of property values, views of the harbor, and the quality of life. She ended by saying that if we want to help businesses downtown this is the wrong path to take.

Tom Harris – 9508 Johnson Lane. Mr. Harris read a letter from Carol Davis, 4202 57th Street CT. NW, who could not be present. The letter said: In the 20 years she has lived here there have been many surveys, ad hoc and visioning committees, paid studies regarding what to do to revitalize the downtown with the same results; keep the maritime flavor downtown and preserve the charm of the historic fishing village. If the

downtown needs to be revitalized the theme should be the Maritime City as all our publicity calls our town. If you want to encourage maritime related businesses, then reward such businesses with tax and parking requirement breaks. Adding two-story flat-roofed buildings with offices and professional services will do nothing to revitalize downtown. Tourists aren't going to flock here to look at office buildings. New construction should reflect the craftsman style of homes and businesses that lend such charm to our city. All the above mentioned studies also reflect the public's desire to preserve expansive by views of the bay; the most notable characteristics of downtown. If you allow two-story buildings with peek-a-boo views through the trees, you will not be preserving what the public has adamantly requested. Please respect the results of the committees and citizen input that the Council has gathered over the decades. Keep our unobstructed view of the harbor and the fishing village atmosphere that makes Gig Harbor a tourist destination and gathering place for the local citizens. Sincerely, Carol Davis.

Mr. Harris echoed the comments in this letter.

Del Woock – 3412 Lewis Street. Mr. Woock thanked everyone for coming to this meeting and said that our citizens are very concerned with the proposal to amend the zoning code on the waterside of Harborview Drive. He said the proposal doesn't set well with the citizens; they want the downtown along waterside to remain as it is and not to increase the building heights along this beautiful drive. He continued to say that when he was soliciting names, he seldom found anyone who didn't agree to sign the petition in opposition to the zone change. He only got a small number of the total signatures, but he heard objections and thanks that someone is opposing this change. He said that the 1,507 names is only a small portion of the voting citizens that live in Gig Harbor, but it's a far bigger group than the few that are in favor of passing this amendment. He said that Council is elected to represent the will of the people of the city; and asked that they please listen to the people who elected them to office. He restated that this vote is against the will and desire of the vast majority; please listen to their concerns about the proposed change on the waterside of Harborview area zoning. This entire proposal is only about money; developers want it passed, property owners want it, the taxes want it, but the citizens don't want it. You as City Council members must vote to leave the water side of Harborview as is, he said. Once the view is gone and replaced with a whole group of new two-story buildings, it's gone forever.

Lynn Stevenson 7406 Hill Avenue. Ms. Stevenson first said she sincerely appreciates living in a place where the City Councils have done so much to preserve public waterfront access and historic structures, which has not gone unnoticed. This is why when she heard about the proposed zoning changes that she assumed they would be shot down. Councilmember Kadzik stated that the harbor is withering, and she found this comment surprising because from her perspective, and given the withering world economy, it seems that Gig Harbor is doing relatively well. She said that slacking up on building restricting feels like a knee-jerk reaction to a dip in the economy. She continued to say that of course, loosening restrictions will incite building growth, but the abundance of vacant retail space, she fears investors will seek profit by creating

residential space. She said that City Council has failed to explain how this change in zoning will help businesses and not just turn the downtown into a bedroom community. Gig Harbor is recognized nationally and internationally due largely to the character of the town that has developed at a measured pace through the decades; embraces a variety of architectural styles; and remains on a scale that is difficult to find in this day and age. Yes, she said the views are being threatened, but she is more concerned with what is really at stake here; the Gig Harbor experience. She said that you don't need a PhD in the psychology of architecture to know that a small town of quaint shops, galleries, homes, and cafes just feels more warm and welcoming. There is something to the character and patina of even the smallest, original shop you can't replicate even with modern building materials even if the design passes some committee's objective opinion on what constitutes a maritime theme. It's that warm and welcoming feeling that visitors get when they come to Gig Harbor. The new zoning threatens this by incentivizing one architectural flat-roof style. Opening the door for a sudden burst of redevelopment will date our town and give it a manufactured flavor. If it's too late to save some of our uphill buildings, she asked Council to take great care in managing how those future buildings will be used; saying we are at a critical point where we want our downtown to thrive while simultaneously saving the original integrity of Gig Harbor. This is not an easy task; by giving permission to build taller, flat-roofed buildings along Harborview Drive, she said she fears we have just opened the door to the slow deconstruction of our little harbor's heritage. What we can preserve is this small remaining downtown zone. Please stop trying to fix what isn't broken.

Jim Eustace – 8601 Goodman Drive NW. Mr. Eustace said he doesn't understand why character and cohesiveness cannot be created in this quaint little town without going up in the air with buildings. He referred to a show on PBC about National Parks, explaining that President Roosevelt, John Muir, and some of the Rockefellers had the foresight to look forward with the understanding of what people want, need, and deserve in their lives. It wasn't big development; it was a National Parks Service that they brought forth. He asked Council to have that foresight, to look and see what has been said. He said he has been in this area for nearly 20 years and asked that we listen to what the citizens say and go back to the drawing board and come back with an idea that's what the people want.

