

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 13, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Mayor Kuhn called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. Councilmembers Abersold, Denson, Franich, Himes, Markley, Rodenberg, and Woock were present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. City Council Minutes - November 22, 2021
2. Receive & File - Parks Commission Minutes - November 3, 2021; Planning Commission Minutes - November 4, 2021; Planning and Building Committee Minutes - October 4, 2021
3. Consultant Services Contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for Lobbying Services
4. Amendment No. 11 to Assigned Counsel Agreement with Pierce County
5. Professional Services Contract with Grette Associates for Critical Area Review
6. Land Use Hearing Examiner Services Agreement
7. Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for Commute Trip Reduction Plan Administration
8. Agreement with Port of Tacoma for Funding for the Community Paddler's Dock
9. Second Reading of Ordinance 1476 Codifying the Municipal Court
10. Resolution 1225 Approving the Final Plat and Final Planned Residential Development for McCormick Creek Phase III
11. Approval to Hire Above Midpoint - Building Inspector/Plans Examiner
12. Approval of Payroll for the Month of November - Checks #8321 through #8326 and direct deposit transactions in the total amount of \$464,388.00.
13. Approval of Vouchers - Check numbers 96674 through 96770, cashier's check and ACH payments in the amount of \$1,840,806.49.

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

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Kuhn gave the oath of office to new police officer Kelsey Burgin-Dove.

Mayor Kuhn gave the oath of office to incoming councilmembers Brenda Lykins, Roger Henderson, and Seth Storset and to incoming mayor Tracie Markley.

Mayor Kuhn gave a presentation highlighting accomplishments of the past 4 years.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Interim City Administrator Tony Piasecki reported on the transition process of moving the Code Enforcement Officer to a full-time position.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No public comment was made.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1477 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment:** Community Development Director Katrina Knutson introduced the ordinance which will create an Arts & Culture Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance 1477 (Woock/Denson).

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Franich opposed

- 2. Ordinance 1478 Parks-Related Code Updates:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the ordinance which establishes hours of usage for Ancich Waterfront Park. The ordinance was revised after first reading to allow access to Ancich Waterfront Park until 6:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes later.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance 1478 (Himes/Woock)

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing: First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1479 Vacating a Portion of Hall Street:** Public Works Director introduced the ordinance.

Public Hearing: There was no public comment.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1479 (Woock/Markley)

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Franich opposed

- 2. Resolution 1227 Amending Resolution 601 Establishing a Sister City Policy:** Mayor Kuhn introduced the resolution which allows the City to move forward with agreements to partner with potential Sister Cities.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1227 (Markley/Woock)

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

- 3. First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1480 McCormick Creek Phase III, Rezone from R-1 to PRD (PL-FPRD-19-0003):** Senior Planner Kimberly Mahoney introduced the ordinance.

Public Comment: Dennis Day commented on the effects of Phase III on other homeowners. Steven Ainsley commented on unfair development practices.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1480 (Woock/Markley)

VOTE: Motion passed 5-2; Councilmembers Franich and Abersold opposed

Council entered into recess at 7:50 p.m. Council returned at 8:02 p.m.

- 4. Resolution 1226 Adopting the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the Public Right-Of-Way:** City Engineer presented the resolution which adopts the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the Public Right-Of-Way.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1226 (Franich/Himes).

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

- 5. Purchase Authorization for Air Gap/Break Tank System:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm identified this purchase as necessary for compliance with the Department of Health requirements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MOTION: Move to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase of an Air Gap/Break Tank System, from PumpTech, LLC, for their price quotation of \$43,465.60, which includes applicable Washington State Sales Tax (Himes/Markley).

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

- 6. Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for Ancich Park Advanced Mitigation:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the MOU which provides the assurance that WDFW will consider the pier removal as mitigation for the Commercial Fishermen's Homeport.

Public Comment: Guy Hoppen and Gregg Lovrovich submitted written comment in opposition to the MOU.

MOTION: Move to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Ancich Park Advanced Mitigation (Himes/No Second).

- 7. Public Works Contract Award – Ancich Park Advanced Mitigation:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the public works contract which is no longer recommended without the MOU with Department of Fish and Wildlife. Staff will prepare a resolution to reject all bids for the next meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Councilmember Abersold reported on the Parks Commission meeting of December 1. Councilmember Himes reported on the Planning & Building Committee meeting of December 6. Councilmember Abersold reported on the Board & Commission Candidate Review Committee of December 13.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Joshua Stecker, CMC
Interim City Clerk