



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 207

Special Meeting - Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones,
Councilmembers Steve Langer, Karen Rogers, Julie Hankins, Jeannine Roe,
and Jim Cooper

2. 13-0061

Meeting with Joint Base Lewis McChord to Promote Relationship
Building with the 7th Infantry Division and 593rd Sustainment Brigade

Major General (MG) Lanza thanked Mayor Buxbaum and Bob Jones for the
invitation to speak.

MG Lanza stated that the current strategy of the Army is three-fold:

Prevent Conflict

Shape Engagements - Build Partner Capacity

Win Decisively with Allies

He said that this area is what is known as a “power protection area” due to
the Ports and airfields in the area, and its ability to provide access to the
Pacific Theater.

He relayed that there are 40,000 soldiers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord
(JBLM) and the strength of soldiers are their families and the strength of
the families are the communities that support them.

The 7th Infantry Division is focused on building the next generation of
leaders, enhancing the resiliency of the force, being better stewards of
resources, and focusing on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other
medical issues. Within the South Sound community, they are looking to
build trust and confidence in the Army and assert themselves as a
profession. MG Lanza said that we can help in the transition of service
members to civilian life.

MG Lanza stated that there are 60,000 military and civilian personnel at
JBLM, with 56,000 family members. The economic impact to the area from
JBLM is in the neighborhood of \$6 billion. There is \$1.8 billion in

construction planned.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Roe inquired as to what JBLM is doing to help ease congestion along I-5 in the area of the base. MG Lanza said he will provide a fact sheet and information to address this question.

Councilmember Langer stated that he was pleased to see the efforts around treatment of PTSD and the emphasis on this issue.

Councilmember Cooper inquired about how there could be more interaction and connection between JBLM and the non-profit social service providers in the area. MG Lanza said they will be looking at those options.

The discussion was completed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buxbaum noted that the Council will be adjourning to the regularly scheduled meeting, starting at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.