

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
Thursday, January 15, 2026 - 3:00 PM
Community Rooms

This meeting may also be accessed through Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/93216056382> or by calling (253) 215-8782 and entering Meeting ID 932 1605 6382.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. YMCA Sports Complex Phase 1 Services Agreement**
 - a. Staff Report: Parks Manager Jennifer Haro
 - b. Clarifying Questions
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Deliberation and Direction

- 2. Resolution 13XX - Boat Storage Building at Ancich Park Naming Request**
 - a. Staff Report: Parks Manager Jennifer Haro
 - b. Clarifying Questions
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Deliberation and Direction

ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENT & DECORUM

PUBLIC COMMENT & DECORUM

The city council wants to hear from the public as much as possible. However, the business of the city must proceed in an orderly, timely manner. The primary purpose of council meetings is to conduct the city's business so we have created a variety of ways the community can make their voices heard. Monday city council meetings are just one opportunity. These guidelines are designed to make sure every person who wants to be heard has both the opportunity to be heard and feels welcome to do so.

We receive comments three ways:

1. During council meetings
2. During council study sessions.
3. Email mayorandcouncil@gigharborwa.gov at any time about any issue. This email goes to the elected officials and leadership at the city.

Public Comment at City Council Study Sessions

We welcome comment at Council study sessions following the staff report and clarifying questions of each discussion item. Comments must be related to the discussion item at hand.

When the mayor calls for public comment, please come forward to the table (or raise your hand on Zoom). When it's your turn, we'll ask you to tell us your name and connection to the issue you want to discuss. You'll then have a maximum of two minutes to speak.

Unfortunately, this isn't a time for dialogue, but a staff person or councilmember may be available to talk with you at a break or after the meeting.

Additional guidelines

- Anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal from the meeting.
- Please address your remarks to the city council as a body and not to any specific individual.
- Please be courteous and not engage in derogatory remarks or insinuations.
- No demonstrations, including clapping, are allowed.

Email

You are welcome to email the mayor and councilmembers about any issue facing the city by writing to the address above. Do remember that council sets the policy direction while city departments execute those decisions. A series of online reporting tools might help you resolve an issue more quickly so check them out too: <https://www.gigharborwa.gov/146/Submit>

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) ACCOMMODATIONS

ADA accommodations can be provided upon request. Those requiring special accommodations should contact the city clerk at cityclerk@gigharborwa.gov or (253) 853-7613 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



**City of Gig Harbor
City Council Agenda Bill**

Meeting Date: January 15, 2026

SUBJECT: YMCA Sports Complex Phase 1 Services Agreement

SUBMITTED BY: Parks Manager Jennifer Haro

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PHONE: 253-853-8253

SUGGESTED MOTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In March 2025, the city and the YMCA updated their original 2021 lease agreement for phase 1A of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex. Section H of the updated lease requires that the city and the YMCA enter into a services agreement prior to the substantial completion of the Phase 1A improvements. The updated lease specifically lists items that must be included in the services agreement. This list includes: general public use, scheduling, maintenance, public coordination, use rates, field coordinator, rules, insurance, and capital reserve fund. The city has also included operation of the concession stand in the services agreement, as well as some maintenance items that will be performed by the YMCA on weekends and evenings.

The attached draft services agreement was developed based upon the 2025 lease and discussions with the YMCA. It has been reviewed by the city attorney, the YMCA and their attorney.

At the January 15 study session, staff will present the attached recommended draft agreement and will receive input from council on any suggested changes to the agreement. A final version of the agreement will be presented at the next regular council meeting for approval.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT City-YMCA Phase 1A Services Agmt_2026-01-08

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY: Ensure sustainable future for public services and facilities

SERVICES AGREEMENT

GIG HARBOR SPORTS COMPLEX FIELDS

CITY OF GIG HARBOR, LANDLORD

AND

YMCA OF PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES, TENANT

DATE:

