

MINUTES FOR GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday, July 20, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.
Community Rooms

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Mayor Pro Tem Lykins called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Councilmembers Barber, Henderson, Martin, Rodenberg, Storset, and Woock were present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Utility Rate Study – Review of Proposed Monthly Rate Adjustments** – Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm and the city's consultant Ashley Emery with Peninsula Financial Consulting presented the city's utility needs and proposed rate adjustments and addressed questions.

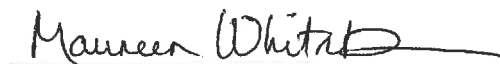
Council entered into recess at 4:10 p.m. and returned at 4:15 p.m.

Council was supportive of rate adjustments for the three utilities: water, sewer, and stormwater in order to meet the capital project demands and operations and maintenance needs of the city's utilities.

Due time constraints, a follow-up council study session will be scheduled to discuss:

- Tiered water rates;
- Public outreach for proposed rate adjustments;
- Review of poverty guidelines that provide a general low-income discount;
- Code revisions to clarify utility billing procedures, and clarifications related to stormwater billing policies.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



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