

RESOLUTION 1297

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

WHEREAS, city staff and the city council have worked diligently to establish a legislative agenda of matters of great importance to the city and its residents; and

WHEREAS, in working with our state legislators, the mayor, city council and city staff will put special emphasis on the matters listed in the legislative agenda; and

WHEREAS, the city council and mayor now desire to formally adopt the 2024 State Legislative Agenda to inform residents and legislators;

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

Section 1: Agenda Adoption. The 2024 State Legislative Agenda is hereby adopted as set forth in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 13th day of November, 2023.



Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

2024 State Legislative Agenda

Gig Harbor Sports Complex – Capital Budget Request

The city is in the final stages of completing the Gig Harbor Sports Complex. The sports complex is a multi-phase project representing a partnership between the YMCA and other local organizations, the state, and the city. This facility will serve nearly 50,000 people in the surrounding 5-mile radius and was designed through a robust public outreach process to identify top community needs. The project has two components: construction of two lighted turf fields and installation of a new community park, which will include pickleball courts, bocce ball courts, a playground area, event lawn and sheltered performance stage, two covered picnic areas, and associated parking and restroom facilities. The city has secured full funding for the community park and associated improvements and will be going out to bid for construction of this portion of the project in December 2023.

The final stage of the project, construction of the lighted turf fields, requires more significant financial resources. Design and pre-construction are complete; however, **\$1.5 million** in additional capital funding is needed to complete construction of the project. The city is asking for the remaining \$1.5 million in the 2024 capital budget, allowing this multiphase project to be constructed and ready for use by the end of 2024. State contribution will be matched with YMCA and City funds to bring the project to completion.

HVAC Upgrades at the Civic Center – Capital Budget Request

The City of Gig Harbor is aligned with the state's goal to decarbonize publicly owned facilities and infrastructure; however, these improvements can be costly for small cities to finance. The city requests \$2.2 million in state Climate Commitment Act funding to install a new, energy efficient HVAC system at the Gig Harbor Civic Center.

Public Safety

Gig Harbor joins other Pierce County cities in asking the Legislature to provide tools for local jurisdictions to respond to public safety concerns affecting our residents:

- Property crime and vehicular theft– the city asks the Legislature to modify the vehicular pursuit statute to provide officers the discretion to pursue for property crimes and vehicular theft, which represent the preponderance of increased crime incidents within Gig Harbor.
- Parental/custodial consent for juvenile questioning– current law requires juveniles to be assigned an attorney before obtaining consent for law enforcement to search personal property or engage in questioning. This process creates additional barriers to due process as local jurisdictions struggle to hire and maintain public defenders. The city requests that the Legislature amend current statute to allow for a parent or guardian to provide consent of a juvenile in custody to be interviewed by law enforcement and provide consent to search property.

State Route 16 Congestion Relief – Transportation Budget Language

The city is incredibly grateful for the state investment made in the 2023 Legislative Session in the city's Wollochet Drive Safety Improvements, which encompasses several improvements to the on- and off-ramps and signals of the Wollochet Intersection along Highway 16. This project received \$1.68 million in the 23-25 biennium, which, matched with city funds, would fully fund construction. Though located along a state highway, the city will own and complete this project; however, funding was directed to the WSDOT Safety Improvements Program to administer the project in the 2023 Transportation Budget. With the support of WSDOT, Gig Harbor asks that this funding is moved to WSDOT Local Programs in the 2024 Supplemental Transportation budget, allowing the city to administer and complete these critical improvements.