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Term	3
2. Operations	3
2.1 Use Priority	4
2.2 Utilities	4
2.3 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations	4
2.4 Hours	4
2.5 Staffing	4
2.6 Janitorial Services	4
2.7 Concession Stand	5
2.8 Rules for Field Use	5
2.9 Cleanliness	6
2.10 Use of Dumpster	6
3. Programming	6
3.1 Scheduling	6
3.2 General Public Use	6
3.3 City Use of Fields	6
3.4 Programming at Doris Heritage Park	7
3.5 Use Rates	7
4. Compliance with Legal Requirements and Agreements	7
5. Financial Obligations of Parties	7
5.1 Capital Reserve Fund	7
5.2 Supplies	8
6. Construction, Maintenance, Repair and Equipment	8
7. Signage	8
8. Miscellaneous	8
8.1 Entire Agreement	8
8.2 Governing Law	9
8.3 Severability	9
8.4 Waiver	9
8.5 Notices	9
8.6 Indemnity	9

SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Services Agreement is made between the CITY OF GIG HARBOR a municipal corporation of the State of Washington ("City") and the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES, a Washington non-profit corporation ("YMCA").

RECITALS

- A. The YMCA is constructing two multipurpose sports fields ("Fields") and associated parking, sidewalks, and utilities on City-owned property at 10770 Harbor Hill Drive (AFN 4002730010) for the use of YMCA and Gig Harbor community programming.
- B. City as Landlord and YMCA as Lessee entered into lease on March 11, 2025 (Lease). The Lease agreement governs the construction, funding, and ownership of the property and improvements, known as Phase 1A of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, and requires this Services Agreement under Section H.
- C. The City completed Phase 1B of the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, officially named Doris Heritage Park at Gig Harbor Sports Complex, in June 2025. Doris Heritage Park has a bathroom and concession stand building that were designed to complement the field facilities.
- D. The Fields are intended to provide recreational programming and fitness opportunities for YMCA program members, local youth sports groups, and community members.
- E. The City and the YMCA are willing to enter into this Services Agreement on the condition that the YMCA will construct and manage the Fields and both parties will fulfill their obligations hereunder and under the Lease.
- F. The lease identifies in Section H(j), that the property shall be named the Gig Harbor Sports Complex, with any naming right being a ribbon above the main sign.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and the YMCA hereby agree as follows:

1. Term. The term of this Services Agreement shall coincide with the term of the Lease, which is an initial term of 35 years from the Lease date, with three 20-year extension options, starting on March 11, 2025. It may be amended by mutual agreement at any time.

2. Operations. Following the commencement date, YMCA shall continuously use, operate, and maintain the Fields as a community facility. The standards to which the Fields shall be maintained shall be comparable to the Tom Taylor YMCA and Doris Heritage Park.

2.1 Use Priority. The YMCA shall prioritize YMCA programming, sports, and local youth sports use. Secondary priority shall be given to adult sports leagues and community use. Gig Harbor community events may also be scheduled on the fields, but the YMCA reserves the right to refuse anyone who violates anti-discrimination laws or criminal laws or who is reasonably believed to have the propensity to do the same in the interests of public safety, disruption or illegal conduct.

2.2 Utilities. YMCA shall pay for all utilities associated with operating the fields and parking lots consistent with Lease provision L.

2.3 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations. Two charging stations were required to be installed at the Fields due to code requirements. The YMCA shall own and maintain them at its expense, and shall charge rates equivalent to the City's rate per kWh in accordance with the City's then current adopted fee schedule.

2.4 Hours. The Fields must not be operated, scheduled for programming, or rented outside of the hours from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

2.5 Staffing. The YMCA will employ a field coordinator to schedule, track, and oversee field use. This employee, or designee, must be available by telephone during all scheduled field use hours.

2.6 Janitorial services. Upon written approval from the city, the YMCA will provide janitorial services to the restrooms at Doris Heritage Park (Sports Complex Phase 1B) as follows:

2.6.1 On weekday evenings (after 5:00 PM) when the field(s) are rented, YMCA staff may respond to complaints of messes, supply shortages, or overflowing garbage.

2.6.2 On weekends from October 1 to May 1, YMCA staff shall check the restrooms once daily for garbage, messes, and supplies, and should clean and restock as appropriate.

2.6.3 If there is anything obviously malfunctioning or in need of repair, YMCA staff shall call the on-call public works operations number for city staff to address it.

2.6.4 During high-use weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) days and government holidays (defined as having a total of 16 hours of scheduled use on both fields, combined), the YMCA shall perform at least two restroom checks for garbage, messes and supplies. If the YMCA is unable to perform the checks and restock supplies as necessary, the YMCA shall pay the City an amount equal to three (3) hours of a Maintenance Technician's salary for each

day of use over 16 hours. The mid-range Maintenance Technician rate for 2026 is \$37.52 per hour and is subject to change yearly.

