

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 14, 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. Present: Councilmembers Abersold, Denson, Franich, Himes, Markley, Rodenberg, and Woock.

Staff: City Administrator Bob Larson, Community Development Director Katrina Knutson, Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, Tourism & Communications Director Laura Pettitt, Interim City Clerk Josh Stecker, Senior Planner Carl de Simas, and City Attorney Daniel Kenny

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **City Council Minutes:** City Council Meeting Minutes - May 24, 2021; City Council Study Session Minutes - May 27, 2021; City Council Study Session Minutes - June 3, 2021
2. **Receive & File:** 2019-2020 Annual School Impact Fee Report; 2020 Annual Park Impact Fee Report; 2020 Annual Transportation Impact Fee Report; Design Review Board Minutes - May 13, 2021; Finance and Safety Committee Minutes - May 17, 2021; Parks Committee Minutes - May 5, 2021; Bench Donation Thank You Letter; 2021 Juneteenth Proclamation
3. **Pierce County Range Agreement**
4. **Interim City Administrator Contractor**
5. **Resolution 1211 - ITS Surplus**
6. **Approval of Payroll for June 14, 2021**
7. **Approval of Vouchers for June 14, 2021**

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda
Woock/ Abersold - Unanimously approved

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kuhn thanked Sheena Denney for the donation of a bench at Wilkinson Farm Park. The Mayor read a proclamation declaring June 19 as Juneteenth in the City of Gig Harbor. The Mayor relayed a message of thanks from retiring Peninsula School District Superintendent Dr. Art Jarvis for the support of City's Planning, Building and Public Works Departments in expediting the permitting process to build two new schools. The expediting that the City provided allowed for enough savings to remodel Kopachuck and KP Middle School.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator Bob Larson reported on the eligible uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Recovery Fund money that the City anticipates receiving. A study session will be held on June 17 to discuss the City's plans to use the funds.

STAFF REPORT:

Austin Estuary Honoring Symbol Project Update: Public Works Director Jeff Langhlem and Community Development Director Katrina Knutson reported on the status of the installation of Honoring Symbol. A design consultant will be ready to submit a building permit application by the end of July to begin the installation.

Summer Events Update: Tourism & Communications Director Laura Pettitt announced that Summer Sounds at Skansie and Movies in the Park will be launching in July. We anticipate to have 9 concerts and 6 movie nights this summer – the most to date.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Barbara Hammerman reported on the Make Music Day Festival on June 21 at Uptown.

Linda Foster commented on the required public access for use of the Jerkovich Pier.

The Mayor closed the public comment.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney Daniel Kenny to clarify that the lease agreement with the Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Team is not related to access to the float system.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing: First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No.1462 - SMP Art Placement Comp Plan Amendment:** Senior Planner Carl de Simas presented an overview of the ordinance and highlighted the changes that would be made to the Comprehensive Plan. He also reviewed the process for developing the ordinance including public input and recommendation from the Department of Ecology.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance No. 1462
Himes / Woock – Motion passed 6-1; Councilmember
Franich opposed.

- 2. Public Hearing: Village at Harbor Hill Development Agreement Amendment No. 1:** Community Development Director Katrina Knutson presented an overview of the proposed amendment to the development agreement including a history of the project and the settlement agreement with Olympic Property Group (OPG). She clarified that the amendment would not affect the existing allowed residential

use in the zone. Residential development cannot occur until after completion of Phase 1 of the project which includes a grocery store.

Jon Rose spoke on OPG's goals for moving the project forward and finding a grocer to anchor the project.

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Bill Bercek (11826 Olympus Way) voiced concerns about the impact of additional housing associated with project.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Village at Harbor Hill Development Agreement
Denson / Rodenberg – Motion passed 5-1; Councilmember Franich opposed and Councilmember Himes abstained.

Staff will discuss next steps in the settlement with counsel.

- 3. Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update – Professional Services Contract:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm reported on the process and upcoming deadline (December 2021) to update the PROS Plan. A consultant was selected from the MRSC consultant roster to assist in the development of the plan. The scope of the consultant's duties have increased due to the vacancy of the Parks Manager position. \$30,000 was initially budgeted for the contract.

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Ben Coronado spoke on behalf of the Parks Commission and restated the Commission's recommendation to hire the consultant.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.

In response to questions from Councilmember Denson, Mr. Langhelm acknowledged that it is possible to reduce the scope of the plan update and meet the requirements of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Discussion of the scope of work can be held at the July 8 study session.

MOTION: Move to Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Contract with Conservations Technix, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$62,340.
Woock / Abersold – unanimously approved

- 4. Resolution 1209 to Establish the Adopt-A-Park Program:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm spoke about the desire from residents to volunteer by

adopting and maintaining City parks, similar to the City's adopt a road program. The program would be implemented after bringing on a new Parks Manager or Public Works Assistant.

