

**MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, October 11, 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. City Council Minutes: City Council Minutes - September 27, 2021
2. Approval of Vouchers: Checks #96260 through #96358, Cashier's Check #1426531 and ACH payments in the amount of \$1,422,260.86.
3. Approval of Payroll: Payment of payroll for the month of August: Checks #8307 through #8312 and direct deposit transactions in the total amount of \$484,814.87.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Police Chief Kelly Busey introduced Officer Ennis “Jody” Roberson.

Mayor Kuhn read a proclamation for Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

Mayor Kuhn, Puyallup Tribal Councilmember Anna Bean, Puyallup Tribe staff Jennifer Keating, Charlotte Basch and Amber Hayward, artist Guy Capoeman, Arts Commission Lynn Stevenson, and volunteer Tina Shoemaker collaborated on a presentation recognizing the City’s activities to restore relationships with the Puyallup Tribe and honor them.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** Interim City Administrator Tony Piasecki reported on progress recruiting a Parks Manager.

The meeting entered into recess at 6:48 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:55 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Thomas Wick commented on the protection of salmon habitat, Skansie Avenue crosswalk safety and public records requests.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 1467 and Adoption of Findings of Fact:**  
Principal Planner Carl de Simas introduced the ordinance which immediately paused acceptance of all applications for short term rental permits and allows the City to review its regulations for short term rentals.

The Mayor opened the public comment period:

- Peter Katich encouraged the development of regulations for short term rentals.
- Jean Juneau commented on lodging level distinctions
- James Karrer commented on usage of a good neighbor policy used by Vacasa.
- Paul Kadzik commented on lodging level distinctions.
- Richard Mosick commented on rentals through AirBnB collecting lodging tax.
- Haley Nichols commented on the usage of an emergency ordinance.
- Carolyn Berg commented on the ability to use her property as a short term rental.
- Eric Nadler commented on the need to define the community.
- Megan Bennett commented on the benefits of short term rentals.
- Kenny Arnold commented on owners' desire to keep rentals in nice condition.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to adopt whereas clauses contained within Ordinance 1467 as Findings of Fact in support of adoption of moratorium and direct this matter to Planning Commission (Woock/Abersold).

VOTE: Unanimously approved

**2. Public Hearing on Ordinance 1466 and Adoption of Findings of Fact:**

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.

The Mayor opened the public comment period. Kim Foster commented on concerns for the character of Gig Harbor. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Move to adopt whereas clauses contained within Ordinance 1466 as Findings of Fact in support of adoption of the interim zoning controls and direct this matter to Planning Commission (Woock/Denson).

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1, Abersold opposed

**3. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1468 Accepting North Creek Gig Harbor, LLC Property Donation:**

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 96<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1468 (Himes/Markley).

VOTE: Unanimously approved

The Mayor thanked Jim Chaffeur and the five owners of North Creek Gig Harbor, LLC, for this donation right near the Cushman Trail which will benefit the City.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **First Reading of Ordinance 1469 Repealing GHMC 5.14 Bring Your Own Bag:** Interim City Clerk Joshua Stecker introduced the ordinance which will repeal the City' ban on single-use plastic shopping bags. The ban has been made redundant by the State of Washington's bag ban which went into effect on October 1.

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

Ordinance 1469 will return for second reading on October 25.

**COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMENTS:**

**Planning & Building Committee Meeting of October 4:** Councilmember Himes reported that the committee discussed growth issues related to actions taken by PSRC.

**Parks Commission Meeting of October 6:** Councilmember Abersold reported that the commission discussed the PROS Plan and their 2022 work plan.

**Board & Commission Candidate Review Committee Meeting of October 11:** Councilmember Abersold reported that the committee discussed revisions to the roster requirements for the Design Review Board.

Councilmember Franich requested that the City look into using American Rescue Plan Act funds to assist FISH Food Bank. Mayor Kuhn noted that a discussion would be added to the budget discussions the following week.

Councilmember Woock conveyed thanks for the new flashing crosswalks in Gig Harbor North and complimented Planning Technician Michelle Thomas for her excellent customer service.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Joshua Stecker  
Interim City Clerk