

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 3:30 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, Franich, Himes, Rodenberg and Woock. Councilmember Markley was excused.

Staff present: Assistant City Clerk Josh Stecker, Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm, and Community Development Director Katrina Knutson.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Funding for the Construction of the Community Paddler’s Dock – Jeff Langhelm gave an overview of the history of the design for the Community Paddler’s Dock and identified increased costs that had not been account for in the 2021 Budget. Council discussed funding options for the additional \$330,000 required. Kristen Gregory spoke on behalf on the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Race Team and indicated the team may have the ability to contribute towards the additional expense as part of the renegotiation of the club’s lease with the City.

MOTION: Move to fund the project as recommended by staff in the amount of \$730,000 (\$290,000 Park Impact Fees, \$100,000 Lodging Tax, \$100,000 General Fund and \$240,000 HBZ) with the goal of asking the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Race Team to provide \$100,000 and to pursue a further \$100,000 in grant funds from the Port of Tacoma.
Rodenberg / Woock

AMENDMENT: Move to amend the contribution of the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Race Team to \$300,000.
Abersold / Himes –
CALL THE QUESTION - Rodenberg / Woock - unanimous approval
ROLL CALL VOTE: Denson – Nay, Rodenberg – Nay, Franich – Nay, Woock – Nay, Abersold – Aye, Himes – Aye

MAIN MOTION: Move to fund the project as recommended by staff in the amount of \$730,000 (\$290,000 Park Impact Fees, \$100,000 Lodging Tax, \$100,000 General Fund and \$240,000 HBZ) with the goal of asking the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Race Team to provide \$100,000 and to pursue a further \$100,000 in grant funds from the Port of Tacoma.
Rodenberg / Woock – Denson – Aye, Rodenberg – Aye, Franich – Nay, Woock – Aye, Abersold – Aye, Himes – Abstain

Staff will prepare a Budget Amendment Ordinance if necessary and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be informed of Council’s intent to use an additional \$100,000 of lodging tax funds.

Property West of Treatment Plant Discussion – Jeff Langhelm identified the opportunity to pursue a Pierce County Conservation Futures Grant to acquire a parcel adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Puyallup Tribe has indicated willingness to provide \$50,000 in matching funds for the grant. The Mayor proposed that the City provide \$20,000 in matching funds.

MOTION: Move to direct the Mayor to prepare a resolution authorizing the City to pursue a Pierce County Conservation Futures Grant.
Denson / Woock – unanimously approved

ADJOURN: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.