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Meeting Minutes - Draft General Government Committee

Friday, November 14, 2014

11:00 AM

Room 207

Special Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Jeannine Roe, Committee Member Jim Cooper and Committee Member Cheryl Selby

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A [14-1097](#) Approval of September 16, 2014 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 4.A [14-1087](#) 2015 Legislative Agenda

Committee members reviewed a proposed 2015 legislative agenda posted with the meeting packet.

Committee Member Cooper expressed concern about the design of the State's 1062 Building, especially on the Capitol Way side. Assistant City Manager Jay Burney explained the design process and the City's role. Committee Member Selby also expressed concerns about the design. After discussion, Committee members said they could support the request for funding; however, they asked staff to continue to advocate for more pedestrian-friendly design elements on Capitol Way.

Chair Roe suggested highlighting the importance of State employees to the City and that Olympia is the front door of State government. Committee members asked staff to include some general statements in the legislative packet to serve as talking points with the local delegation and other legislators along the lines of: Olympia is the front door of State government; State employees live and work in the City; the City values having State employees in downtown Olympia.

Committee Member Cooper asked that an item be added to "Provide funding for

mental health; substance abuse; prevention, intervention, treatment, and after care services, with an emphasis on youth prevention programs.” Committee members agreed to recommend the addition.

Communications Manager Cathie Butler reminded the Committee that the annual meeting with the 22nd Legislative Delegation is Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. She said the draft legislative agenda, with General Government Committee recommendations, will be reviewed by the full Council. After Council review, staff will prepare a packet for the December 2 meeting.

The discussion was completed.

4.B [14-1096](#) Program Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant Process

Community Planning & Development Deputy Director Leonard Bauer and Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht provided a briefing on the CDBG process and the status of current fund balance.

Committee members discussed the Council’s continued focus on economic development as a high priority. Committee Member Cooper said he would like to learn more about how the funding could be used for multi-year commitments. Chair Roe said she is interested in discussing how to combine CDBG money with other sources, like the Community Renewal Area, to have the most effect. Committee Member Selby expressed interest in learning more about how the City could potentially use CDBG money for a project to house or serve homeless individuals at the current Holly Motel site.

Committee members agreed to continue the discussion at the General Government Committee’s January 2015 meeting, along with a status report on the fund balance and spend-down.

4.C [14-1104](#) Council Outreach and Communication

Committee members briefly reviewed a proposal from staff. Given other commitments, they agreed to schedule a special meeting in early December to review the draft in detail and develop a recommendation to present at Council’s January retreat.

The topic was discussed and continued to the General Government Committee special meeting December 3, 2014.

4.D [14-1098](#) Review List of General Government Referred / Unscheduled Items

Committee members agreed to take up this item at a special meeting December 3.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Roe adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

