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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

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 Karen Rogers

1.A SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR COUNCILMEMBER HANKINS

Mayor Buxbaum noted Councilmember Hankins was appointed to the Council January 10, 2012 and this year's election was certified today. Superior Court Justice Carol Murphy administered the oath of office to Ms. Hankins for City Council Position No. 5. Councilmember Hankins thanked all who supported her and shared her hopes for the future Council.

Mayor Buxbaum recessed the meeting for a short reception.

1.B ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum noted the passing of former Councilmember Joan Barnes-Kelly who served on the first Council from 1982-87.

1.C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve the agenda. 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 Rogers

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. H. Weinberg thanked the Mayor and City Manager for their help with the Boys and Girls Club. He discussed the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) \$20 fee on vehicle tabs and asked the Council not to raise this fee to \$40.

Mr. Jim Reeves spoke of events that he said suggest the coming end of the world.

Stonewall Youths Program member and crime victim advocate Sammy Harvell, Community Youth Services Outreach Coordinator Cole Ketcherside, and SPSCC student Kayla Perez read a proclamation in support of transgender individuals.

Mr. Jeffrey Trinin thanked the Council on its progress on the downtown project and asked Council to approve the Section 108 Loan Program.

Thurston County Homeless Coordinator Theresa Slusher introduced Homeless Event Manager Krosbie Carter for the upcoming Homeless Connect Event which is a one-day resource fair. Ms. Slusher and Ms. Carter provided information about the event.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Mayor Pro Tem Jones said there is no action to double the TBD fee and noted this would require a vote of the people. He thanked the people who brought the resolution for transgender individuals to the Council. He also thanked the individuals for working the Homeless Connect event which will be held December 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Olympia Center.

Mr. Cooper asked staff to review the resolution. Councilmembers concurred with the request.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was noted item 4B was pulled by staff.

- 4.A** [13-0992](#) Approval of November 19, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** **PULLED BY STAFF - Approval of Ruth Milroy Quiet Title Action Regarding an Unopened Street**

- 4.C** [13-0981](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County to Coordinate the Annual Homeless Connect Event

The contract was adopted.

- 4.D** [13-0987](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County to Produce the County's "2014 Thurston County Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Homeless Persons"

The contract was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

4.E [13-0941](#) Approval of Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance

The ordinance was adopted on second reading. Councilmember Rogers registered a Nay vote.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote with Councilmember Rogers voting no on item 4B:

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

FIRST READINGS - None**5. PUBLIC HEARING****5.A** [13-0978](#) PUBLIC HEARING - High Density Corridor Interim Ordinance Extension

Principal Planner Todd Stamm introduced the proposal and gave a brief background regarding building heights. He said this public hearing is to provide a six-month extension to allow staff to review the Planning Commission's findings.

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Carolyn Roos, 2109 Bush Ave NW, thanked the Council for passing the interim zoning ordinance last December and supported extending it. She suggested a couple changes including under Maximum Building Height, change the wording from "any lot with a built single family home" to "any lot with an established single family home." She also referred to existing single family homes between State and 4th in the center of the HDC and suggested modifying the ordinance so that it refers only to properties at the fringes which is consistent with the 2012 draft.

Mr. Dan LaFreniere, 5837 Etude Loop SE, said he owns property off Stoll Road next to a manufactured home park and expressed concern changes could affect his property value.

Ms. Mandy Paradise spoke in support of the the extension.

The public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Cooper asked if a manufactured home is considered a single family home. Mr. Stamm said he will provide that information when the findings and recommendation are presented.

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the ordinance extending the duration of ordinance 6820 for a total of 540 days on first reading and forward to second reading. 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 Rogers

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [13-0985](#) Approval of Section 108 Loan Public Comment and Hearing Process

Community Planning and Development Deputy Director Leonard Bauer said the Community Renewal Area (CRA) Ad Hoc Committee asked staff to investigate whether the Section 108 Loan Program could be used on the downtown alley lighting and pedestrian improvements. He reviewed the alleys where lighting would be installed and placement of an ADA curb ramp north of State near the Transit Transfer Center.

The Council directed staff to schedule the required public comment period and public hearing on December 17.

6.B [13-0983](#) Continued Discussion on the 2014 Operating Budget and 2014-2019 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), to Conclude with Balancing of the Operating Budget

City Manager Steve Hall reviewed the two unresolved items from last week's budget discussion - Adding a .25 FTE for Urban Forestry (\$30,000), and a recommendation from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a Bicycle Corridors Pilot Project (\$100,000). He reviewed possible funding sources, including \$28,000 from the 2014 General Fund Operating Budget, \$73,667 from the 2013 Council Goal funds, and \$204,000 from the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) Bicycle Project grant match.

Council agreed to fund the .25 FTE for Urban Forestry from the 2014 General Fund Operating Budget and 2013 Council Goals Fund. The Bicycle Corridors Pilot project would be funded from the balance of the Council Goal money and the CFP Bicycle Project grant match.

Mr. Hall noted the Utility Advisory Committee has provided a recommendation for the General Facilities Charges, which is outlined in the staff report. Also, he acknowledged work of the Finance Committee and Council in bringing this budget to the public and the Budget 365 program.

The recommendation was discussed and approved.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Hankins reported highlights of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting she attended.

Councilmember Roe reported highlights of The Washington Center Board meeting she attended. **She asked for a referral to the General Government Committee to discuss naming rights of rooms at The Washington Center. Council agreed to the referral.**

Councilmember Cooper asked the Council to refer the letter from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee regarding the use of helmets to the General Government Committee. Council agreed to the referral.

Councilmember Rogers reported highlights of the Transportation Policy Board meeting, and the Economic Development Council meeting she attended.

Councilmember Langer reported highlights of the Land Use and Environment Committee meeting he attended.

Mayor Buxbaum reported on the November 20 Ad Hoc Community Renewal Area Citizen Advisory Committee meeting he attended. He noted the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and said a free meal will be served by Interfaith Works at the Urban Onion on Thursday.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall noted there is a letter addressed to the Washington State Liquor Control Board which needs the signature of all Councilmembers. Mayor Buxbaum read the letter which requests establishment of an Alcohol Impact Area in the downtown. **Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the letter. Motion passed unanimously.** Each Councilmember signed the letter.

Mr. Hall reported holiday events this coming weekend.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.