

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 8, 2021 – 5:30 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, Himes, Markley, Rodenberg, Woock and Franich

Staff present: City Administrator Bob Larson, Community Development Director Katrina Knutson, Chief Kelly Busey, Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, City Clerk Molly Towslee, Assistant City Clerk Josh Stecker, and City Attorney Daniel Kenny.

Guests: Stephanie Lile, Dr. Art Jarvis, and Patrick Gillespie.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Councilmember Franich asked Staff for clarification on items 3 and 4 of the Consent Agenda. Mayor offered that these could proceed for discussion under the Consent Agenda.

Administrator Bob Larson read a public comment regarding Consent Agenda Item No. 3.

Gary and Rosalie Williamson provided the history of the Honoring Symbol Project and addressed the contract for updates to the comprehensive plan. They asked for city assistance in helping to break the logjam of delay.

Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm shared an update for the Honoring Symbol Project, and the amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and Comprehensive Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of City Council Minutes: a) Study Session Feb. 11, 2021; and b) Regular Meeting of February 22, 2021
2. Receive and File: a) Harbor History Museum 2020 Year End Report; b) Planning Commission Minutes Jan. 21, 2021
3. FEMA Programmatic Review and Shoreline Master Program Update – Professional Services Contract – Grette Associates LLC
4. Resolution 1202 – Information Services Surplus Equipment
5. Approval of Payroll for the month of February: Checks #8250 through #8257 and direct deposit transactions in the total amount of \$496,424.13.
6. Approval of Vouchers for Mar. 8, 2021: Checks #94835 through #94926 and ACH payments in the amount of \$1,441,328.25.

MOTION: Move to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.
Woock / Rodenberg – unanimously approved

PRESENTATION:

1. Harbor History Museum Year End Report Executive Director Stephanie Lile provided a report on the activities at the museum this past year, and shared plans for the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. [Second Reading of Ordinance 1456 – WANRack Franchise Agreement](#). Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm provided a brief introduction.

[Thomas Wick](#) referenced language in Section 13 that requires the franchisee to take action to protect the public and public property. He said the city allowed development that put drainage onto his property that caused a tree to fall on his house.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1456 – WANRack Franchise Agreement.
Himes / Woock – unanimously approved

NEW BUSINESS:

1. [Resolution 1201 – City Assumption of the Transportation Benefit District](#). Finance Director David Rodenbach provided the background for this action to assume the Transportation Benefit District into the city. This resolution sets a public hearing and first reading of the ordinance on April 12.

[Thomas Wick](#) shared concern that additional powers would be granted to this current government.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1201.
Franich / Woock – unanimously approved

2. [Stinson Ave Overlay and Intersection Improvements – Public Works Construction Contract Award, Contract Amendment #9 for Construction Support Services and Professional Services Contract for Materials Testing Services](#). Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm presented the information on plans for the intersection construction and road closures.

[Thomas Wick](#) said the city didn't follow this same bidding process for the replacement of the culvert on Hunt.

[Council deliberated](#) and Director Langhelm addressed questions on the construction support services.

MOTION: Move to: Authorize the Mayor to execute a Public Works Contract with Miles Resources, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,441,097.20 for the Stinson Avenue Overlay and Intersection Improvements Project; and authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment No. 9 for Construction Support Services with Exeltech Consulting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$99,765.56; and to also authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Contract for Materials Testing with Construction Testing Laboratories, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$32,438.00; and to authorize the City Engineer to approve additional project expenditures up to \$150,000.00.

Woock / Rodenberg – six voted yes. Councilmember Franich voted no.

COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:

1. [Planning & Building Committee Mar. 1](#). Councilmember Himes reported that they continued the review of growth population targets and had a presentation regarding the County-Wide Long-Range Planning process. He said that the buildable lands report is