

CITY OF GIG HARBOR
RESOLUTION NO. 501

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ENCOURAGING THE PIERCE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES TO DEVELOP AN UPDATE FOR THE GIG HARBOR COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; TO PARTICIPATE WITH GIG HARBOR AND OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS TO FORM A WORK GROUP WHICH WILL ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UPDATED COMMUNITY PLAN; AND TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC CRITERIA AND POLICIES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMMUNITY PLAN AND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ADVISORY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN.

WHEREAS, The County-Wide Planning Policies provide for joint jurisdictional planning between the County and municipalities with designated Urban Growth Areas in unincorporated Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A.080 RCW) and Washington State Planning Enabling Act (36.70.340 RCW) specifically allow for development of community plans consistent with a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, The Pierce County Comprehensive Plan that was adopted on November 29, 1994, including a Community Plan Element which set forth objectives and policies for development of new, and modification of existing community plans; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plans Element of the Comprehensive Plan requires the County to “Ensure consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and community plans” (Section 19A.110.04C PCC); and

WHEREAS, The Community Plans Element also states that existing community plans should be amended on the basis of the following priorities: public health, safety, or welfare; and where significant inconsistencies exist with the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan (Section 19A.110.040 PCC); and

WHEREAS, The Community Plans Element requires that the County adopt a process for initiating the development of new community plans and sets forth priorities and criteria for new community plan areas (Section 19A.110.030); and

WHEREAS, The Planning and Land Services Department prepared a matrix, dated February 12, 1997, comparing the existing and proposed community plan areas and ranking them according to issue areas regarding consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, public welfare, infrastructure needs, public health, community support, and growth pressures; and

WHEREAS, the Comparison Matrix prepared by PALS identifies the Gig Harbor Community Comprehensive Plan as having significant inconsistencies with the County’s Comprehensive Plan and significant issues of concern regarding potable water, surface water, wildlife habitat, transportation, public welfare, and growth pressures; and

WHEREAS, The Gig Harbor Community Comprehensive Plan area includes all of the City of Gig Harbor’s unincorporated Urban Growth Area;

and

WHEREAS, The State's future plans for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, currently under development, will have a significant impact on the growth and infrastructure planning of the Gig Harbor Peninsula area; and

WHEREAS, The City of Tacoma is initiating development of a Master Airport Plan for the Tacoma Narrows Airport as a joint effort with the County and the City of Gig Harbor, and plans for this major facility could have a major impact on the growth in the area and transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan for the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula, and amendment to the Pierce County Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan, is inconsistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan and City's Comprehensive Park Plan, and needs to be updated and incorporated into the community plan; and

WHEREAS, The Gig Harbor Peninsula community has expressed continued strong support for community level planning; and

WHEREAS, the role of land use advisory commissions relative to the development of community plans needs to be clarified to distinguish the role of advisory commissions in areas where community plans are already developed, where community plans are in the process of being developed or updated, and where no community plans have been initiated;

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that a new community plan should be initiated after more specific criteria, priorities and policies are developed to assure that the new community plan is consistent with and fulfills

County comprehensive planning goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor will allocate staff and in-kind support to this process and proposed workgroups formed for this community plan update;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Gig Harbor City Council encourages Pierce County to update the Gig Harbor Community Comprehensive Plan and supports the development of a multi-interest work group in the development of the community plan update, which will consist of representatives from: the City of Gig Harbor, advisory commissions, regional Native Tribes, utility and service providers, business owners, school and fire districts, governmental agencies/departments, environmental organizations or interest groups, real estate development organizations, and other community groups. The City of Gig Harbor also suggests that such a formation of a multi-interest group for the Gig Harbor Community Comprehensive Plan will contain a subgroup that coordinates with the Tacoma Narrows Airport planning effort and another subgroup that coordinates with the Tacoma Narrows Bridge planning effort.

BE IT RESOLVED this 28th day of July, 1997.

APPROVED:

Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST / AUTHENTICATED:

Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

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