Kit Kuhn – 3104 Shyleen Street. Mr. Kuhn said that he is a citizen who lives two blocks down and a retailer here of over 26 years. He explained that he has spent most of his years fighting growth downtown, and acknowledged that this is a tough issue. He explained that he is here now to encourage what you are doing, thanking Council for what they've done. He again said that he represents both sides of the issue as a citizen and one of the oldest businesses. He said that except for the setback moving closer to the street, because then the building is right in your face and looks that much larger, he agrees and encourages what has been brought forward. He said that a lot of people come down to watch the festivals and listen to the music and everyone thinks it's a vibrant downtown because they see all the people. He continued to explain that 24 years ago, when he was located above Spiros, which used to be W.B. Scotts, the town was much busier. It wasn't the same world then, he explained. We didn't have the

internet, Uptown, or box stores, stressing that if you think little businesses can make it with those things in the world; it's not possible. He said that his is a specialty store and so he can make it, but he has seen ten places within a block that have been for rent for over two years. Even before the economy changed downtown wasn't vibrant, and he has watched the downtown retail core continue to die for about twelve years. He continued to say that it's great to have tourists come, but most people that live in this community do not support the downtown shops. He shared that he was scared of growth downtown; scared of the two-story buildings, but he would give up a little charm, a little quaintness, to not have boarded up, decrepit buildings where businesses can't make it. About one-third of the retailers are going to be retired or gone in about 5-7 years, and people are not coming in to take over those spots, he explained. If you allow two-story buildings you will create more shops downtown, people can have condos or apartments and live downtown, and you will probably get a grocery store back because there's enough people to warrant one coming. You will have some more offices, but will double the amount of people that spend time downtown. During the day, he explained, there are very few people walking around downtown, and small business cannot make it. He said that he signed the petition against this proposal, but wished he had not done that. He commented that there are checks and balances in place, and the city has done a good job. He then said that a study nine years ago revealed there isn't two hours of shopping downtown; the person who performed the study said that if there isn't two hours of shopping in an area, people will not come. Mr. Kuhn finalized by saying he wants a vibrant downtown.

Charlotte Gerlof – 7712 73rd St. Ct NW. Ms. Gerlof, a resident for over 20 years, said she loves this town; she walks downtown 4-6 times a week, and sees lots of people walking. She said that the reason they walk here and come downtown is solely for the scenery and the quaint shops, including Kit's; she's been there often, she added. Raising the elevations and rooftops isn't going to bring more business, she stressed. If we've got vacancy in retail now and we create more buildings, we create more vacancy. She said that there has to be a draw; the biggest draw now is the gem of the scenery that we have. She shared that just this morning she was walking downtown and was looking at what she enjoys every day. It broke her heart, she said, to think that could be gone. Extinct is forever; you cannot bring it back, she added. We are so unique where we live. To think you can just put this aside and hope for the best is foolish because it's not going to work this way, she explained. This City Council has a really big challenge, she said, and she respects their position as being extremely difficult. You are trying to balance something that is irreplaceable with the immediate needs: financial, retail space, living space; and people's personal needs, she said. But there is a compromise to this and challenged Council to be in the present moment and to be mindful of what they've got before they throw it away. It would be tragic, she added. We don't live on the East Coast where there are distances, these corridors, which has become the euphuism for diminished space, diminished view, or no view at all. We live here in Gig Harbor where we have space to look out onto the harbor. We get to see the sea, we get to see the birds, and we get to see the people on the waterway enjoying themselves. Many of these people I know personally, she added, and I don't want that to go away. I really hope you will take a look at this from all angles, she urged. Yes, we do have an

obligation to this community for developing and you have done a good job with it. There are no decrepit buildings in this town as was referenced. Yes, they could use some help, and there has been some really nice work done on many of them. Continue that; do that, she said. I think each and every one of you has a good view, but make sure that it's for all of us that want it. The majority of the people here have spoken for what they want. I just expect you to do the right thing, she emphasized. You are elected officials; you work for me. I hope you listen to what I say.

Diane Martin - 4309 144th St. Ct. NW. Ms. Martin said she moved to Gig Harbor almost a year ago, but has been coming here for almost 20 years to visit her daughter who lives here, but couldn't attend because she is on her way home from work. Ms. Martin said that the only thing she wants to add to the comments in her e-mail, is that today is Indigenous People's Day, and in honor of that, she said that they thought about what their decisions would affect for seven generations. She added that she is not in favor of this amendment and would encourage Council to not pass it, but asked that they think about how their decision will affect seven generations from now; not just how it would affect us today.

