

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.
Civic Center Community Rooms A/B or Zoom

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL Mayor Markley called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Councilmembers Barber, Henderson, Lykins, Storset, and Woock were present. Councilmember Coronado arrived at 3:45 p.m. Councilmember Rodenberg was excused.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Masonic Lodge Proposal** – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro introduced Stephanie Lile of the Masonic Lodge Community Advocacy Committee. Stephanie presented the group's proposal to save the Masonic Lodge, including a proposed design, funding options, and management plan.

Council expressed interest and support for the proposal and directed the lodge remain standing and be incorporated into the long-range plans for the park.

At 4:10 p.m., council took a 5-minute break. Council returned from break at 4:18 p.m.

2. **Jerisich Dock Fee** – Associate Engineer Chloe Wiser discussed the options for increasing the moorage fee at Jerisich Dock.

Council was supportive of raising the fee to roughly \$1.78 in the summer and roughly \$1.29 in the winter. This will come before council for consideration at a future meeting.

3. **Lodging Tax Grant to the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce for Direct Marketing Organization Services** – City Clerk Josh Stecker reviewed the information contained in the packet and answered questions.

Council was supportive of the funding recommendation provided by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to award the Chamber of Commerce \$480,000 for DMO services in 2025. This will come before council for consideration at a future meeting.

4. **Downtown Parking** – City Administrator Katrina Knutson and Interim Community Development Director Jeff Wilson reviewed options for amending parking requirements for downtown waterfront businesses and options for relieving the demand for more parking in the downtown waterfront area.

Council was supportive of conducting a parking study and possibly amending parking requirements for restaurants to be based on square footage. Staff will look at options for the study and will compile data for a possible code change to square footage-based parking requirements.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



Tiffany Alimant
Assistant City Clerk