

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 13, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Mayor Kuhn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmembers Abersold, Denson, Franich, Himes, Markley, Rodenberg, and Woock were present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. City Council Minutes: City Council Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2021
2. Receive & File: Planning Commission Minutes - July 1, 2021; Planning Commission Minutes - August 5, 2021; Arts Commission Minutes - August 11, 2021; Thank You Letter - George Pollitt
3. 2021 – 2026 Washington State Reference Network Agreement with Seattle Public Utilities
4. Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Between Pierce County and the City of Gig Harbor - Generator Maintenance and Minor Repair Services
5. Approval of Vouchers: Check numbers 95899 through 96008 and ACH payments in the amount of \$628,717.50 for August 23, 2021. Check numbers 96009 through 96143 and ACH payments in the amount of \$1,416,332.04 for September 13, 2021.
6. Approval of Payroll: Checks #8297 through #8306 and direct deposit transactions in the total amount of \$489,178.81.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda (Franich/Woock).

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Kuhn led the meeting in a moment of silence to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. Mayor Kuhn reported that installation of the new park sign for Austin Park and the new interpretive voice box were completed. He also reported the FISH foodbank had begun construction of their new facility.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Interim City Administrator Tony Piasecki reported that HR is currently in the process of securing long term care insurance options for city employees.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Bond Rating Update - Finance Director Dave Rodenbach reported that city refinancing of LTGO bonds was preparing to close this week. An additional \$366,000 was cleared for the General Fund in the 2022 Budget.
2. OPG Settlement Agreement - Community Development Director Katrina Knutson reported that the order of dismissal on the lawsuit was signed by the court on September 10.
3. Harborview Drive Conservation Property - Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm reported that the City is progressing with acquiring the proposed parcel. Pierce County Council intends to fund the acquisition in its 2022 Budget as the highest ranked Pierce County Conservation Futures proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Hobart Denny commented on the need for affordable housing (written comment submitted by email). Tracy Irving commented on the Harborview Drive Conservation Property parcel. Thomas Wick commented on the Mayor's blog.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance 1465 Updating GHMC 2.52 Public Records –**
Interim City Clerk Joshua Stecker gave an overview of the ordinance which is designed to clarify the city's policy for responding to requests for public records.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. Thomas Wick commented on the City's process for responding to requests for records. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

The ordinance will return for second reading at the September 27 City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Parks Commission Meeting of September 1: Councilmember Abersold reported that the commission received an update on the PROS Plan and Austin Park projects.

Planning & Building Committee Meeting of September 7: Councilmember Himes reported that the committee discussed short term rental and growth issues.

Board & Commission Candidate Review Committee Special Meeting of August 2: Councilmember Abersold reported that the committee interviewed applicants for Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and discussed changes to the roster requirements for the Design Review Board.

Councilmember Woock thanked staff for their support of a tree issue t Spinnaker Ridge and for dealing with public complaints related to traffic delays. Councilmember Woock expressed concern about development occurring outside city limits. Councilmember Denson expressed concern about the number of temporary signs in the city.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Joshua Stecker
Interim City Clerk