



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Steve Langer and Councilmember Cheryl Selby

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones and Councilmember Jeannine Roe

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum announced the Council met in Executive Session earlier in the evening to discuss potential and existing litigation and a real estate matter. No decisions were made and the City Attorney was present.

Mayor Buxbaum noted the passing of Nisqually Tribal Leader Billy Frank Jr. and highlighted some of his public service accomplishments.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Roe

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [14-0454](#) Special Recognition of Olympia Police Volunteers

Police Department Senior Program Specialist Amy Stull recognized Explorer, Harbor Patrol and VIPS volunteers and highlighted some of the important work accomplished by City volunteers. Police Chief Roberts and Councilmembers thanked Ms. Stull and volunteers for their great work on behalf of the City.

The recognition was received.

2.B [14-0391](#) Proclamation Declaring May as Bicycle Commuter Month

Public Works Senior Program Specialist Sophie Stimson spoke about efforts to encourage bicycling as an alternate mode of transportation. Councilmember Langer

read a proclamation declaring May as Bicycle Commuter Month. Intercity Transit Bicycle Commuter Coordinator Duncan Green accepted the proclamation and thanked the City Council for supporting this program.

The recognition was received.

2.C [14-0393](#) Presentation of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Administrative Services Fiscal Services Director Dean Walz introduced Government Finance Officers Association Boardmember Dan Speigle. Mr. Speigle provided background for the work involved for consideration of this award and presented the award to Mayor Buxbaum. Mayor Buxbaum recognized staff for their quality of work.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. Terrence Zander restated his desire for community meetings to be held on a monthly basis. He discussed how Olympia polices as a community and highlighted his ideas for improvement in the *Justice not Jails* program he is associated with.

Mr. Jim Reeves discussed future natural disasters that may occur in Washington.

Mr. Ron Nesbitt spoke about mistreatment by white people against black people.

Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) member Mary Corso spoke in support of adding weekend walking patrols downtown.

Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) and PBIA member Jeffrey Trinin spoke in support of weekend walking patrols downtown.

Freedom Foundation representative Glen Morgan spoke about JZ Knight videos that he said are public records.

West Olympia Farmers Market Boardmember Aslan Meade invited Councilmembers and the public to the Market's season opening on Tuesday, May 13 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. He asked the Mayor to officially ring the bell and open the Market next week.

Capital Recovery Center Executive Director Heather Moore discussed the Downtown Ambassadors Program and highlighted efforts of the Clean Team.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Mayor Buxbaum thanked Mr. Meade for the invitation and agreed to attend. Councilmember Selby thanked Ms. Moore for her stewardship of the Downtown Ambassador Program. Mayor Buxbaum thanked everyone for speaking.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A [14-0453](#) Approval of April 5, 2014 Special Study Session Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [14-0435](#) Approval of April 8, 2014 Special Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C [14-0384](#) Approval of April 8, 2014 Special Study Session Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.D [14-0423](#) Approval of April 15, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.E [14-0448](#) Approval of April 22, 2014 Special Study Session Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.F [14-0372](#) Bills and Payroll Certification

Payroll check numbers 86810, 86922-86923, 86928-86930, 86965-86968, 86984 and Direct Deposit transmissions: Total: \$7,141,510.15; Claim check numbers 345121-346339: Total: \$6,640,950.47.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.G [14-0358](#) Approval of 2014 Pride Festival Beer Garden Request

The decision was adopted.

- 4.H [14-0366](#) Approval of State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement for State Avenue Stormwater Retrofit

The contract was adopted.

- 4.I [14-0376](#) Approval of Washington State Public Works Loan Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$11,983,650 for Design and Construction of SE Olympia Reservoir

The contract was adopted.

- 4.J [14-0442](#) Approval of Woodbury Crossing Phase 2 Final Plat

The decision was adopted.

- 4.K [14-0456](#) Acceptance of a Grant in the Amount of \$183,070 from the State

Department of Commerce for Installation of Solar Panels on City Hall

Mayor Buxbaum highlighted the 92 solar panels that will be going on City Hall. City Manager Steve Hall provided additional details about the cost savings and energy generation that will result from the solar panels.

The decision was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.L [14-0313](#) Approval of Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$50,000 for the Community Renewal Area Planning Process

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4. FIRST READINGS

- 4.M [14-0354](#) Approval of Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$200,000 from the New City Hall Project Fund for Police Annex Demolition and Justice Center Remodel

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

- 4.N [14-0359](#) Approval of Ordinance Appropriating \$233,070 for the Installation of Solar Panels on City Hall

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Roe

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A [14-0444](#) Approval to Use \$50,000 of the Council's Goal Fund for Police Emphasis Patrols and Parks Security

Police Chief Ronnie Roberts reported impacts of the walking patrol downtown and asked for funding for two additional officers to patrol Thursday through Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Paul Simmons discussed a pilot program to add

security at the Olympia Center and Percival Landing and discussed the positive results for people who use the facilities.

