

RESOLUTION NO. 1162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2020 REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S 2019-21 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

WHEREAS, the members of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee have worked diligently to establish a legislative agenda of matters of great importance to the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in working with our State and Federal legislators, the City Council and City staff will put special emphasis on the matters listed in the legislative agenda; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to formally adopt the 2020 revisions to the 2019-21 State Legislative Agenda and Statement of Support to inform residents and legislators.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Agenda Adoption. The City of Gig Harbor City Council hereby adopts the revised 2019-21 State Legislative Agenda and Statement of Support as set forth in Exhibit A.

RESOLVED by the City Council this 14th day of October, 2019.

APPROVED:



Kit Kuhn, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Molly Towslee, City Clerk

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City of Gig Harbor State Legislative 2020 Legislative Agenda

The residents of Gig Harbor recognize the need to improve the City's transportation system, housing options, and economic opportunities to serve its rapidly growing community. The City requests that the state partner with the City in addressing these challenges:

Transportation Improvements - State Route 16 Congestion Relief:

Gig Harbor residents experience daily traffic congestion along the SR 16 corridor. The Washington State Department of Transportation recently completed a congestion relief study that identified improvements along the SR16 corridor. The City requests that the state invest in the following projects in the following order to address short-term and long-term traffic demands on the corridor:

- Signalize/meter EB Burnham Dr. approach to Borgen Blvd. in advance of the Burnham/Borgen WB SR16 offramp. COST: \$700,000.
- Add NB Pioneer Way RT turn lane at the Wollochet WB/SR16 Bremerton bound onramp. COST: \$750,000.
- Add EB Wollochet offramp right turn slip lane. COST: \$400,000.
- Widen Wollochet Bridge, Wollochet and Pioneer Way, between Grandview and Hunt Street from one to two lanes or more in each direction. Project to include ped/bike improvements. COST: \$18,000,000.

Affordable Housing:

As Gig Harbor's economy grows, members of the local work force face challenges in finding affordable housing. One strategy is the creation of additional multifamily housing supply. Unfortunately, the Legislature does not allow smaller cities like Gig Harbor to offer a property tax exemption to developers that are willing to build multifamily units. The City respectfully requests that the Legislature remove the population limit on the existing multifamily property tax exemption so that Gig Harbor and other small cities can utilize this important tool for local control.

Economic Development:

Gig Harbor supports tools that will help the City achieve its vision for economic development benefitting the City's residents. The City also supports the Association of Washington Cities in its focus on value capture financing for economic development during the 2020 session.

The City of Gig Harbor Supports/Opposes

FINANCE/GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
State-Shared Revenues	The City supports the continued appropriation of state-shared funds to local governments, including funds such as liquor excise taxes and profits, streamlined sales tax mitigation funding, the city-county assistance account, and the municipal criminal justice account. Additionally, the City supports legislation to restore growth to the liquor profit/fee revenues. Combined, these funds provide a significant amount of revenue to the City's general fund.
GMA and PSRC Inconsistencies	The City continues to find inconsistent goals between the Growth Management Act and the Puget Sound Regional Council in growth planning. The City supports consistency and clarity between the GMA (DOC, OFM) and PSRC planning goals, including who has the final authority on growth and planning decisions. This will be particularly helpful when the city conducts its next comprehensive plan.
INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Floating Fuel Dock	Boaters who come to Gig Harbor need a local facility to purchase fuel. Gig Harbor is pursuing partnership opportunities with the Port of Tacoma to site a floating fuel dock on the harbor. The City supports and will pursue any funding sources for this project at the same time it is further developing the proposal.
Infrastructure Program Funding	Gig Harbor supports full funding of programs that support development and maintenance of local infrastructure such as the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB). The City supports the state's investment in the Public Works Assistance Account as a long-term program that provides infrastructure funding for local jurisdictions.
Economic Development Tools	Gig Harbor supports reinvigorating economic development programs currently in statute that now remain unfunded, such as the Local Revitalization Fund (LRF), the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT), the Job Development Fund (JDF), and others. Additionally, Gig Harbor supports establishing a tax increment financing or value capture financing program, similar to what is established in other states.
Support Main Street Legislation	The City supports policy and budget decisions that increase funding for Main Street Tax Incentive Program. The Main Street Program was created in 2005 to support downtown revitalization programs. The Downtown Gig Harbor Waterfront Alliance participates in the program.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Toll Booth Data	The City supports and will look for opportunities to allow data such as photo/camera footage taken from the toll booth on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge to be obtained by law enforcement via the search warrant process in criminal investigations.
Metal Theft	Gig Harbor supports funding for the state metal theft grant program, RCW 36.28A.240, as well as other opportunities to receive reimbursement for City losses from the theft of metal wire and other metals from City owned property.
LOCAL CONTROL	
5G/Telecommunications	Gig Harbor supports legislation that recognizes local solutions and flexibility with the deployment of small cell technology.