

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 28, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Due to public health concerns, this meeting was held remotely

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Mayor Kuhn called the meeting to order and called roll. Present: Councilmembers Abersold, Denson, Franich, Himes, Markley, Rodenberg, and Woock.

Staff: City Administrator Bob Larson, Community Development Director Katrina Knutson, Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, Interim City Clerk Josh Stecker, Senior Engineer Aaron Hulst, Finance Director Dave Rodenbach and City Attorney Daniel Kenny.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. City Council Minutes: City Council Study Session Minutes - June 10, 2021; City Council Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2021; City Council Study Session Minutes - June 17, 2021
2. Receive & File: Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - May 6, 2021; Board and Commission Candidate Review Committee Minutes - June 21, 2021; Finance and Safety Committee Minutes - June 21, 2021.pdf
3. Water System Plan Update – Professional Services Contract Amendment #3Carollo
4. Appointments to the Planning Commission and Parks Commission
5. Approval of Vouchers for June 28, 2021 - Check numbers 95527 through 95626 and ACH payments in the amount of \$1,686,946.04.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda
Markley/ Abersold - Unanimously approved

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kuhn acknowledged City Administrator Bob Larson's retirement and noted that this is his last City Council Meeting. Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for Mr. Larson's service to the City.

Mayor Kuhn noted that Council often cancels the second Council Meeting in August. Councilmembers expressed support for cancelling the August 23 Council Meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: City Administrator Bob Larson reported that the Civic Center will remain closed through July 19 with limited in-person services available.

Mr. Larson thanked the City's Public Works staff for their efforts during the unprecedented heat event in recent days. Staff are taking necessary precautions to stay safe in the extreme temperatures.

Mr. Larson thanked Council and City staff for their support during his time as City Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Tom Wick (Hunt Street) commented on emails sent to City staff last week related to the Hearing Examiner.

The meeting entered into a recess at 6:04 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing: Resolution 1212 – Adoption of Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2022-2027** – Senior Engineer Aaron Hulst gave an overview of the TIP process. Councilmember Denson requested that the Peacock Hill sidewalk project be added to future versions of the TIP.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no public comments. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1212
Franich/Himes – Unanimously approved

2. **Resolution 1213 - Support for Recommended Measures in Response to Issues Identified in the 2020 Employee Engagement Survey** – City Administrator Bob Larson gave an overview of the response to the Employee Engagement Survey and presented the resolution stating Council's support for future steps to be taken.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. Kiaha Long inquired on the selected consultants. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1213
Woock/Rodenberg – Approved 6-1, Abersold opposed

3. **Resolution 1214 - Public Works Trust Fund Loan Opportunities** – Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented an overview of the program and identified the Canterwood Boulevard Emergency Water Intertie and the Sewer Lift Station #5 replacement projects as potential projects to be funded.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. Kiaha Long inquired about City's receipt of CARES Act funds. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1214
Himes/Woock – Unanimously approved

4. **Community Paddlers Dock Construction Support Services – Professional Services Contract Amendment #1/DCG** – Jeff Langhelm reviewed the scope of the amendment and noted the City is hoping for construction award at the second Council meeting in July with a goal to complete construction in 2021.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.
The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Contract Amendment #1 with Davido Consulting Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$86,719
Woock/Himes – Approved 6-1, Franich opposed

- 5. Release of Easement – 9322 Goodman Avenue** – Jeff Langhelm reported that the City received a request from the property owner to have the City vacate its utility easement at 9322 Goodman Avenue. The City has no future need for the easement.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.
The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the release and termination of easement.
Himes/Markley – Unanimously approved

- 6. Lease Agreement with Chamber of Commerce** – Bob Larson presented the lease agreement for the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce building on Judson Street. The new lease requires the Chamber to pay 25% of the current market rental rate after a 75% discount in consideration of Visitor Center services provided by the Chamber. Rent will increase automatically based on the CPI for Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue.

Councilmember Denson recused herself from the discussion due to her association with the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.
The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a lease with the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce for the premises located at 3125 Judson Street.
Woock/Markley – Motion passed 6-0

- 7. Gig Harbor North Crosswalk Improvements – Public Works Construction Contract Award** – Jeff Langhelm reported that the City received two bids on the contract. The City anticipated that the project will be completed by Labor Day.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.
The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to Authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Contract with Sound Pacific Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed

\$479,952.00 and authorize the City Engineer to approve additional Public Works contract expenditures up to \$20,000.00.
Woock/Denson – Unanimously approved

- 8. North Creek Gig Harbor, LLC Property Donation - Environmental Assessment Phase 1 – Professional Services Contract/Landau Associates, Inc.** – Jeff Langhelm identified the proposed parcel as a lot that could be used to support the Cushman Trail at 96th Street with additional parking or other features.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. Roger Henderson (10679 Sundial Lane) commented on the features of the parcel. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to Authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Contract with Landau Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,555.00.
Markley/Himes – Unanimously approved

COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Public Works Committee, June 15 - Councilmember Franich reported that the committee discussed the 6-year Transportation Improvement Program and the Capital Improvement Program.

Board & Commission Candidate Review Committee, June 21 - Councilmember Abersold reported that committee conducted Planning Commission and Parks Commission interviews.

Finance & Safety Committee, June 21 - Councilmember Rodenberg reported that the committee reviewed LTGO bond early payoff options and recommended going with lower interest bonds.

Councilmember Woock thanked employees working in the hot weather.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. City Offices Closed on July 5 - Independence Day Holiday
2. Planning & Building Committee - Tuesday, July 6 at 3:00 p.m.
3. City Council Study Session - Thursday, July 8 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.
Himes/Abersold – unanimously approved



Joshua Stecker
Interim City Clerk