



City of Gig Harbor

Finance and Safety Committee Minutes

Council Committee Abersold, Rodenberg, Woock

October 25, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.
Online Meeting

Call to Order: 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Council Members Abersold, Rodenberg, and Woock, Kit Kuhn Mayor, Tony Piasecki Administrator, Kelly Busey Police Chief, Katrina Knutson Community Development Director, Paul Rice Building Official Fire Marshall, Josh Stecker Assistant City Clerk, and Michael Williams Finance Technician.

Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2021.

New Business:

1. **Theft Deterrent Ordinance** Mr. Busey had a presentation on shoplifting for the committee. He would like to get the businesses more involved in a program to combat the shoplifting which also would slow other crimes that are usually associated with shoplifting. Various ideas were discussed one being tied to the requirements of renewal of business licenses, Business Check calls and conversations with Loss Preventive Managers. Mr. Busey was asked to draw up an ordinance to bring back to the committee at the December 20, 2021 meeting.
2. **Fireworks Ordinance** Council Member Woock presented the Pierce County Ordinance 2021-79. This ordinance states the Fire Marshall has the ability to cancel the use of consumer fireworks if the fire danger is too high. Discussion followed on what criteria and the testing availability to make the call in the City of Gig Harbor. Other questions were raised on announcing and enforcing the cancellation of fireworks. Questions of costs for testing, staffing requirements and enforcing the ordinance followed. The Committee requests that Mr. Piasecki would meet with Ms. Knutson and Mr. Rice to discuss going forward with gathering information on testing availability and costs to present at a future committee meeting.

Adjourn: 4:51 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: December 20, 2021