- 2.6.5 The City and the YMCA shall meet quarterly for the first two years to discuss janitorial services in Section 2.6 to make adjustments as necessary.

2.7 Concession Stand. The YMCA will have the option to allow organizations who rent the fields to operate the concession stand during their field rental periods subject to terms and conditions of a separate agreement between the YMCA and that concessionaire. The terms of the agreement with the concessionaire will contain, at a minimum, the following:

- 2.7.1 Any organization using the concession stand must provide proof of insurance to the City and name the YMCA and the City as an additional insured.
- 2.7.2 The YMCA will be responsible for a key entry card that will be provided to the concession stand operator.
- 2.7.3 Concession stand operators must sign a separate agreement with the City with conditions for use.
- 2.7.4 The YMCA will be entitled to retain a flat fee from the concessionaire to be used toward janitorial expenses associated with Section 2.6.
- 2.7.5 Only pre-packaged foods and beverages will be allowed to be sold. No alcoholic beverages are permitted to be sold.
- 2.7.6 Only Hot water, microwaves or coffee dispensers are allowed.
- 2.7.7 No fryers, airfryers, cooktops, hotplates, toasters, or other appliances are allowed.
- 2.7.8 After use of the concession stand, the YMCA must inspect it to ensure that it is cleaned to the standard it was before use and collect all key cards, remove garbage, and ensure there are paper towels in the dispenser.
- 2.7.9 The concessionaire will indemnify and hold the YMCA and City harmless from and against any and all damages caused by its use of the concession stand.

2.8 Rules for field use. The YMCA is solely responsible for establishing rules for visitors and users of the fields in order to protect the property and improvements, which rules should be consistent with the City's policies and rules for similar areas within City limits. All rules must be posted at field entrances. YMCA personnel are responsible for enforcing all established rules.

2.9 Cleanliness. The Fields must meet the minimum field condition standards as specified by the Washington State Interscholastic Athletic Association or similar standard. The fields and leased premises must be kept in a clean and safe condition at all times, free of garbage, and contaminants. If the YMCA fails to reasonably maintain the premises in said condition, the City shall give a written notice to the YMCA describing what is required to maintain it to standard and the time allowed to do so. If the YMCA does not perform the work, the City will respond accordingly, and will send the YMCA an itemized bill, including the city's labor costs to cover the City's time in such effort.

2.10 Use of dumpster. The YMCA will have the right to use the dumpster at Doris Heritage Park for disposing of waste from the Fields. Large, bulky items that do not fit in the dumpster shall be disposed of separately at the YMCA's expense.

3. Programming. The YMCA will solely be responsible for field programming and scheduling.

3.1 Scheduling. The YMCA is solely responsible for field scheduling, but should coordinate with other local athletic field operators, including, but not limited to PenMet Parks and the Peninsula School District when scheduling community use of the Fields.

3.1.1 The YMCA shall provide view-only access to field reservations to the City.

3.1.2 The YMCA shall provide the City with a list of all users and hours programmed quarterly or upon written request.

3.2 General public use. At least three (3) hours a week, a minimum one-half of a full field shall be available for general public drop-in use, outside of the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on weekdays.

3.2.1 Per section H(a) of the Lease, when the fields are not reserved, the fields should be open to the general public during approved use hours as defined in Section 2.4 of this agreement at no cost to the general public.

3.3 City Use of Fields. If requested, the City shall have the right to hold one special event per year, not to exceed 4 hours, at no usage cost to the City; provided, however, the City shall be responsible for the cost of cleanup and garbage removal as well as any security reasonably needed for the event that may exceed the security already provided by the YMCA. The City shall provide the YMCA with at least 90 days notices of any such event.

3.4 Programming at Doris Heritage Park. The YMCA may use the playground at Doris Heritage Park as part of summer programming, subject to the following:

3.4.1 If the YMCA intends to use any part of Doris Heritage Park for programming, the proper permits for the park, shelters, performance stage or stages events with more than 30 people at any one time, a park reservation form and/or special event permit will be required as for other park users.

3.4.2 Restroom use shall be limited, when practical, to the family restroom to minimize inconvenience to park users.

3.4.3 The City recognizes that the YMCA program participants will need to walk through the Park to access the fields for summer and sports. Those instances shall not require any permits or notifications to the City.