Greg Hoeksema – 9105 Peacock Hill Ave. Mr. Hoeksema said that his major concern that there hasn't been any data presented to support why the city thinks this plan is going to work. He said it feels like the city is going to try and solve the world-wide recession by implementing changes to the Gig Harbor building codes. He asked what model and specific data from another city was used to verify that the plan changes will actually result in a stimulation or revitalization of the downtown business district. Isn't it just as likely that through the natural course of economic recovery that the downtown will also recover? More importantly, he asked why these changes should extend to the residential areas on the waterside of Harborview Drive. The city planners have argued that protections will still be afforded by the Design Review Board and current building code. Furthermore, they have argued and shown photos of how view corridors will be maintained, however, we cannot be reassured by those arguments because there is the opportunity to apply for variances from those restrictions. Too often variances have been granted that benefited a specific homeowner or business but resulted in a permanent disregard for everyone else's enjoyment of the harbor. And too often, one variance has resulted in a domino effect of subsequent variances also being approved, he said. In their presentations, he said that planners have argued that preservation of the pedestrian experience through preservation of the view corridors is important, and has been a foundational principal of this project from the start, and they have used static photographs to reinforce their argument. He said he would argue very stridently that the pedestrian experience is not about walking along and then flashing ninety degrees and capturing a ten-foot separation between two buildings, and then walking along again. The pedestrian experience is about walking along the sidewalk on the water side of the street, not the other side of the street where the photographs were taken. Mr. Malich asked a salient point about what the impact going to be, he said, then he passed out photographs that he said will show that it's going to be significant. He continued by explaining that there are very few destination businesses downtown; therefore, they are dependent upon foot traffic for their viability and sustainability. The sad irony is that any

changes that detract from the current ambiance, beauty, and water views of the harbor will directly result in a decrease in the very foot-traffic that is the lifeline for the businesses, both current and future. People come downtown for a very specific type of shopping experience. The destination is the harbor with its views and ambiance of a turn of the century fishing village. Let's not spoil that with a well-intentioned but short-sighted business plan that will become irrevocable once done, he stressed. You cannot unscramble an egg. Therefore, he pleaded, before you consider any changes, have profound regard for all residents of Gig Harbor and future generations as well as the tens of thousands of visitors who support downtown businesses.

Eric Peavy – 7315 Forest Glen Court. Mr. Peavy said they moved here in 1988. He explained that he was a teacher in a small town in Southern California, and served on the Parks and Receptions Board for several years. He said that he completely understands Council's position and the difficulty to maintain your rules and regulations, and the respect of the public. Several years ago, he said, the city paid a couple hundred thousand dollars to have somebody come and say how we can make town better and encourage tourism. The biggest words that came out of the study were quaint, characteristics, charming, historical, and picturesque. The city then paid another couple hundred thousand dollars to have another report done and again the main words were the same; quaint, characteristics, charming, historical, and picturesque. A square box, 27 foot building is not picturesque, nor is it charming. You want to maintain the characteristic of this town that has been defined by your own people, and yet you have now decided that we want to fill our town with great big "ala bahas" architecture that was never beautiful, picturesque, or charming.

David Boe – 705 Pacific Avenue. Mr. Boe explained that he is in his 25th year of designing buildings in Gig Harbor, adding that the task you gave the Planning Commission was very difficult. He emphasized that you have land use professionals who were trying to look at ways of complying with the vision for the City of Gig Harbor; the Comprehensive Plan. Law requires you to write zoning regulations that support the vision of the city, he said. Tonight, you are hearing many other visions of the city that may be in conflict with your Comprehensive Plan, but he doesn't believe that these amendments as proposed are in conflict, adding that maybe, as you go through your comp plan update, you may change that vision and downtown no longer will be a commercial area. You may decide that it should be residential and you will down-zone and basically remove property rights. When he looks at Gig Harbor's Comprehensive Plan, which is one of the best he deals with on a professional basis, he added, there are lots of elements which are the city's words, and for the Planning Commission, the guiding principles. He cited: under land use element: "Waterfront – provide for a variety of mixed uses along the waterfront which are allowed under the City of Gig Harbor Shoreline Master Program and is more particularly defined under the zoning code. Generally, the lower intensity waterfront areas which favor residential and marinas, while the more intense use waterfront areas would provide for higher density residential, commercial, and retail uses," which is what your waterfront commercial zone is, he said. He continued to explain that there is a section about building and structure design encouraging building designs that define and respect the human scale. We could argue

size verses scale, but it's there. And you are encouraging mixed uses structures specifically in your downtown commercial zone that are two stories. You have waterfront provisions to preserve visual points of interest that encourages design that frame points of interest and you have a whole section on historic development and design. This one is really important he stressed: "encourage retention and adaptive reuse of older buildings with the following types of incentives such as zoning incentives, financial incentives, and design assistance." He emphasized that this is what the Planning Commission struggled with, and came forward with "not huge steps." He said he wished that ten percent of the fear of development was going to happen downtown, saying he thinks we would be incredibly pleased with the results. He said he is in favor of the proposal and that this is a way to actually get the zoning code to reflect the city vision of the Comprehensive Plan, and required under state law. He thanked Council and said he thinks we've heard the difference between those that enjoy the waterfront, and those who are downtown running businesses, and the issue they face day to day.

