



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
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Tuesday, May 19, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Steve Langer, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Cheryl Selby

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [15-0496](#) Proclamation for National Historic Preservation Month

Mayor Pro Tem Jones read the proclamation, and Heritage Commission Chair Holly Davis accepted it.

The recognition was received.

2.B [15-0473](#) Presentation of Historic Preservation Awards

Mayor Buxbaum presented awards to Lauren and David Danner for the Schmidt House and to Teresa Shattuck and tenants for the Wildwood Center.

The recognition was received.

2.C [15-0495](#) Olympia Police Department Annual Awards

Police Chief Ronnie Roberts recognized National Police Week. He announced the winners of awards to members of Police Department and the community for their outstanding work.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

James Willing, Ron Nesbitt, Jim Reeves, State Representative Sam Hunt, Max Brown, Brenda Hood, and Kris Goddard spoke.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A [15-0504](#) Approval of May 5, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [15-0507](#) Approval of May 12, 2015 Special Study Session Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C [15-0440](#) Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Fire District 21 for Haz-Mat Team Services

The contract was adopted.

- 4.D [15-0501](#) Approval of Appointments to the Arts Commission, Planning Commission, Utility Advisory Committee, and TCTV Board

The decision was adopted.

- 4.E [15-0511](#) Approval of Location, Time, Facilitator, and Agenda for the City Council's Mid-Year Retreat - June 20, 2015

The decision was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS - None**4. FIRST READINGS**

- 4.F [15-0456](#) Community Planning and Development Request for Additional Staff, with Appropriation Ordinance

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A **15-0383** Right-of-Way Vacation of a Portion of the Alley at 600 Franklin Street SE

City Surveyor Ladd Cluff provided background on this item.

The public hearing was opened at 7:57 p.m.

Mr. Ed Brooks, owner of the old Carnegie Library building which is adjacent to the proposed vacation site, stated this vacation will negatively impact the parking for his building and thus impact their ability to lease the building. He said they were not notified of the vacation in a timely manner and asked the Council to not take action until they look into this further.

Puget Sound Energy Municipal Manager Amy Tousley said they did receive notice of this vacation. She stated PSE provides electric and gas service to the building at 600 Franklin St. and would like to have those rights reserved.

The public hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

Councilmembers asked questions and clarified notice requirements to property owners. Mayor Buxbaum asked for information related to notifications.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Selby, to defer a decision until the June 16 Council meeting and extend the written comment period to 5:00 p.m. on June 9. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [15-0292](#) Recognize Public Works Week and Review 2015 Construction Projects

City Engineer Fran Eide highlighted recent awards received and projects completed and planned. She also reviewed social media used to keep citizens informed of projects.

The report was received.

6.B [15-0484](#) Approval of Final Scope and Consultant Criteria for the Downtown Strategy

Senior Planner Amy Buckler provided background and input received at the open house. Councilmembers discussed the recommendation by the Land Use and Environment Committee regarding SEPA and infill. Ms. Buckler then discussed issues under Transportation and Street Dependency, and reviewed next steps.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve a final scope and consultant criteria for the Downtown Strategy detailed in attachments 1 and 2. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

6.C [15-0429](#) Approval to Schedule a Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Draft Program Year 2015 Action Plan

Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht reviewed the discussion from the May 5 meeting and said the results of that discussion are reflected in the staff report. She reviewed the next steps and purpose of the loans.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to direct staff to schedule a thirty-day public comment period, including a public hearing, on the draft Program Year 2015 (PY2105) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan reflected in Attachment 2, with the following changes from the initial proposal from General Government Committee:

1. Approve the Grow Olympia Fund small business loan fund, as described in Attachment 5 as an alternative to the ADA curb-cut project.

2. Remove the policy language from the draft Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

Abstained: 1 - Councilmember Langer

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events they attended.

Councilmember Langer asked for a referral to the Land Use and Environment Committee to discuss rezone hearings amendments with Planning Commissioners. Council agreed.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.