

## MINUTES OF GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 14, 2014

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of City Council Minutes Jun 23, 2014.
2. Liquor License Action: a) Special Occasion Liquor License: Gig Harbor Yacht Club; b) Gourmet Burger Shop Change in LLC Members; c) Special Occasion Liquor License - GH Downtown Waterfront Alliance; d) Discontinued Sales and Service - Water to Wine; e) Liquor License Added Privilege – Tides Tavern.
3. Receive and File: a) Council Worksession Lift Station 4B Minutes June 23, 2014; b) Public Works Committee Minutes June 19, 2014; c) GH Canoe & Kayak Racing Team Report of Required Public Activities; d) Council Pre-Budget Worksession Minutes June 30, 2014.
4. Resolution No. 969 – Surplus Equipment Public Works.
5. 2014-18 Tourism Strategic Plan.
6. Harborview/Novak/Dorotich Street Light and Retrofit Kit – Purchase Agreement.
7. Ancich Waterfront Park – Consultant Services Contract and Amendment.
8. Unpaid Holidays Policy.
9. Approval of Payment of Bills Jul 14, 2014: Checks #75790 through #75957 in the amount of \$1,129,401.96.
10. Approval of Payroll for the month of June: Checks #7311 through #7329 and direct deposits in the amount of \$372,655.34.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Continued discussion on Scope of Marijuana Code. Senior Planner Lindsey Sehmel presented a project history and the scope of the public hearing under New Business. She explained that after discussion on the scope, Council could either continue with the public hearing tonight, or make a motion to expand the scope of work and cancel tonight's public hearing.

After discussion on the scope, a recommendation was made to move forward with a workstudy session to further discuss the definitions.

**MOTION:** Move to direct staff to set up a workstudy session for Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss all definition changes to Gig Harbor Municipal Code

17.63 Marijuana Related Uses and to cancel the public hearing under New Business No. 6 on the same subject.  
**Payne / Perrow** - unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Public Hearing and Resolution No. 970 - Revisions to McCormick Creek Development Agreement. Associate Planner Kristin Moerler presented the background for this proposed request to amend the development agreement. She addressed Council's questions regarding the request to transfer the ownership of the internal park to the future Homeowners Association.

Mayor Pro Tem Ekberg opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. No one came forward to speak and the hearing closed.

Council continued to discuss ownership of the park, voicing concern that it wouldn't be properly maintained or could disappear into adjacent lot lines. The city attorney advised that another public hearing would be required if the proposed amendments were amended.

**MOTION:** Move to delay action to the next council meeting and hold a second public hearing for the purpose of discussing retaining this park as a public park.  
**Payne / Perrow** – unanimously approved.

2. First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1298 – Drug Paraphernalia. Lt. Kelly Busey presented this ordinance that would amend city code to eliminate conflict with state law and allow for sales of marijuana drug paraphernalia by state-licensed marijuana retailers only.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1298 at this first reading.  
**Perrow / Kadzik** – five voted yes. Councilmember Payne voted no.

3. First Reading of Ordinance – Amendments to Chapter 9, Indecent Exposure. City Administrator Ron Williams presented the background for this ordinance to provide consistency between the city code and state statute and to eliminate duplication.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt Ordinance No. 1299 at this first reading.  
**Payne / Arbenz** – unanimously approved.

4. First Reading of Ordinance – Amendments to Chapter 10, Bicycle Helmet and Safety. City Administrator Ron Williams presented the background for this ordinance to update city code to meet the minimum requirements of a traffic infraction consistent with RCW 46.61.750.

City Attorney Angela Summerfield responded to questions regarding the proposed fees, explaining that this does require classification as a traffic infraction. Lt. Busey explained that there are only one or two contacts with bicyclists per year regarding helmet use. This will return at the next meeting for a second reading.

5. Parks Commission Work Program. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the Parks Commission Work Program for the year and answered questions. Mr. Langhelm was directed to include street end and right of way improvements to the Crescent Creek Park discussion, and to reword the description of private use of structures in public parks.

**MOTION:** Move to adopt the Parks Commission Work Plan as amended.  
**Payne / Perrow** – unanimously approved.

6. ~~Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance – Updates to Marijuana Code 17.63.~~  
**Cancelled by Motion under Old Business.**

### **STAFF REPORT:**

1. Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award. City Administrator Ron Williams reported that the city was awarded the Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plan Award for the eighth year in a row. When the plaque arrives, the WWTP Staff will be invited to a council meeting to be publically recognized.

2. Well City Designation. Human Resource Analyst Mary Ann McCool announced that Gig Harbor has received the designation of “Well City” by the Association of Washington Cities that will result in a 2% discount for the city’s medial premiums. She praised Shawna Wise, Executive Assistant, for doing the lion’s share of the documentation that was necessary to receive this award. Three metal signs will be posted around the city to publicize the important designation.

3. Update on Vernhardson Street. Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented an update on efforts to address traffic safety concerns. This Wednesday at noon, staff is hosting a brown bag lunch session at Crescent Creek Park to discuss these concerns and to provide information on traffic calming projects and enforcement currently planned for the area.

Councilmembers Lovrovich and Perrow thanked staff for being proactive to address these issues.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nicole Hicks – 9613 Vernhardson Place. Ms. Hicks presented an informal petition for improved safety on Vernhardson Street signed by 31 of her neighbors. She cited several problems and some possible solutions to the current traffic problems. She thanked staff for looking at the problem.

Bob Roberts – 3305 Emerald Lane. Mr. Roberts voiced concern with the table set up at the post office with a poster of President Obama with a Hitler mustache. He said that this is hateful and asked Council to speak out against this.

Jill Sturrock – 6302 110<sup>th</sup> St. NW. Ms. Sturrock thanked Council for “putting the brakes” on the marijuana decision.

Cathy Adgar-Beal – 7405 Skansie Avenue. Ms. Adgar-Beal voiced concern with the increase in fireworks. She described the issues resulting from excessive fireworks noise and shared several recommendations to address the problem. She asked Council to consider limiting the time allowed to discharge fireworks to July 4<sup>th</sup> and to better educate the public of the allowed hours.

Scott Beal – 7405 Skansie Avenue. Mr. Beal also voiced concern with increase and the timing of the fireworks, asking that they be restricted to July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. He also recommended further educating the public.

John Phillips - 9619 Vernhardson Place. Mr. Phillips, neighbor of Nicole Hicks, voiced his support of the information she presented. He talked about the speeding problem in that area and asked Council to take a look at the issue.

John Sharp – 11412 66<sup>th</sup> Aven NW. Mr. Sharp addressed the public/private park issue with McCormick Creek Development. He said that if his homeowners association had been told they had to insure a public park or install equipment to city standards it would create a big hornet’s nest. He said this would be a disaster.

Donna Slaybach – 7412 North Creek Loop. Ms. Slaybach spoke in support of her neighbors’ concerns with the increased fireworks over the years.

**MAYOR’S REPORT / COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

Councilmember Perrow reported that used the city’s new online option to automatically pay his utility bill. He said it is a great new feature and will save the Utility Billing Clerk two-days a month.

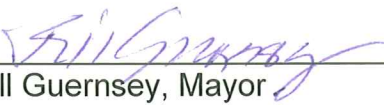
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:**

1. Boards and Candidate Review Committee: Mon. Jul 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
2. Harbor Wildwatch Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Wed. Jul 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.
3. National Night Out – Tue. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.  
**Payne / Perrow** – unanimously approved.

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Jill Guernsey, Mayor

  
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Molly Towslee, City Clerk