

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday, May 26, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Mayor Markley called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Councilmembers Barber, Denson, Henderson, Lykins, Storset, and Woock were present. Councilmember Rodenberg was excused.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Gig Harbor Sports Complex** – Interim City Administrator, Katrina Knutson, introduced Jeff Langhelm, Public Works Director, who presented some history on the Sports Complex and briefly discussed the project timeline. He also addressed Council questions.

Matthew Keough, Parks Director, provided Council with a recap on the Sports Complex Open House that was held on May 7.

Aaron Hulst, Interim City Engineer, discussed the plans for Phase 1B of the project and addressed Council questions.

- 2. Fireworks Code Amendments** – Paul Rice, Building Official/Fire Marshall, and Chief Kelly Busey discussed the possibility of legislative changes regarding the use of fireworks in the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive Session for 20 minutes at 4:04 p.m. to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(i). Mayor Markley announced that no action will be taken following the Executive Session. Council returned to regular session at 4:27 p.m.

- 2. (Cont.) Fireworks Code Amendments** – Council directed staff not to pass an emergency ban, but instead to prepare an Ordinance banning fireworks, which will allow the community to weigh in at a Council hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive Session for 10 minutes at 4:45 p.m. to discuss the acquisition of real estate per RCW42.30.110(b). Mayor Markley announced that no action will be taken following the Executive Session. At 4:55 p.m. the Executive Session was extended an additional 5 minutes to 5:00 p.m. At 5:01 p.m. the Executive Session was extended an additional 5 minutes to 5:06 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 5:07 p.m.


GENERAL DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Woock inquired if the new sidewalk going in on 38th St would have less of an impact on trees if it were placed on the west side of the street. Jeff Langhelm, Public Works Director, informed Council that the scope of work and fee for the improvements will be finalized tomorrow and making amendments at this late hour may be detrimental. Council directed staff to continue in the direction already decided.

Councilmember Barber inquired about placing flags in planters at city parks in support of Pride Month. Staff will look at options for the Council to show support of community members during June's Pride Month.

Joshua Stecker, City Clerk, announced there will be a Special City Council Meeting on June 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Tiffany Aliment
Assistant City Clerk