3.5 Use rates. The YMCA is responsible for setting use rates but should consider utilizing rates established by other local agencies with turf fields. Rates must be approved by the Mayor or designee once per year per Lease section H(e).

4. Compliance with Legal Requirements and agreements. YMCA shall, at its sole cost and expense comply with and perform all obligations with respect to (a) Lease agreement, (b) all legal requirements as defined herein, and (c) all contracts, including insurance policies applicable to the Fields and Improvements as stated in the Lease Section H(h).

5. Financial Obligations of Parties.

5.1 Capital Reserve Fund. In accordance with the lease agreement signed in March 2025, the YMCA shall create an interest -bearing capital reserve fund and deposit funds received for field rentals and donations or sponsorships received by Tenant for the project not directly used for the construction of the Phase 1A Improvements into it for the duration of the lease, per Section H(i) of the Lease Agreement. The capital reserve fund shall:

5.1.1 Pay for expenses related to maintenance, repair and replacement of the Phase 1A Improvements (as defined in the Lease) or field equipment for the duration of the Lease, and any extensions thereto, on a short and long term basis.

- 5.1.2 The capital reserve fund shall not be combined with other YMCA resources.
- 5.1.3 The YMCA shall provide the City an annual summary of activity, including deposits, withdrawals and balance for the prior year by January 15 of each year.
- 5.1.4 Donations provided to the YMCA or the City for support of, maintenance, or replacement of facilities or field equipment must be placed in the capital reserve fund; unless such donations received are used to pay the cost of the initial construction of the Phase IA Improvements.
- 5.1.5 Funds in the Capital Reserve Fund determined to be surplus funds (after taking into account short term needs and long term needs, as agreed on by the City and the YMCA) shall be reinvested into the Phase 1A Improvements.
- 5.1.6 If the Parties mutually agree that no such reinvestment as described in Section 5.1.5 is possible or beneficial, then the YMCA may reinvest the money to reduce the general public's rental costs or similar other beneficial uses.

5.2 Supplies. The YMCA shall provide restroom supplies, or an equivalent payment, as needed, payable quarterly, based upon the difference of supply use from before and after the Fields opened for programming. The YMCA shall be given access to the supply closet in the restroom/concession building in order to stock supplies and to meet the requirements of Section 2.6 of this agreement.

- 6. Construction, Maintenance, Repair and Equipment. As provided in the Lease, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, YMCA shall undertake the maintenance, repair, and furnishing of supplies for the sports fields, parking lots, walkways, landscaping, and stormwater system on the property. YMCA shall be responsible for replacement of furnishings, equipment, and turf within the leased area. YMCA shall ensure that the turf, walkways, fences, lights, and parking lot are in good working order at all times, and will repair any deficiencies promptly upon being made aware of it.
- 7. Signage. The YMCA shall erect a monument sign at the vehicle entrance to the property. All signs must meet the requirements of Gig Harbor Municipal Code. The facility shall be named the Gig Harbor Sports Complex with any naming right being a ribbon above the main sign, as outlined in the Lease Section H(j).
- 8. Miscellaneous.

- 8.1 Entire agreement. This Services Agreement together with the Lease sets forth the entire agreement of the parties as to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior discussions and understandings between them.
- 8.2 Governing Law. This Services Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.
- 8.3 Severability. Should any of the provisions of this Agreement be found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be stricken and the remainder of this Services Agreement shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect unless striking such provision shall materially alter the intention of the parties.
- 8.4 Waiver. No waiver of any right under this Agreement shall be effective unless contained in writing signed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the party sought to be charged with the waiver and no waiver of any right arising from any breach or failure to perform shall be deemed to be a waiver of any future right or of any other right arising under this Agreement.
- 8.5 Notices. All notices or requests required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing, shall be personally delivered or sent by mail or email transmission and shall be deemed given three (3) days following the date when mailed or emailed (provided a confirmation of receipt of the email is received). All notices or requests shall be sent to the YMCA or the City as follows:

To City: City of Gig Harbor
3510 Grandview Street
Gig Harbor, WA 98335
Attn: Parks Manager
Email: jharo@gigharborwa.gov

To YMCA: YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap Counties
4714 S. 19th Street, Suite 201
Tacoma, WA 98405
Attn: Toko Thompson, Vice President & CFO
Email: tthompson@ymcapkc.org