Margot LeRoy – 7021 81st Ave Ct. NW. Ms. LeRoy said she spent a lot of time debating what she would say about all the arguments made for not adopting these zoning changes. Most of them are valid and she thinks they reflect the love the community has for the harbor. She said the real question is "you guys." You can build shopping malls very well, she said, and you can expand Gig Harbor North, not so well. You can use phrases like mixed use both in this plan and in Gig Harbor North, but I don't think you've proven to this community with any degree of confidence in terms of urban planning. Gig Harbor North is a mess; the traffic backs up the hill and the roundabouts have been taken out two or three times because they don't handle capacity. This community wants you to understand that we can forgive a lot of mistakes, but not downtown. Downtown is the heart and soul of everybody who lives here. She said "I moved here in 1987 and just like everybody else, it was because I drove downtown. It's because I love downtown." She continued to stress that you've got to preserve that heritage and respect the voters; the people who love this community will put up with more roundabouts and traffic messes at Uptown; they'll put up with a lot, but if you take their downtown away from them, she said, I don't think they're going to put up with that. She said it's a terrible mistake for you to take away what motivated 90% of the people in this room to move here.

Marian Berejikian – 8205 90th St. Ct. NW, Gig Harbor. Ms. Berejikian thanked Council for allowing testimony again on this important issue. She also referred to the Comp Plan Goal 3.6 that mentions "Articulate an architectural style which reflects Gig Harbor's built and natural environment and which appeals to the human spirit." The next section 3.6.1 says "maintain a small-town scale for structures." The word "maintain" is critical in her opinion, she said, when it comes to what we are actually talking about. It says "new structures should not overpower existing structures or visually dominate Gig Harbor's small-town city-scape, except as approved landmark structures." She asked why we are building to the 3,000 square foot, the two-story, and the 27 foot height limits. She asked staff "Where are the one-story buildings?" She added that she would like to see how many of those we have, asked whether there has been an inventory, and said if there has been an inventory, can she have that data? Also in the Comp Plan it says "as the

city recognized opportunities to build upon existing characteristics, it also recognizes that recent development trends have detracted from Gig Harbor's small town quality." She asked "Why continue the trend?"

Cindy Grey – 8221 Bayridge Avenue. Ms. Grey said that all her points have been covered and so she wanted to defer to the next person.

Mayor Hunter told Ms. Grey that time could not be donated in case she still wanted to speak. She did not.

Jack Sutton – 13309 Pt. Richmond Bead Rd NW. Mr. Sutton said he is very much in favor of the height issue. He asked that we keep our eye on the prize; saying that over the past many years you have done a marvelous job of building and creating parks and public spaces for this community; with that comes responsibility of trying to support the economic development of this area. He said that you simply can't just have ten-foot walking trails, which are wonderful and said he hopes we bring down the Cushman Trail into the museum area. All these things have been very positive, but we still need to make sure we have businesses that people want to come to. He said he's lived here as long as anybody, and it's sometimes he doesn't come down and shop in the harbor, adding that we need people to do that. We need to create an economic area where people are coming and enjoying. It's a quality of life; it's what we have, it's why we're here, but we need businesses down here as well. He said he hopes Council supports the proposal.

Bob Himes – 6507 115th St. Ct. NW. Mr. Himes said that he can't add a lot in terms of what you would call the value, or the emotional, historical, cultural, and recreational importance of the downtown area; adding that those have all been mentioned. He said that he can add that he's very surprised that a decision of this magnitude, particularly with one side being dollars and cents, isn't in some way balanced with what you have heard here tonight. He said what you've heard tonight is the cost side of the equation, but what he hasn't heard a whole lot about is the benefit side; in other words, what does this cost us to provide this benefit and who are we providing this benefit to? He asked the City Council to take that factor into account. The second thing he said concerns him is you talk about the downtown as if it's an isolated part of the community. He said he sails his boat out of the marina, and goes to the Tides and like many people he goes downtown, when he wants to have fun. It all builds into his experience in the community. He said "it's great, I've got it all!" He continued to say that he can shop at other places if he wants to, he can come downtown and have fun, go to concerts, sail, walk down the street, and do a lot of things. He asked the Council that when you look at the benefit verses the cost analysis that you look at the whole community. In other words, what's the effect of what we are doing on Gig Harbor, including everything out there. He continued by saying he lives on the other side of Highway 16, but he comes down here to enjoy concerts and walk up and down the waterfront and sail and have a great time. So he asked that the Council try and put forth to the community what are benefits verses the cost and at an overall community level, what does it look like from a benefits and cost standpoint.

