

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday, June 3, 2021 – 3:00 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. Those present: Councilmembers Abersold, Denson, Franich, Himes, Markley, Rodenberg and Woock.

Staff present: Assistant City Clerk/Open Government Administrator Josh Stecker and Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Race Team Lease at Ancich Park – Second Amendment: Mayor Kuhn gave an overview of the proposals for amending the lease agreement between the City and the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Racing Team for use of the Ancich Waterfront Park storage building.

Public Comment from the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Racing Team: Alan Anderson commented on the history of the funding and intent of the park. Aaron Huston commented on the racing team's desire for the stability of a 15-year lease. Kirsten Gregory noted that the team is confident that they will be able to raise an amount in excess of \$150,000

Jeff Langhelm gave a history of the park development and noted that the racing team's use of the park was key in acquiring a 2014 ALEA grant to fund the development of the park. He recommended, after consulting with the City Attorney, that the commencement date of the lease not be changed by future amendments.

Council expressed support for amending the lease as proposed by the team which would extend the lease to 15 years from the date that the team is able to begin to use the facility. The amendment would require a minimum donation amount of \$150,000 from the racing team.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Joshua Stecker
Assistant City Clerk/Open Government Administrator