

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

*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

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY INTERVIEWS

1. Interview Process Overview

City Clerk Josh Stecker

2. Introductory Statements by each Applicant

Each applicant will be provided three minutes to introduce themselves and state the reasons for their candidacy in the order listed below:

Documents:

[Linda Sutherland - Application for Council Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Loreto Tessicini - Application for Council Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Benjamin Coronado - Application for Council Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Daniel Hobbs - Application for Council Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Julie Ammann - Application for Council Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Julie Martin - Application for Council Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Larry Bradbury - Application for Council Vacancy.pdf](#)

3. Selection of Finalists by the City Council

Councilmembers will identify by paper ballot the unranked names of four applicants they would like to interview for the vacancy. The name of the councilmember and the names of their four selected applicants shall be read aloud by the City Clerk. The four applicants who receive the most selections will be interviewed in an open forum. In the event of a tie, councilmembers shall vote for their preferred applicant by paper ballot to be read aloud by the City Clerk.

4. Finalist Interviews

Questions will be asked of each applicant selected for an interview in a forum setting with all four finalists present. Finalists will alternate the order of answering questions so that finalists take turns being the first to respond. Each finalist will have two minutes to answer each question. Following the predetermined

interview question period, councilmembers may ask follow-up questions of individual finalists.

5. Voting and Appointment of a New Councilmember

The Mayor shall ask for nominations from the councilmembers for the purpose of creating a group of finalists to consider. No second is needed. Nominations are closed by a motion, second, and majority vote of the council. Councilmembers may deliberate on such matters as criteria for selection and the nominated group of candidates.

The Mayor shall poll councilmembers to ascertain that councilmembers are prepared to vote. The City Clerk shall pass out polling slips and instruct each councilmember to write their name on the top of the slip, and the name of their preferred candidate on the bottom. The City Clerk will then collect all slips and read the results into the record. If no applicant receives four or more votes, then a second written poll is conducted, but with the nominee(s) who received the fewest votes on the first vote removed from consideration. Voting will continue until a nominee receives a majority vote of the Council.

The Mayor shall declare the nominee receiving the majority vote as the new councilmember and he or she shall be sworn into office by the City Clerk at the earliest opportunity or no later than the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). Councilmembers may convene into Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the applicants at any time. However, all interviews, deliberations, nominations, and votes taken by the council shall be in open public session.

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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.

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Application for Appointment to the Gig Harbor City Council - Submission #3329

Date Submitted: 12/23/2022

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Residency Requirement*

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I have resided within Gig Harbor city limits for at least one year as of January 10, 2023.

Voter Registration Requirement*



I am a registered voter in the City of Gig Harbor.

Biography*

Currently I am retired and have flexible hours available to provide to community service. I have an MBA in business administration retiring from a career focused on customer support and strategic planning. For my job I relocated every three years. I bring to the table life experiences based in my relocations conus and abroad. I've used many computer based platforms. I've negotiated contracts, organized teams, planned life cycle management and provided what the customer wanted. I am a lateral thinker so can provide instruction and can formulate general ideas into a plan. I'm good at negotiating and bringing controversy to resolution.

Please detail your:

- Elected Experience.
- Other Professional Experience.
- Education.
- Community Service.

(Response limited to 1,000 characters).

Statement*

Five years ago I moved to GH and found my forever home. I love this city and the people and want to contribute to its on-going and future success. I want to serve the community to which I belong.

Please provide a statement describing why you are seeking appointment to the City Council (Response limited to 2,000 characters).

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Linda Sutherland

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Date Submitted: 12/18/2022

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Voter Registration Requirement*



I am a registered voter in the City of Gig Harbor.

Biography*

Retired from the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. Served in five different countries over a 15-year period. Managed daily operations and policy implementation of all unclassified or classified communications programs at various embassies and/or consulates. Developed a technical training program (including procuring computers) for abandoned single mothers in Dakar, Senegal. A board member during the citizen's feedback phase of the draft EIR for the California Desert Initiative. This phase involved numerous meetings and discussions with a wide variety of groups holding disparate views I was involved in the draft phase of the EIR for the Bitterroot National Forest in Hamilton, MT. Committee member for land use planning for three years in Ravalli County, MT. I have over seven years of experience in business process re-engineering, strategic planning, budgeting, and business plan development. Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics, Masters in Whole Systems Design

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Statement*

Urban and regional planning has always been an interest of mine. This interest has only grown stronger over the years, and I would very much like to apply my interests within the public sphere. The intersection between public involvement and the changes needed regarding the impacts of climate change is a critical one. I feel I can bring a different perspective in that regard. I want to add some detail to the Whole Systems graduate program since I feel it is directly relevant to the position. The program is a synthesis of inquiry and practice focusing on complex social systems. As a student, I learned to design systems that serve human needs, or to facilitate appropriate change, in existing systems. I learned, and am continuing to learn, how to work with complexity and multidimensional systems and how to evaluate and assess their effects through applications of systems theory. I feel the above experience, coupled with the experience gained from working in different cultures, would be of benefit to the City Council. I would very much like the chance to discuss my interests in the vacated position. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Loreto J. Tessicini

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Application for Appointment to the Gig Harbor City Council - Submission #3359

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Voter Registration Requirement*



I am a registered voter in the City of Gig Harbor.