David Fisher – 7766 Beardsley Avenue. Mr. Fisher said he has an architectural business here and is a resident of Gig Harbor. He explained that he has been around Gig Harbor since the early 1980's and has seen Gig Harbor grow. He said he has spent thousands of hours with the different associations such as the Downtown Waterfront Alliance, the Visioning Committee formed by the City Council, and the Design Review Board. He explained that he knows the city codes and has designed to them. He said he has looked at the many studies that have been done over the years, emphasizing that we need some help in Downtown Gig Harbor. He continued by saying that to him this ordinance changes very little. Right now there is a 6,000 square foot maximum building size allowed; with two-stories you would have 3,000 square feet above and below, with a 6,000 square foot maximum. Therefore you get more view corridor and so he doesn't know what these people are really talking about. If they would really get into the details they will understand that their harbor is protected, he said. We have a very strong Design Review Board full of architects and members that have a vested interest in keeping Gig Harbor historic and a wonderful place to be. The waterfront district needs more options, he said; more mixed use, more business, and just plain activity with more people on a regular basis. More activity and people are good for the existing businesses, he added. This ordinance is in line with the Visioning Statement adopted by the City Council. Downtown is a special place; a special place that needs help that the ordinance would provide. We need a healthy downtown, he said, and this small step would give it a shot in the arm.

Jeff Acker – 3320 Lewis Street. Mr. Acker said he is against the 27 foot high flat-roof buildings. He said that if we let them do that, that they can increase the amount of footage interior to the building and that will increase other difficulties with parking, traffic, and so on, and it will also distract from the look of the city. He said he and his wife moved here just over a year ago because they liked what they saw, and were happy with what's here. He added that it is unfortunate, for some of the buildings have businesses that can't get more business, but some of that is due to the economy or the type of business. He said there are a lot of shops at Uptown and north of here that duplicate products, and so they just have to come up with better boutiques or art stores, or whatever is going to bring the people in. But building two-story flat-roof buildings is going to totally distract from the look of the city, he said. If you are building a fishing village he doesn't think you'd want it to look like that.

Mike Pinch – 3813 Mountain View Place. Mr. Pinch said he moved to Gig Harbor in 1989. More importantly, he said he is one of the guys that start watering the flower baskets in Gig Harbor at 5:00 in the morning. Mr. Pinch continued to say that he once went to a meeting just like this in University Place dealing with a piece of property down the hill off Bridgeport on 27th. He said there's an empty shopping center on the right. Some time ago someone came in wanting to put up condominiums, with a medical outfit and grocery store; it looked like a pretty good plan. But the spirit of the evening was the people didn't want that and said "we've got ours and don't want anything to change from our basically, single-family home neighborhood." They shot the project down, and the guy that owned the property went broke. So now it sits; empty all these years, just a

dump. Mr. Pinch continued by saying that it's real easy to suggest that Council may be in the pockets of developers and architects, but that is just foolish talk. He stressed that it's not wise for anyone to dictate to you how you should vote. You are the leaders and you should make the decisions of what's best for this community. This community, this fishing village was built at a time when people did the best with what they had, and I think we should be doing the same today, he said. We do the best with what we have, including our leadership. He said he thinks downtown does need some help. It was interesting to listen to the merchants said, he added, because when he is out there from 5:00 to 7:30 in the morning, watering baskets and looking for the town to wake up, it wakes up, but it's pretty slow. He continued to say that going in to Kelly's Café it might be his wife and him until 8:30. That's not real vibrant, he added, and with rents and taxes going up, you need synergy in a city to make it thrive. He talked about a recent trip up to Victoria. He said that 30% of the employees work in the tourism industry. They have a vibrant tourism industry, and he thinks they have good leadership. They have old buildings and some flat buildings too, but it's very charming, he said. He was in Walla Walla last weekend, and saw the same thing; flat-top buildings. He said that he doesn't know what that means architecturally, but said those were nice places. He said do the right thing, adding that he hopes we can do something to help the vibrancy of downtown Gig Harbor.

Drea Solan – 3416 135th St. Ct. NW. Mr. Solan commended everyone who spoke so well and pretty much covered his notes. He said he is going to dance around and try and get some new material. He read the following: "I visited Gig Harbor for the first time way back in 1997 with his then, fiancé, and we were immediately taken by the beauty and charm of this stunningly," idealic" community. What we witnessed in this town in our three-day visit, particularly the waterfront community, if not entirely the waterfront community, was a huge reason for our decision to come back in 2006. To pack up everything and leave everything in California including dozens and dozens of relatives to relocate my family here, my three kids, and start our new life here. What is of note and goes to the core of the unique value and blessing of this city is that that my nine-year hiatus from this area did not impact what we saw when we returned. Our homecoming revealed a waterfront community that, for all intents and purposes appeared the same as when we had left it nine years prior. That's a good thing...a very good thing and a very unique thing." Mr. Solan continued to say that he agrees with the man before with the phrase, "do the best with what we have." And why not, we have everything here, we have the best of both worlds, we have it all, he said. We have Uptown and we have the waterfront. There's a lot of talk here about the views and how it's not going to impact, and how to measure, but the point is, it's taking away. None of you can prove what's going to happen business-wise. Nobody can draw a direct line between increasing those heights and dollars coming in; it's a shot in the dark. He said he doesn't know and doesn't want to measure it either. He said he knows definitively something's going away and you're not getting it back. It's a natural resource; it's the gem that everybody talks about. We all know it and we all love it and none of us should deny it. He said he doesn't know how any of us could sleep easy knowing we are encroaching on that. He said he "gets it" that there is a balance to be made; but again, there's different ways; quality over quantity. There's too much quantity going on here;