Council Discussion:

- More patrols and increased security are having a positive impact
- Different behaviors occur during the day versus at night
- Increased patrols will be on foot and bicycle
- The goal is to change behaviors rather than resorting to enforcement
- Thank you for reclaiming public space

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the use of \$50,000 of Council Goal funds for police downtown emphasis patrols and parks security. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Roe

6.B [14-0445](#) Approval of Revised Percival Landing F-Float Project Scope and Budget

Parks, Arts and Recreation Associate Director David Hanna provided background on the state of Percival Landing and reviewed Phase II repair cost estimates. Following the Council's rejection of all bids last year to replace the F-Float, he reported staff conducted outreach to hear from the public on how to improve visitor and boater experiences for Percival Landing moorage. He outlined options presented and noted suggestions received as part of the public process.

Mr. Hanna reviewed the recommended option and discussed the project budget. He confirmed funding in the amount of \$225,000 from the Washington State Parks Commission grant and asked the Council to appropriate \$47,000 in unallocated community park impact fees in order to fully fund the project at \$686,000.

Council Discussion:

- Were there conversations with other marinas to see if the City is the best organization to manage the docks? No, there was no response when staff reached out to the Port.
- In favor of proceeding in a way that maximizes the available budget but this is not the end point. The plan will continue
- Appreciate the engagement with stakeholders
- Kudos for leveraging State parks funding

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve "Option D" which includes: (1) converting F-Float into a single pump-out float to improve boater access; (2) refurbishing and adding power and water hook-ups to E-Float; and (3) appropriation of \$47,000 in unallocated community park impact fees to project #1263H. The motion

carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Roe

6.C [14-0431](#) Direction on Language for Council's Public Hearing Draft of the Comprehensive Plan

Community Planning & Development (CP&D) Deputy Director Leonard Bauer briefly reviewed recommendations the Council discussed in Study Sessions and Council committees in preparation for the public hearing draft on the Comprehensive Plan update.

Deputy City Attorney Darren Nienaber briefly commented on staff edits. The Council agreed to the staff additions to policy PT 3.6, as follows: The "practicality" and "feasibility" of alleys will be documented using demonstrable and clear criteria so that citizens, developers, and staff have a common understanding that will reduce uncertainty in development and other processes.

Associate Planner Stacey Ray briefly discussed Plaintalk and gave examples of edits to look forward to in the public hearing draft of the Comprehensive Plan update.

Mr. Bauer discussed next steps and said Council will make final edits to the draft Comprehensive Plan at the May 20 meeting and will set the public hearing date, which staff anticipates will be around July 22. He noted Code Publishing will need 3-4 weeks to get the draft online for public review. Once it's available, the Council will host a few workshops around the end of June or first part of July, prior to the public hearing.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to direct staff to include the attached recommendations and the one discussed tonight as PT 3.6 in a City Council public hearing draft of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan. The recommendations come from the following sources:

1. Council-directed language at its April 8 and 22, 2014, Study Sessions on:

- a. Urban Corridors**
- b. Urban Agriculture**
- c. Street Connectivity**
- d. Connection of Park Drive SW**

2. Land Use and Environment Committee at its April 17 meeting recommended language on:

- a. Alleys**
- b. View Protection**
- c. Urban Green Space and Tree Canopy**

3. Staff recommended language, as directed by City Council at its February

25, 2014, meeting on:

a. Design Review Jurisdiction

b. Public Health

4. Council-directed language at its April 15 meeting on:

a. Economic Chapter (Attachment 7). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Roe

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Langer reported highlights from two Land Use and Environment Committee meetings he attended. He reported Dotting the Eye at the Dragon Boat Festival and attending the Artesian Commons grand opening ceremony.

Councilmember Hankins reported on her participation in the Dragon Boat races and said she attended the Artesian Commons grand opening ceremony. She reported highlights from the Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) annual meeting and announced The Washington Center won an award for the best attraction in Thurston County.

Councilmember Selby suggested having a conversation to consider separating the Dragon Boat races from Arts Walk and Procession of the Species so that people can attend both events if they choose to. She reported highlights from the Transportation Policy Board and Thurston Council for Children and Youth meetings she attended.

Councilmember Cooper reported attending the Artesian Commons grand opening and discussed upcoming events.

Mayor Buxbaum reported highlights from the Thurston Regional Planning Council meeting he attended on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Jones and noted he was unable to attend the April Economic Development Council meeting. He agreed to attend the Intercity Transit meeting tomorrow if Mayor Pro Tem Jones is still out of town.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall reported on the status of the Isthmus buildings demolition. He will be meeting with Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) on Thursday and is anticipating notice about whether the City will receive an EPA grant to help remove asbestos. He said he expects to report on timelines for demolition by the end of the month.

Mr. Hall reported on May Day and noted the City has a policy about demonstrations, which people followed this year. As a result, there were no reports of injury or property damage. He thanked the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Tumwater and Lacey police departments, Washington State Patrol and the Olympia police department for helping to ensure a successful and peaceful May Day.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.