

MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 12, 2014

PRESENT: Councilmembers Malich, Arbenz, Perrow, Lovrovich, Payne, Kadzik and Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg. Mayor Guernsey was absent.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Apr. 28, 2014.
2. Liquor License Action: Special Occasion – Coastal Heritage Alliance/Skansie Bros Netshed.
3. Resolution No. 963 – Surplus Property / Chalet Furniture.
4. Right-of-Way Dedication - Bellesara Development / Rush Residential, Inc.
5. Approval of Payment of Bills May 12, 2014: Checks #75358 through #75472 in the amount of \$620,798.12.
6. Approval of Payroll for the month of April: Checks #7257 through #7268 and direct deposits in the amount of \$358,092.54.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pierce County Flood Control District Interlocal Agreement. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented this agreement that will allow the city to annually request the funds allocated through the Opportunity Fund. He gave an overview of the purposes that these funds can be used towards, and explained that the city may either spend the dollars or bank the allocation for future use. He further clarified that currently no projects have been identified as yet, but we need to file the notice of intent in order to obtain the funds. He addressed Council's questions.

Councilmember Payne commented that this is an opportunity for the city to be strategic and to partner with Pierce County to address the issues with Garr Creek.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Flood Control Zone District to receive funding for Opportunity Fund Projects.
Malich / Payne - unanimously approved.

2. Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No.1293 - DNR Annexation of the Bay. Senior Planner Lindsey Sehmel presented the background information for this process to finalize the annexation of the bay into the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

Dennis Reynolds – 200 Winslow Way, Bainbridge Island, WA. Mr. Reynolds, representing Stan and Judith Stearns, submitted a letter of concern regarding regulation of the docks on the Pierce County side of the bay. He said that they are not opposed to the annexation itself, but want to make sure their concerns are noted.

There were no further comments and the public hearing closed at 5:43.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1293 formally approving the Department of Natural Resources Bay Annexation.

Kadzik / Payne - unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT:

1. City Administrator Denny Richards reported on his attendance at the statewide Main Street Program Conference. He said the conference was outstanding and he gained a better understanding about what these people do in our community for economic development. They received two awards at the conference: one for Girls Night Out and for the Trolley Project for the cooperation and partnership involved. He encouraged Council to attend one of these conferences.

2. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm said that the city received an award for “Project of the Year” from the Washington Chapter of the American Public Works Association for the Donkey Creek Project. On May 22nd, staff will go up and accept the award; he will report back at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR’S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Perrow said he was surprised to find out that staff knew in advance of the inaccuracies in the packet, but didn’t let Council know. This came out from the question by Councilmember Payne about the matching grant funds from the purchase of the Ancich Property. He said that resulted in council moving forward based on false information, which has undermined his faith in the information contained in the packets. He agreed that we are human and mistakes can be made, but if you know about it, you should own up. He said this should be addressed.

City Administrator Richards explained that when the Ancich Property was purchased, a waiver was supposed to be sent to the RCO, which didn’t happen. Trying to match the money to this RCO grant isn’t possible, but there are other grants that we can use the matching funds for. It didn’t come to most of our attentions until after the situation that Councilmember Perrow is referring to.

Councilmember Perrow said that if we are fortunate enough to get those two grants, we would have to come up with \$500,000 matching funds for each grant. It's a large amount of money.

Councilmember Malich asked how the money is allocated for the removal of derelict boats. Lt. Kelly Busey responded that the cost is reimbursed by the state at 90%, and so nothing would change. The annexation makes it easier to collect.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Public Works Committee: Thu. May 15th at 3:00 p.m.
2. Gig Harbor 2030 Open House – Thu. May 15th 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
3. Joint City Council / Parks Commission Worksession Mon. May 19th at 5:30 p.m.
4. Civic Center Closed for Memorial Day: Mon. May 26
5. Council / Staff Pre-Budget Retreat: Tue. May 27th at 3:00 p.m.
6. City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 27th at 5:30 p.m.

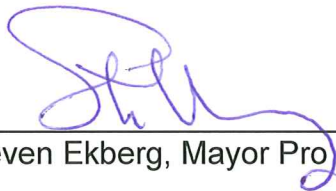
EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Mayor Pro Tem announced an Executive Session to begin at 5:50 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes to discuss property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

MOTION: Move to return to regular session at 6:10 p.m.
Kadzik / Malich – unanimously approved.

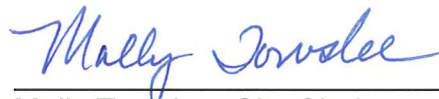
ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:120p.m.
Kadzik / Malich – unanimously approved.

CD recorder utilized: Tracks 1002 – 1013



Steven Ekberg, Mayor Pro tem



Molly Towslee, City Clerk