anybody can build a mini-Universal City walk; he's not impressed with that notion, but he is impressed with the city and that's why he is here and that is indeed, the waterfront. So he doesn't want to sound old-fashioned and say no development nowhere, so I've started asking some younger people; his kids, and they weighed in across the board: no, no. He's talked to people out on the street and everybody he's talked to fall into two camps: ones that know about this and the ones that don't know about this at all. It's not anybody's fault for that but you need to make aware of how many people are unaware. Hands down, across the board, every one of them is against it, but he said he has to amend that, he did talk to somebody this morning on a walk that was for it; he did disclose that he is a developer and Mr. Solan added that he is also a dear friend of his. He finalized by saying we do have it both ways, we've got it all, let's keep it all and we can't get it back if it's gone. By trying to save Gig Harbor and I know you are all trying to do that, I think we're going to kill something or if not, severely wound it.

Bill Hunter – 4404 Towhee Drive. Mr. Hunter said he lives on the north end and thanked Council for inviting them. He said that he was unable to attend the open house and might have missed some things, but will proceed on the basis that he can pick those up later. He said that he has e-mailed Councilmember Payne, who has been very helpful in educating him on the underlying issues that this isn't just a simple thing. He continued to say he is among the 1500 that signed the petitions, and isn't in favor of what you want to do. Most of what he wanted to say has been said, he added, particularly by Mr. Hoeksema. He said he comes from a business background and would have like to have seen some data associated with this decision to move ahead towards vibrancy. Vibrancy doesn't mean a lot to a data person or business person, he said, then asked what is driving this decision and whether there are cold facts that you can present. He asked about protocol for a response.

Councilmember Payne responded that typically in a public hearing, Council listens to the speakers, then respond at a later time. He then said that part of the data was heard from Kit Kuhn; that's a big part and for those who have lived here, and run businesses here, you hearing from them that they are hurting and have been hurting. He said he could go into much more data with Mr. Hunter one-on-one.

Mr. Hunter agreed to do that at some point and then said he and his wife have only been here three years, but heard of Gig Harbor while working in a fish cannery in Alaska, in 1966. He said he ran into some fishermen from Gig Harbor who were interesting guys with a lot of funny stories and who were very proud of their town. He said he doesn't know how many are still alive, but he said he's not sure they would be thrilled with what's going on with these new zoning ideas. He continued to say that he next came to Gig Harbor in 1997 on his way north to visit his wife's parents. He had not seen Gig Harbor at that point and suggested they drive through. It was the night before Christmas around 6:00 p.m. when they drove down Harborview and the town was lit up, the harbor was full of boats with Christmas lights, and he never forgot it. Fifteen years after that, they finally got here. We like it the way it is, he exclaimed, so don't change it, please.

Patrick Quigg – 3617 Harborview Drive. Mr. Quigg, property owner at 3617 Harborview Drive, explained that his wife, Kathy Ancich and he bought the property on August 1, 2012. When they bought the property, no one told them building in Gig Harbor was easy, and they knew it would be difficult, but they knew it would be possible. He said the property had a dilapidated rental house, a dilapidated net shed, and a dilapidated cabin cruiser sitting next to the bulkhead. The property was in a terrible state, he said. The grounds and everything about the property was not good, but they had a vision, primarily, because of his wife's long history in Gig Harbor. She saw something that he didn't see, and so that's why he is here tonight. He said that he supports the zoning changes because their lot is what is considered "a house in a hole," and what they would have. The consultants told them that the city wanted to move the houses closer to the sidewalk, to make the historic Millville District look like it used to be with some of the older houses. He added that the house next to theirs is very close to the sidewalk and so they thought it was a good idea. This is why they have continued on with the process and would like to see the city pass this ordinance; they are ready to go and start improving the netshed, the residence, and the cabin cruiser is for sale!

Larry Johnson – 10302 36th St. NW - Arletta. Mr. Johnson said he moved here in 1958 with his family. He said the focus for him tonight is the building height does not have any connection with vitality, adding that he had done the research. He said he loves to go into Kit Kuhn's place, but right now, economically it's a little tough, and he's bought a lot of jewelry for his wife already and so now it's just not a place for them to go. It won't matter if the building is 27 feet or whatever it ends up; it's not going to change that. He said that his point is that building height is not connected to vitality as he has been hearing over the past few months. Somehow that this building code and raising the height is going to miraculously bring vitality. He said he hates to see this hung on that piece because there isn't any evidence to support it. The East Coast was mentioned, but it is typical to develop the water side or the aesthetic quality of that area for public access so that everybody has access. The buildings behind do not become so much of a barrier, because people have access to that aesthetic value. In Gig Harbor you walk along Harborview and you are already restricted, but it's still available and so it's what we have. If you start raising heights, the comment earlier looking from Morso looking out, raising the height, the new house would literally cut off the view from where that was taken, it would latterly cut off any water view. That viewpoint intersects the shoreline of the north shore. He said that the comment was "so they would still have a view." Well, okay, but what's the quality of the view and what have we lost? Is the sacrifice worth it?