Biography*

Elected Experience: Washington State Elected Officials Training. Other Professional Experience: Planning and Building Consultant, Self-Employed; Regulatory Manager, Pyxis Regulatory Consulting; Multimodal Transportation Advisor, Steer Consulting Group. Education: B.A., Urban Studies, Minor in Economics, University of Washington; Associate in Business, Tacoma Community College; Peninsula School District Graduate. Community Service: Chair, Gig Harbor Parks Commission; Urban Design Review Committee, Foss Waterway Development Authority; Gig Harbor Planning Commission; Event Coordinator, Parks Appreciation Day; Safety and Education Coordinator, Rattle Dem Bones Bike Ride; Community Recreation Center Focus Group, PenMet Parks; Outreach and Inclusion Coordinator, Metro Parks Tacoma, Central Puget Sound Water Steward, Center for Alternatives to Pesticides; K-12 Certified Emergency Substitute Teacher, Peninsula School District.

Please detail your:

- Elected Experience.
- Other Professional Experience.
- Education.
- Community Service.

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Statement*

I humbly ask for your support in fulfilling the duration of Council Position 5. While Robyn Denson's departure will surely be missed and there are few who could ever fill her shoes. I do, however, hope to respectfully continue her passionate and caring work for our city. I am genuinely committed to the matters of our city. As someone who grew up in Gig Harbor and has lived here for most of my life, I am invested in this community. I have always wanted the best for our city and its residents. My family runs businesses here, teaches the youth here and raises our families here. I hope to continue serving this community in a larger capacity by holding a City Council position. I would look forward to being a productive member of the Council by being a conduit for the citizenry; by providing meaningful insight on city policy and finances, by encouraging public participation and inclusion, by diligently working towards a cohesive and respectful work environment. As a member of the Parks Commission, I have had the opportunity to work alongside many of you reviewing capital projects, developing the PROS plan and other matters of the city. I would look forward to continuing to foster these relationships as we support our city. Gig Harbor has that quintessential small town feel that so many of us cherish and continually draws accolades for (deservedly so). It is hard to capture and even harder to maintain. I would work towards preserving the quaint maritime heritage of our city and honoring those that came before us. Sustainable and balanced decisions today regarding our growth, infrastructure and commerce ensure future generations to be able to work, live and play in our beautiful city tomorrow. I am dedicated and focused on prioritizing the duties of City Council and working towards enhancing the quality of life in Gig Harbor. Thank you for your consideration and please know that I would be honored to further serve this community.

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Benjamin N. Coronado

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Voter Registration Requirement*



I am a registered voter in the City of Gig Harbor.

Biography*

I have no elected experience including having not ever run as a candidate. My diverse professional background includes my current engagement as an Industrial Engineer with The Boeing Company at Frederickson near Puyallup. All told I have worked for Boeing 20 of the past 36 years. For 8 years from 1998 through 2006 I was Business Manager of Seattle Social Services agency of The Salvation Army. In this post I was responsible for the public/private partnership funding our agency received on the 5 major social service programs we operated. Public funding came to us in the form of yearly or bi-annual grants and it was my function to assemble program budgets for internal and external use and to do the monthly finance data (married with program anecdotal information) submissions to the funders as a mechanism for billing our grants. I graduated in 1980 from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma with a Bachelors Degree in Economics. I have lived in Gig Harbor since 2013.

Please detail your:

- Elected Experience.
- Other Professional Experience.
- Education.
- Community Service.

(Response limited to 1,000 characters).

Statement*

I have a personal commitment and life style choice to become involved in the local community as an outlet for my larger ideology and hobby of influencing over the current national political mood and environment. I believe this is an appropriate and exciting opportunity to "get my feet wet".

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Daniel B. Hobbs

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Voter Registration Requirement*



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Biography*

Education: University of Washington, Seattle, BA, Architecture Personal: I'm a Washington state native, and have lived in Gig Harbor with my family for twenty years. Kayaking, running, and hiking in the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest provided my sons, now in their twenties, a unique opportunity to learn about and appreciate something bigger than themselves. Gig Harbor has always given our family a sense of community. We value this place, a land worth sustaining and investing in for future generations. Professional Experience: Writer, Photographer and Producer Writer/Photographer, Gig Harbor Now The Christian Science Monitor, PBS NewsHour, Frontline, and other media outlets Community Service: Circle of Friends in Action, Board Member/Media Director. South Sound Best Non-profit, 2014 & 2015 Minerva Scholarship 2015 Women in Film UW Alumnae Association Gig Harbor Economic Development Committee 2008 Gig Harbor Conservation Fund Supporter Active & Awarded School Volunteer

Please detail your:

- Elected Experience.
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Statement*

