

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 26, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Gig Harbor Civic Center Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Mayor Kuhn called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Councilmembers Abersold, Denson, Franich, Himes, Markley, Rodenberg, and Woock were present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. City Council Minutes: City Council Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2021; City Council/Parks Commission Joint Study Session Minutes – July 8, 2021
2. Receive & File: Planning and Building Committee Minutes - May 3, 2021;
3. Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Minutes - July 19, 2021; BCCRC Minutes - July 12, 2021; Arts Commission Minutes - July 14, 2021
4. Appointment of William Appleton to the Parks Commission
5. Austin Park Honoring Project - Amendment to Peterson Structural Engineering
6. Jerkovich Aquatic Sublease Agreement
7. Approval of Vouchers - Checks #95718 through #95826 and ACH payments in the amount of \$377,673.36.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda (Abersold/Markley).

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: Gig Harbor Peninsula FISH Foodbank reported on the current status of the foodbank and its existing location and informed Council of their plans for the future foodbank facility.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Kuhn is very supportive of FISH and will be putting in his 2022 City Budget a one-time \$200,000 funding for FISH with the hopes of Council supporting it. Mayor Kuhn reported that the City will postpone the public outreach and decisions concerning the future use of the Masonic Temple building until next year. This is because there isn’t enough time to prepare in Fall of 2021. He also reported that the City will be using the \$10,000 included for tree planting in the 2021 Budget at several different locations around the City - Veteran’s Park, Crescent Creek Park, Soundview Forest and the Skate Park.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Interim City Administrator Tony Piasecki reported on his conversations with councilmembers over the past week.

STAFF REPORT: Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm reported on the status of the installation of the Honoring Symbol at Austin Park. He reviewed the permitting process and noted that the goal is to have the installation completed by November.

Tourism & Communications Director Laura Pettitt reported on the City’s plan to continue with the same lodging tax grants to other entities to \$125,000 (25% of the total tax yearly budget) and noted that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee has expressed its support for this plan.

Interim City Administrator Tony Piasecki and Finance Director Dave Rodenbach presented the second quarter report for the 2021 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The Mayor opened the public comment period. Tom Wick commented on past public records requests. Maryann Mitchum commented on bicycle safety issues on Harborview Drive near Millville. Gary Williamson commented on the installation of the Honoring Symbol at Austin Park. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Refunding Bonds 2021:** Finance Director Dave Rodenbach and Bond Counsel Dave Trageser gave an overview of the ordinance which will result in the City spending \$360,000 less per year on debt service through 2026.

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

The ordinance will be brought back for second reading and adoption at the August 9 City Council meeting.

- 2. Council Chambers Audio/Video Upgrades:** ITS Manager Keith Smith and his staff gave an overview of the upgrades proposed to support meetings and court sessions held in Council Chambers. Councilmembers expressed support for additional options to broadcast City Council meetings.

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

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Diversified for AV technology upgrades in Council Chambers for an amount not to exceed \$96,634.50. (Woock/Markley)

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- 3. First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1463 - Budget Amendment for Staffing:** HR Director Kameil Borders reviewed the proposed staffing level changes addressed by the Ordinance with support of other department heads. Councilmembers discussed the merits of adding additional staff now as opposed to waiting until the 2022 Budget.

Council entered into recess at 7:31 p.m.
Council returned from recess at 7:41 p.m.

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

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 1463 with the removal of provision for the addition of a Human Resources Analyst and an additional Human Resources Assistant. (Woock/Rodenberg)

VOTE: Motion failed 4-3 (Councilmembers Abersold, Franich, and Himes opposed).

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 1463 with the removal of provision for the addition of a Human Resources Analyst and an additional Human Resources Assistant and to authorize the Mayor to extend existing temporary appointments in Human Resources until the end of the 2021. (Denson/Rodenberg)

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1 (Councilmember Franich opposed).

- 4. South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHAP) – Intergovernmental Agreement:** Community Development Director Katrina Knutson gave an overview and history of the SHHAP coalition and the structure defining the program the Mayor has done with the group over three years and outlined the City's expectations and contributions, as defined in the agreement.

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

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners Intergovernmental Agreement with final terms to be added consistent with ratification date. (Himes/Markley)

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

- 5. Stinson/Harborview Intersection Improvements – Public Works Construction Contract Award and Professional Services Contracts for Construction Support and Materials Testing Services:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm gave an update on the project status, noting that this project now exceeds the budgeted amount and construction will likely occur in 2022.

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

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Construction Contract with Active Construction Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2, 188, 188. 01 for the Harborview Drive and Stinson Avenue Intersection Improvements Project; and authorize the Mayor to execute Professional Services Contract Amendment with Transportation Solutions, Inc., for Construction Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$98, 640. 21; and authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Contract with Construction Testing Laboratories, Inc., for Materials Testing Services in an amount not to exceed \$31, 390; and authorize the City Engineer to approve additional Public Works Construction Contract expenditures up to \$175,000. (Rodenberg/Woock)

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1 (Councilmember Franich opposed).

- 6. Community Paddler's Dock - Public Works Construction Contract Award and Professional Services Contracts:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm gave an update on the project status and reviewed the engineer's estimate provide for the project.

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

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Construction Contract with American Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$758,726.00 and authorize the Public Works Director to approve project change order expenditures up to \$25,000. (Woock/Rodenberg)

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1 (Councilmember Franich opposed).

- 7. Eddon Boat Park Brick House Remodel – Chimney Reconstruction Change Order:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm reported on the required to changes to the chimney reconstruction that resulted in the necessary change order.

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

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Construction Contract with American Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$758,726.00 and authorize the Public Works Director to approve project change order expenditures up to \$25,000. (Denson/Woock)


VOTE: Unanimously approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee – July 19, 2021: Councilmember Denson reported that the committee discussed potential options for the 2022 Legislative Agenda and potential future capital project funding requests. Councilmember Franich expressed that he would like to see the legislature raise the threshold for small public works projects that can be completed by City staff.

Councilmember Himes reported on discussion at the Pierce County regional Council meetings and noted that staff will be closely following changes to the County-wide Planning Policies.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Joshua Stecker
Interim City Clerk