Bruce Byerly – 2401 19th Avenue NW. Mr. Byerly said a lot of good points have been made on both sides. He explained that he has a Master's in Public Administration, and when he hears of zoning change, it sends up a flag. He said he won't go as far as to say anyone is in anybody's pocket; that's dirty ball, frankly. He said we are tinkering with a very permanent solution to an apparent current downtrend in the economy. He said that he agrees wholly with the need to meet business owners' needs because that's what brings people down there; the specialty shops. He asked what the impact of tax incentives would be to stimulate the reconstruction of the buildings, because there are a

lot that need some help. He added that bigger is not necessarily better, and using finesse to balance the now with the forever is an approach that must be considered. He said he hasn't heard the word "intangible" mentioned tonight, so he wants to bring that to light because we can't assume we will ever get those intangibles back. He finalized by asking that even if the proposed changes are congruent with the city vision, is that the best way to achieve the city vision? There are many ways obviously, but is this the best way forward. It seems hope is an integral component to the outcome of the proposed changes, and in his experience, hope is a very flawed strategy.

There were no further comments and the public hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Councilmember Malich asked about provisions in the code to allow for tree and shrub removal that interfere with view, and if there was data on one-story buildings, or any data to justify this change.

Ms. Kester responded that if a nursery stock tree, meaning one that has been planted as part of their project, needs to be replaced because it's not an appropriate species or it's too tall, you can remove those trees and shrubs and replace them with a better suited species. The city is not an active enforcement community, but if someone reports it, or if the property owner wants to solve the problem on their own we will work to rectify the issue and get approved plants in place. She added that the mature, maximum height of the tree is limited to the height of the buildings. So in this area, we're talking about vine maples, crab apples, dogwoods; primarily deciduous trees, unless it's an alpine evergreen.

Ms. Kester then explained that there was a visual survey of anything that was over one-story, so staff could do the reverse and generate a report on the number of one-story buildings and how many meet or do not meet code. She continued to respond to the question on data by saying that the Planning Commission looked at the existing building heights and collected data using a story-pole to determine how many currently don't meet the 16' code, but said that no economic study has been done.

Councilmember Payne commented that someone sent an e-mail suggesting that Council was going to take a vote "in the secret" of a public meeting two weeks from now. He explained that there will be a *public* vote taken at that meeting, and if anyone wants to understand the determination and the thoughts behind the decision, to come back and continue to participate in the process; the same process used for every vote.. He also said that he hopes everyone will continue to remain involved in other issues. He stressed that the city does a great deal of outreach and said he is offended when he hears the words "sneaky," "in the pocket," and "for developer's interest." He asked that the public be responsible and stay engaged. Democracy is a contact sport, he added, and encouraged everyone to remain in contact. The city's website is a tremendous resource that you can learn a lot about what the city is doing, he said.

Someone in the audience asked what the best venue to stay notified of meeting dates and times. Councilmember Payne responded that the city's website posts everything:

the agendas, backup materials, and all the meetings that have taken place. He said that the Planning Commission has been talking about this issue for a year and a half; this has not been a sneaky process. He added that you can look at meeting minutes on-line or request them from the city clerk. He said the website has all the information, but you have to stay actively engaged.

Planning Director Kester spoke to this concern by saying anyone who has requested that their e-mail be added to the list will be notified of action regarding the downtown. As for general city business, *cityofgigharbor.net* is the website where you can get to all public notices and other city information. In regards to planning issues, you can go to the new *gigharborplanning.com* to keep notified. She responded affirmatively when asked if we would be sending out notices for the meeting in two weeks.

At this time the Mayor called a brief recess at 7:42 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m.

2. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Land Use Permit Extensions.

Planning Director Jennifer Kester presented the background for this ordinance that would provide for an additional two-year extension for permits that were previously granted extensions under Ordinance 1225. She addressed concerns that potential negative stormwater impacts that could occur if projects vested to a previous stormwater manual. She said that information provided by the Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, states that the flows might be greater from the detention ponds, but the ponds would adequately deal with stormwater; so there should be no flooding events.

