

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 27, 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.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: New Business 4 was moved to be considered before New Business 1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. City Council Minutes: City Council Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021
2. Receive & File: Planning and Building Committee Minutes - August 2, 2021; Planning Commission Minutes - August 19, 2021
3. Residential Lease Agreement for 7601 Soundview Drive
4. Appointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
5. Professional Services Contract - Prentice Avenue/Fenimore Street Half Street Improvements Design
6. Approval of Vouchers - Check numbers 96144 through 96259 and ACH payments in the amount of \$459,648.42.

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

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm and Department of Ecology Environmental Engineer Kevin Leung presented the 2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award to the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff and thanked them for their dedication and hard work.

Dr. Elly Claus-McGahan gave a presentation on adding climate action to comprehensive plans on behalf of Climate Pierce County. Council had several follow-up questions.

Mayor Kuhn read a proclamation recognizing the month of October as Health Care Heroes Month.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kuhn reported that the South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership was ready to transition to an Executive Board. He nominated Councilmember Markley for appointment to the board with Council's concurrence.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Interim City Administrator Tony Piasecki reported on progress recruiting for key vacancies in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Pete Weymiller commented in support of the climate presentation. Marian Berejikian commented in support of the climate presentation. Thomas Wick commented on public records requests.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading and Adoption 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.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1465 and repeal Administrative Policy A-16-01. Woock/Abersold

After council deliberation, the motion was amended to read:

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1465 and repeal Administrative Policy A-16-01 and to direct staff to report to Council in six months with status of request response times.

VOTE: Unanimously approved

2. Lease Agreement with Chamber of Commerce: Interim City Administrator Tony Piasecki presented the lease agreement with the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce for use of the building located on Judson Street. The Chamber had already signed the lease.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There was no public comment. 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. Rodenberg/Himes

VOTE: Unanimously approved

The City Council entered into recess at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1467 Imposing a Six-Month Moratorium upon the Acceptance of New Lodging Level 1 and Short Term Rental Applications:

Principal Planner Carl de Simas introduced the ordinance which would immediate pause acceptance of all applications for short term rental permits and allow the City to review its regulations for short term rentals. A public hearing to consider the ordinance will be held on October 11.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1467. Himes/Rodenberg

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- 2. First Reading of Ordinance - ROW Land Acquisition NCGH LLC Property Donation at 96th Street:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the ordinance which will allow the City to accept the donation of property located adjacent to the Cushman Trail at 96th Street.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There was no public comment. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

The ordinance will return for second reading and adoption on October 11.

- 3. Public Works Contract - Lift Station No. 12:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the contracts for the rehabilitation of Lift Station #12, noting the unanticipated cost overruns associated with the project.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. There was no public comment. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Contract with Stellar J in an amount not to exceed \$3,170,214.40; Authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Contract Amendment #2 for Construction Support Services with Kennedy Jenks in an amount not to exceed \$407,136.00; Authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Contract for Materials Testing with MTC, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$20,257.00; Authorize the City Engineer to approve additional Public Works contract expenditures up to \$250,000.00. Woock/Markley

VOTE: Unanimously approved

- 4. First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1466 Establishing Interim Zoning Controls Amending GHMC Related to ESSHB 1220 Emergency Shelter and Housing:** Community Development Director Katrina Knutson presented the ordinance noting that it is a required action to comply with ESSHB 1220 passed by the legislature in the prior session. A public hearing will be held on the ordinance at the October 11 council meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1466. Rodenberg/Woock

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1, Abersold opposed

COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Public Works Committee Meeting of September 14: Councilmember Franich reported that the committee discussed the Olympic Drive right turn lane at Metropolitan Market and the water shortage with Washing Water.

Finance & Safety Committee Meeting of September 20: Councilmember Rodenberg reported that the committee discussed the 6-year financial forecast and the possibility of a no-wake buoy.

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Meeting of September 27: Councilmember Denson reported that the committee received an update from the federal lobbyists and discussed the legislative agenda for the 2022 session.

Councilmember Abersold commented on the need to always allow public comment. Councilmember Rodenberg announced an event to support the Permission to Start Dreaming Foundation later this week.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Joshua Stecker
Interim City Clerk