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Mary Barber, Vice Chair of the Parks Commission restated the Parks Commission's support of the program.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to Approve Resolution 1209
Woock / Markley

After discussion, Council amended the motion to read:

AMENDMED MOTION: Move to Approve Resolution 1209 with implementation dependent upon staffing resources in the Parks Division being at capacity to support the program. Motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Rodenberg opposed.

- 5. 38th Avenue Phase 1a Design - Professional Services Contract Amendment #3:** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm explained that the project has run slightly over budget and requires Council approval to amend the overages to the contract.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor to execute Professional Services Contract Amendment #3 with David Evans & Associates, Inc. for construction support in an amount not to exceed \$157,494.59
Woock / Rodenberg – Motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Franich opposed.

Council requested a 5-minute recess at 7:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

- 6. Lease Amendment with Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Team (GHCKRT):** Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm introduced an amendment to the lease with GHCKRT which reflects Council's direction from the June 3 study session. Kirsten Gregory of GHCKRT announced that the team has received a \$250,000 grant to install storage racks and assist in the construction of the human-powered watercraft floats. Jeff Langhelm added that the City was approved for a \$25,000 grant from the Port of Tacoma. Mayor Kuhn noted that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee was advised that \$100,000 of lodging tax funds would be used for this project being that this is tourist-related and that LTAC offered no objection to the expenditure. This money will offset what would have come from the General Fund.

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Mary Ellen Gilmour commented on the required public access for use of the Jerkovich Pier.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.

Aaron Huston of GHCKRT reported on the excitement of the team in moving forward with the construction of the floats.

MOTION: Move to Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the Ancich Park Lease and Agreement for Services with the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Race Team.
Markley / Rodenberg

After discussion, Council amended the motion to read:

AMMENDED MOTION: Move to Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the Ancich Park Lease and Agreement for Services with the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Race Team with revisions to require the first donation of \$100,000 due by July 30, 2021 and a second donation of \$50,000 due by April 15, 2022.

CALL THE QUESTION

Woock/Abersold, motion passed 6-1, Councilmember Franich opposed

Motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Franich opposed.

In response to Councilmember Franich's questions, City Attorney Daniel Kenny reiterated that the usage requirements of the floats are unrelated to the lease of the storage facility.

- 7. Resolution 1210 - Adopting Homeport Design Concept: Public Works**
Director Jeff Langhelm introduced the resolution and noted that Council has been provided multiple exhibits to select from to accompany the resolution when adopted.

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Matt Munkres spoke in support of adopting Resolution 1210 with the new dock plan.

Mike Runion spoke in support of adopting Resolution 1210 with Exhibit G dated June 1.

Leif Dobszinsky Spoke in support of adopting Resolution 1210 with Exhibit G dated June 1.

Guy Hoppen spoke in support of adopting Resolution 1210 with Exhibit G dated June 1.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.

Councilmember Rodenberg reported that Gig Harbor Fishermen's Club voted unanimously to pledge a \$200,000 donation to the homeport project.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1210 with Exhibit G dated June 8, 2021
Franich / motion not seconded; motion failed

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1210 with Exhibit G dated June 1, 2021
Denson / Woock –

MOTION: Postpone to October 1, 2021
Himes / motion not seconded; motion failed

CALL THE QUESTION
Denson / Woock – motion failed; Councilmembers
Woock, Denson, Abersold and Rodenberg – aye;
Councilmembers Himes, Markley, Franich - nay

Motion passes 6-1; Councilmember Himes opposed

COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Parks Commission Meeting of June 2, 2021: Councilmember Abersold reported that the Commission discussed the PROS Plan and Adopt A Park program.

Councilmember Woock thanked the Arts Commission for their work with the Endeavor Grants program and highlighted the Gnomes Away from Home project and the United by Music event on June 21.

Councilmember Himes voiced concern over the next steps of the settlement with OPG.

Councilmember Franich asked Council to direct the Mayor to ensure there is always access for the public to the float system at Ancich Waterfront Park. Jeff Langhelm confirmed that the City will need to develop and implement rules for the float system before it is opened for use.

Councilmember Rodenberg commented on the need to consider the order of agenda items to prevent residents from having to wait.

Councilmember Franich asked Council direct the Mayor to bring back the lease with GHCKRT to reconsider a five-year term and re-evaluate the lease rate. No councilmembers supported the proposed direction.

Councilmember Franich commented on the May 24 meeting's parliamentary proceedings and apologized to City Attorney Daniel Kenny.

Councilmember Himes commented on the need for equitable storage rates for the kayaks owned by residents.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. **Public Works Committee Meeting - Tuesday, June 15 at 3:00 p.m.**
2. **City Council Study Session - Thursday, June 17 at 3:00 p.m.**
3. **Board & Commission Candidate Review Committee Meeting - Monday, June 21, at 3:00 p.m.**
4. **Finance & Safety Committee - Monday, June 21 at 4:00 p.m.**

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.
Franich / Woock – unanimously approved



Joshua Stecker
Interim City Clerk