Councilmember Perrow asked why new stormwater regulations were adopted if the old regulations were sufficient. Ms. Kester responded that it was a state requirement.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Chris Dewald – 6622 Wollochet Drive. Mr. Dewald spoke on behalf of Rush Company in favor of the extension. He explained that they have a binding site plan for Mallard's Landing with two remaining opportunities to build a 15,000 square foot building near the frontage of Wollochet, and another project, Mallard's Landing Seven, near the back of Wagner Way. He explained that from an economic standpoint, this isn't the time for more office buildings because of the high vacancy rate. He said they would appreciate the opportunity to extend those permits. He described the Mallard's Landing Seven project as six smaller buildings about 2,500 square feet each; perfect for small business incubator space with offices above and warehouse space below. He said there is very expensive frontage improvements and infrastructure associated with these projects and so they are looking for the right time to build. He said they would not like to lose vesting on these projects. Because they are nearing the expiration date of November, if they expire they would have update to current building codes. Hopefully this will be passed, he said.

There were no further public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:59 p.m. Councilmember Guernsey suggested that this return at the next meeting on the

Consent Agenda. Councilmember Malich objected, saying he wanted to vote on this separately. This will return at the next meeting under Old Business.

3. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Public Works Standards Update. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the background for this ordinance that would adopt a new set of Public Works Standards that incorporates previous amendments, and allows for new and enhanced construction materials, LED lighting, and would memorialize certain policies in place. He said that the document has been in development for many years and a final version is now ready for adoption. He described the review process by the Operations Committee, the SEPA Official, and the State Department of Commerce. He finalized by saying that this document is ready for adoption at the second reading, with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

Councilmember Perrow asked about standards regarding irrigation, the lack of reference to ADA yellow mats at crosswalks, and standards for sidewalk ends that won't be developed for years.

Mr. Langhelm first responded that irrigation backflow will be addressed in the cross-connection control ordinance that will be presented to Council at a later date. Currently, we follow the American Waterworks Association Backflow Prevention Manual, he added. He then responded that the ADA regulations change so rapidly that we now reference the State's DOT Standard Plans. He finalized by responding to the comments on the concern for sidewalk terminations. He said that he would have to research whether Type III barricades are needed. Typically, he said, an asphalt ramp is required.

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed.

4. First Reading of Ordinance – Housekeeping Update to Business License Code. City Clerk Molly Towslee explained that this ordinance is in response to the state moving this function from the Master Licensing Department to the Department of Revenue Business License Service. The amendment would update the city code to reflect the name change. There were no questions, and Councilmember Young suggested this return on the Consent Agenda.

5. Street Names – Harbor Hill Phase S-9. Building / Fire Safety Director Paul Rice presented the background information for these two actions to approve the naming of streets within the Harbor Hill Plats to reflect the Peaks of the Olympic National Park & Forest. He said that none of these areas are located within the historic naming district, and encouraged Council to approve the naming.

Councilmember Malich asked if there was a street-naming policy outside the historic district. When Mr. Rice responded that there is not, Councilmember Malich said that that we should develop a policy that enhances our community voicing his dislike of this naming scheme.

MOTION: Move to approve the street names as submitted for Harbor Hill Phase S-9.
Ekberg / Guernsey – six voted in favor. Councilmember Malich voted no.

6. Street Names – Harbor Hill Phase N-1.

MOTION: Move to approve the street names as submitted for Harbor Hill Phase N-1.
Ekberg / Perrow – six voted in favor. Councilmember Malich voted no.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR’S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Young gave an update for the Trolley Project. He said that the Pierce Transit Board approved the annual seasonal part of the service. He said that fare has to be set similar to other service because of the new FTA rulings and fare equity. The fare being discussed is \$2 with the possibility of local contributions to keep it lower. Terry Lee, the Chamber of Commerce, and Uptown are working toward this goal.

Mayor Hunter asked about the possibility of using the trolley buses for special occasions during off –season. Councilmember Young said that this is being considered for regular routes. In addition Pierce Transit may use the buses for events such as the fair.

Councilmember Malich said he tried to find e-mails for Planning Commissioners, but they aren’t listed on the city website. Staff responded that those are personal and not disclosable. He asked why we don’t have public e-mails for them through the city. Ms. Kester explained she would have to ask these volunteers if they want it. She then stressed that for open public meeting purposes and public records requests, it is good for communication go through the Planning Director to make sure it’s part of the record.

Mayor Hunter added that it would be asking too much for our volunteers to monitor another e-mail address.

Councilmember Tim Payne praised our Planning Director and other city staff for a fine job on the open house and this meeting. He said it was well done effort that did the public a great service. He then wished Mayor Hunter a happy birthday.

Councilmember Kadzik then wished Councilmember Payne a happy birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Connie Schick Clock Dedication – Tues. Oct. 15th at 11:30 a.m.
2. Operations Committee – Thur. Oct. 17th at 3:00 p.m.
3. Budget Worksession I: Mon. Oct 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

4. Budget Worksession II: Tue. Oct 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
5. Donkey Creek Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Wed. Oct. 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)


MOTION: Move to go into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for approximately thirty minutes to discuss property acquisition.
Payne / Kadzik – unanimously approved.

MOTION: Move to go return to regular session at 8:50 p.m.
Kadzik / Malich – unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.
Kadzik / Malich – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1057



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor



Molly Towslee, City Clerk