- 8.6 Indemnity. YMCA shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits, including all legal costs and attorney fees, arising out of or in connection with the

YMCA's performance of this Agreement, including any and all use of the Property after the execution of this Agreement, except for that portion of the injuries and damages caused by the City's sole negligence. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this Agreement is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then, in the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the YMCA and the City, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers, the YMCA's liability hereunder shall be only to the extent of the YMCA's negligence. IT IS FURTHER SPECIFICALLY AND EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED HEREIN CONSTITUTES THE YMCA'S WAIVER OF IMMUNITY UNDER INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE, TITLE 51 RCW, SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS INDEMNIFICATION. THE PARTIES FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE MUTUALLY NEGOTIATED THIS WAIVER. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

- 8.7 Attorneys' Fees. If any legal action or claim is brought for the enforcement of this Agreement or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and other reasonable costs and expenses incurred in such action or claim, in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled.
- 8.8 Relationship between Parties. This Agreement is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create any association, joint venture, agency relationship, franchise or partnership between the Parties or to impose any such obligation or liability upon either Party. No Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, act as or be an agent or representative of, or otherwise to bind any other Party.
- 8.9 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and the counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. An executed copy of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile or other means of electronic transmission pursuant to which the signature can be seen, and such execution and delivery shall be considered valid, binding and effective for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Gig Harbor and the YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties have executed this Services Agreement on the date as first above written.

City:

GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, a
municipal corporation in the State of
Washington

Mary Barber
Mayor

YMCA:

YMCA OF PIERCE AND KITSAP
COUNTIES, a Washington nonprofit
corporation

Charlie Davis
President and CEO



**City of Gig Harbor
City Council Agenda Bill**

Meeting Date: January 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution 13XX - Boat Storage Building at Ancich Park Naming Request

SUBMITTED BY: Parks Manager Jennifer Haro

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PHONE: 253-853-8253

SUGGESTED MOTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The city has received a few requests from people closely affiliated with the Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Team (GHCKRT) to name the boat storage building at Ancich Park after Alan Anderson, the founder of GHCKRT.

Attached is a letter to the mayor, city council and city administrator from Missy Hill requesting the name change. Parks Manager Haro also received an email request from Alyson Mrozinski, Head Coach of GHCKRT.

Resolution 717, which establishes the policy for naming parks and facilities, allows naming a building after a living person when the individual has made an unusually outstanding public service contribution.

As outlined in Ms. Hill's attached letter, Alan Anderson has made significant contributions to the city since founding the GHCKRT in 2002. He grew the small club into a large team that impacted the lives of hundreds of youth in the Gig Harbor area. His efforts have helped earn national titles for the team eleven times, and impacted the local economy by hosting events that draw competitors from all over the country.

At the January 7 parks commission meeting, commissioners strongly supported the request to name the building and unanimously recommended that council name it the Alan Anderson Boat Storage Building in a 6-0 vote. Staff also recommends naming the building in honor of Alan Anderson.

At the January 15 study session, staff is seeking input on the draft resolution from city council, and direction on any edits, before presenting to the public at the January 26 regular city council meeting.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Missy Hill - Ancich Park Boat House
 2. R-13XX Alan Anderson Building Naming_Draft
-

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY: Provide a safe, healthy, and inclusive community

Request to Name the Ancich Park Boat Storage Building in Honor of Alan Anderson, Founder of the Gig Harbor Kayak Club

Dear Mayor Barber, Members of the Gig Harbor City Council, and City Administrator Katrina Knutson,

I am writing to respectfully request the City of Gig Harbor's consideration in naming the Ancich Park Boat Storage Building after Alan Anderson, the founder of the Gig Harbor Kayak Club. For more than 23 years, Alan's vision and commitment have shaped generations of young athletes and strengthened the culture of recreation, teamwork, and water safety in our community.

Background and History of the Gig Harbor Kayak Club

The Gig Harbor Kayak Club was founded in 2002 by Alan Anderson, who saw a unique opportunity to introduce youth and families to the sport of competitive sprint kayaking. At the time, our area lacked a program that could support youth paddling at a national level. Alan recognized both the potential of our waterways and, more importantly, the value of giving young people access to healthy, disciplined, and skill-building activities that promote confidence and community pride.

