



# Meeting Minutes

## General Government Committee

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Friday, January 29, 2016

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### Special Meeting of the General Government Committee

#### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 3 - Chair Jeannine Roe, Committee member Jessica Bateman and Committee member Clark Gilman

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [16-0015](#) Approval of December 16, 2015 General Government Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

#### 4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.A [16-0062](#) Discussion of Options for Public Restrooms

Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht presented options for providing public restrooms in downtown Olympia. Committee members asked clarifying questions and discussed the issue.

The Committee decided to present a plan to the City Council for consideration. The four-prong plan includes asking the State to extend hours of the Heritage Park restroom facility, supporting the Providence community care center that is under development, a six-month pilot project with deluxe port-a-potties placed at multiple sites, seeking funding from Thurston County Public Health to respond to related public health concerns, and to consider expanding the Clean Team using Council goal funding.

**The discussion was completed and forwarded to a Council Study Session February 23, 2016 under File 16-0236.**

4.B [16-0067](#) Approval of the Gateways Public Art Master Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Arts and Events Program Manager Stephanie Johnson discussed the progress of the Gateway Public Art Master Plan. The Arts Commission sought Committee approval to

put out a Request for Qualifications for a consultant to help create the Gateways Public Art Master Plan.

The Committee, along with Planning Commission and Arts Commission members, discussed the issue. The Committee decided to pause the request for now to allow time for staff, the Planning Commission, and the Arts Commission to develop strategies to best move the project forward.

**The discussion was completed.**

**4.C**     [16-0114](#)            Oral Report - Discussion of Council in the Community and Opportunities for Engagement

The Committee briefly discussed opportunities for Council to engage the community. Committee members asked clarifying questions and discussed the topic. Staff will work on a plan that includes possible approaches that will take into consideration Councilmember schedules, timing and location of potential engagements, specific topics for engagement, potential stakeholders and potential budget considerations.

**The discussion was completed.**

**4.D**     [16-0116](#)            Update of Advisory Board Recruitment

Ms. Purce Braseth updated the Committee on the status of the Advisory Committee recruitment process, which was drawing to a close while this meeting was occurring. The Committee reviewed the list of vacancies and the number of applications received.

The Committee decided to extend the application period for two weeks for five committees: Arts Commission, Design Review Board, Heritage Commission, Planning Commission and Utility Advisory Committee. Applications for those committees will be accepted through February 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

**The information was received.**

**4.E**     [16-0115](#)            Discussion of Draft 2016 General Government Committee Schedule and Work Plan

Committee members reviewed the Committee schedule and work plan for the year. Committee members asked clarifying questions.

**The discussion was completed.**

**5.        ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.