As I run every morning through the harbor, I am reminded why my family feels so passionate about investing in Gig Harbor's future and sustaining its vibrant landscape and history. Our community is a destination people choose to visit and live in because of its natural beauty and small-town charm. It is home to world-class canoeing-kayaking, and unique small businesses and organizations making big impacts both locally and nationally. I understand the importance of both encouraging economic vitality while also preserving the historic character and our natural aesthetic. As our community emerges from a substantial level of growth, I will work with partners and organizations to maintain land conservation efforts to protect our open spaces, retain natural habitats, and tree canopy, while ensuring responsible growth with smart planning. Working with strategic partners and the community to meet the needs of our residents, I will carefully approach future decisions about development while taking into consideration the impact on infrastructure. Maintaining our unique architectural and landscape integrity will inform my decision-making, keeping in mind the desire of our community to have safe uncrowded streets, pathways, and access to natural open spaces and parks. I acknowledge and respect our Indigenous Peoples, the Swift Water People. We are a city with innovation and talent, a place that recognizes and honors its past while shaping the future. The best small city in America engages the community through music and local markets in parks, a growing film festival, creative shopping, an award-winning distillery and restaurants, accessible trails, scenic waterways, country roads, and beaches to explore. This is what makes Gig Harbor great. As a longtime resident of Gig Harbor and aspiring city council member, my approach to decision-making will embrace seeking consensus and creating an engaging and inclusive community that respects our divergent ideas and opinions.

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Julie W. Ammann

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Application for Appointment to the Gig Harbor City Council - Submission #3275

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Voter Registration Requirement*



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Biography*

I have over 35 years of executive management, policy, capital projects, administrative, and labor experience. I retired November 1 after working for the Washington State Department of Corrections for 8 years. I held the positions of Lean project manager, Assistant Secretary of Administrations, Deputy Secretary and most recently Chief of Staff. Prior to working at the DOC I was the sales director for Northstar Lottery in Chicago Illinois, and prior to that I held the position of Deputy Director for the Washington State Lottery. I have a master's in public administration from the University of Washington Evans School of Public Administration. I was born in Shoreline Washington. I have served on several state committees, most recently the Criminal Sentencing Task Force (CSTF) which is led by a bipartisan legislature group and multiple stakeholders to review the state's current felony sentencing grid and make recommendations to the legislature.

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- Elected Experience.
- Other Professional Experience.
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- Community Service.

(Response limited to 1,000 characters).

Statement*

I moved to Gig Harbor in May of 2018 because of the quality of life, beautiful surroundings, and community. Now that I am retired and no longer working 60 plus hours a week, I would like to give back to the community in which I live. I would like to represent the citizens of Gig Harbor's needs and desires so that our current residents and those who will move here many years from now, will enjoy what I experience. I believe the best decisions come from respectful discussion, reviewing data and facts, listening to those who are doing the work, understanding the desires of our citizens, and supporting diverse group of opinions. I think it is safe to say we all want a safe place to live and do business, care for our environment, a strong economy, and a thriving community. I am applying to add to the excellent work that is already being done by our council members, staff, the mayor, and our citizens. I have always enjoyed being public servant and would be honored to continue that work as a council member of this great city. Thank you for this opportunity.

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Julie A Martin

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Application for Appointment to the Gig Harbor City Council - Submission #3354

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Voter Registration Requirement*



I am a registered voter in the City of Gig Harbor.

Biography*

Elected Experience: None Other Professional Experience: Retired Air Force, Retired Army Civil Service. 37 years experience including command and Director level positions in Contracting, Program Management, Teaching, Construction and Health Care. Education: MS Public Administration, BS Finance and Economics, Professional Certifications in Contracting, Program Management, and Finance. Community Service: Commissioner, Gig Harbor: Planning, Salary and Design review Board. North Creek Homeowners Association Board. Various activities through my local church.

Please detail your:

- Elected Experience.
- Other Professional Experience.
- Education.
- Community Service.

(Response limited to 1,000 characters).

Statement*

I seek to expand my community service through participation on the Gig Harbor City Council. I will provide a balanced view to the many issues facing the City as we collectively seek to preserve the unique character of our City. We face great challenges in that effort resulting from rapid population growth, and increasing State and Federal regulations that often conflict with the desires of our Citizens and their representatives to maintain our unique character. I will provide that balanced view in several areas of particular challenges: Climate Change and Environmental management; Good environmental stewardship is a fundamental responsibility. I believe current political initiatives at the State and Federal level are not balanced and do not promote balanced stewardship. Urban forest management; Requires a different view in a growth environment. We must define an approach and effectively communicate it to the public. Infrastructure management and development; A pressing growth based issue. Here I seek to help with a balanced response to need, and preservation of our unique community character. Cost Control; This challenge will grow with the city, and externals such as regulation and inflation. I can provide insight into this ongoing need based on my professional experience in contracts and finance. Regulatory implementation; Always challenging but, unfortunately, has few clear answers for implementation. Community amenity development (Parks, Trails, Arts etc); A key competent of a desirable community environment we are developing and will continue to develop.

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Larry A Bradbury