

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL RETREAT
Friday, February 28, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
Civic Center Community Rooms A/B

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL Mayor Barber called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Councilmembers Coronado, Ekberg, Henderson, Stone, Storset, and Woock were present. Councilmember Rodenberg was excused. Councilmember Storset excused himself at 10:53 a.m. and returned at 12:10 p.m.

ICEBREAKER

Housing, Health, and Human Services Program Manager Shea Smiley led the council and staff through an icebreaker exercise.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **City Strategic Plan** – City Administrator Katrina Knutson led council through a discussion on the currently adopted strategic plan and the progress made on implementing initiatives. Council also reviewed its current vision statement and determined it still meets intentions. The priorities in the plan were not modified, other than to remove priority ranking. Staff will update the plan and present it to council at an upcoming meeting.

Council took a five-minute break at 10:12 and returned at 10:20 a.m.

2. **Traffic Calming Cameras** – Chief Kelly Busey and PW Director Jeff Langhelm presented potential strategies for implementing traffic calming/speed cameras in key locations. Council decided not to pursue this initiative and instead continue to rely on the current “roaming” speed reminder signs. Public Works received direction to include traffic calming measures in the Public Works Standards Update that is forthcoming.
3. **Council Rules & Guidelines Updates** – There were discussions on recommended updates to council procedures, including:
 - a. Requiring public commenters to identify their address. Council was not supportive. Instead, the mayor will modify the opening statement at each meeting to encourage commenters to state how they are connected to the city.
 - b. Holding two remote council meetings each year to bolster public involvement. Council was supportive.
 - c. Allowing public comment at city council study sessions. Council was supportive.
4. **Term Limits** – Councilmember Woock presented the possibility of term limits for elected officials. Council requested additional information.
5. **Council Districts** – Councilmember Coronado presented the idea of creating council districts to increase councilmember accountability and transparency, as well as address geographical equity. Council requested additional information.

Council took a 30-minute lunch break at 12:18 and returned at 12:51 p.m.

1. **Planning Division Work Program** – Community Development Director Eric Baker reviewed the Planning Division's upcoming priorities and projects, including those required by law with statutory deadlines, and items requested by Council.

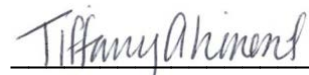
Council took a seven-minute break at 2:03 and returned at 2:11 p.m.

2. **Cultural Access Program** – Council discussed initiating a .1% sales tax increase for the purpose of supporting cultural activities within the city. Council directed staff to schedule a public hearing on this topic at a regular Monday meeting to hear more public input.

Council took a five-minute break at 3:01 and returned at 3:06 p.m.

3. **Shoreline Master Program: Marina/Yachts and Setbacks** – Public Works Director Jeff Langhelm and Community Development Director Eric Baker provided updates on shoreline regulations and their impact on current developments. Council requested more information regarding marina setbacks and height limitation considerations of "mega-yachts".

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



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