Through Alan's leadership, the Club grew from a small grassroots effort into a nationally and internationally recognized team, with athletes consistently representing Gig Harbor at regional, national, and world-level competitions. Many have gone on to compete in elite programs, including the U.S. Olympic Development Program. Beyond competition, the Club has become a supportive and inclusive space for youth, helping them build resilience, sportsmanship, and lifelong connections.

Alan Anderson's Impact and Legacy

Alan has invested more than two decades of his time, personal resources, and financial support to ensure the Club's continued success. Long before the team had stable facilities, he purchased equipment, funded travel for athletes in need, and opened his own property for early training sessions. His volunteer leadership has spanned the roles of coach, mentor, fundraiser, caretaker, and advocate.

His influence extends well beyond athletic achievement. Alan has shaped the lives of hundreds of young people, teaching discipline, perseverance, respect for the water, and commitment to their community. Many former athletes credit him as a defining mentor, someone who believed in them, challenged them, and inspired them during pivotal years of their lives.

Few individuals have contributed more to youth recreation and water sports in Gig Harbor than Alan Anderson.

Why the Naming Request

Naming the Ancich Park Boat Storage Building in Alan's honor would offer a thoughtful and fitting way to recognize his long-standing contributions to youth paddling. For more than two decades, Alan has helped build a program that has become a valued part of Gig Harbor's recreational landscape, offering young people opportunities to learn, compete, and grow.

Because this facility directly supports the activities Alan devoted much of his life to fostering, it provides a natural place to reflect on his legacy. Naming the building after him would help future generations

understand the program's origins and the passion that allowed it to flourish. It is a humble request intended to acknowledge the positive impact one individual's dedication can have on a community.

Sense of Urgency

Timing is an important consideration for this request.

Alan has shared that personal circumstances make it especially meaningful to consider this recognition in the near term. Honoring his contributions now would allow the acknowledgment to occur while he remains closely connected to the team, the families, and the community he has served for more than two decades.

Proceeding within a timely window would enable the City to recognize Alan's legacy in a way that is both thoughtful and personally meaningful, while remaining consistent with the City's values of community stewardship and appreciation for long-standing volunteer leadership.

Conclusion

Naming the Ancich Park Boat Storage Building after Alan Anderson is more than a recognition of athletic contributions; it is a testament to community leadership, volunteerism, and the transformative impact one person can have over multiple generations. Alan's dedication helped shape not only a team but a culture that continues to strengthen Gig Harbor's identity.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request and for your continued stewardship of our community's recreational assets. I would be glad to provide additional information or speak further with staff or Council as needed.

Respectfully,
Missy Hill

RESOLUTION 13XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, NAMING THE BOAT STORAGE BUILDING AT ANCICH PARK THE ALAN ANDERSON BOAT STORAGE BUILDING

WHEREAS, Alan Anderson founded the Gig Harbor Kayak Club in 2002, which later became the Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Team (GHCKRT), and has served for more than 23 years as a volunteer leader, coach, and mentor to youth in the Gig Harbor community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long tenure, Mr. Anderson has coached and mentored hundreds of young athletes, emphasizing resilience, sportsmanship and lifelong connections while also creating a supportive and inclusive space for youth and strengthening the culture of recreation, teamwork, and water safety in Gig Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson recognized both the potential of Gig Harbor's waterways and the importance of giving young people access to healthy, disciplined, and skill-building activities that foster confidence, leadership, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Anderson's leadership, the GHCKRT grew from a small grassroots effort into a nationally and internationally recognized competitive organization, with athletes consistently representing Gig Harbor at regional, national, and world-level competitions; and bringing acclaim to local athletes including participation in the Olympic Games and the competitive pathways leading to them; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served as a champion for the boat storage building at Ancich Park, and was instrumental in advocacy and fundraising efforts in partnership with GHCKRT leadership and the city to support the construction of a permanent facility for youth paddling programs; and

WHEREAS, the mayor and city council find that naming the boat storage building at Ancich Park in honor of Alan Anderson is a fitting and lasting recognition of his decades of volunteer leadership, mentorship, and contributions to youth development, community engagement, and competitive paddling in Gig Harbor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. The boat storage building at Ancich Park is hereby named the "Alan Anderson Boat Storage Building."

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 26th day of January, 2026.

Mary K. Barber
Mayor

Attest:

Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk

DRAFT