



# Meeting Minutes

## City Council

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**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman and Councilmember Julie Hankins

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Jeannine Roe

**1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**2.A** [16-0112](#) Special Recognition - Fish Tale Ale Winners of the "Best Beer in the World" Award

The recognition was received.

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

The following people spoke: Jim Reeves and Ellen Rice.

**COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)**

Councilmember Cooper said Ms. Rice's comments regarding option pricing of an Olympia business license has been referred to the Finance Committee for future discussion.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.A** [16-0107](#) Approval of January 19, 2016 Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

**4.B** [16-0106](#) Approval of January 19, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Bateman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Gilman and Councilmember Hankins

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Roe

### 4. SECOND READINGS - None

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### 5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 6.A [16-0090](#) Council feedback on final draft of the 2016 Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan

Parks, Arts & Recreation Associate Planner Jonathon Turlove provided background on the Parks Plan public process to date and highlighted changes since the public hearing based on Council and public input.

Council Discussion:

- Preference to complete the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study in the first six years instead of showing in the long-range plans section.
- Whether to keep the Olympia Center in out-years or move it forward with the Aquatic Center study; public comment put emphasis on the Aquatic Center study.
- Concern with the level of arts maintenance staff over the next 20 years. Include recommendation for increased arts staffing to be implemented in 2017.
- Clarification for arts maintenance, \$10,000 for a .25 time seasonal summer employee to maintain approximately 25 art pieces.
- Concern ground is being lost in the arena of public art. Need more public art and staffing to manage the program. Add either .75 or 1 FTE to complement the .25 FTE for art maintenance.
- Add West Bay Trail to the map.
- Artesian Commons is suffering for lack of shared vision, needs to be addressed, though perhaps not in this plan.
- Bentrige parcel hasn't been identified as a future potential land acquisition. Don't expect the plan to address this but community input is needed, as well as criteria for parcel selection.
- Level of service standards for ball fields in the next six years.
- Add language around City forest management.

The discussion was completed. The Plan will come back to the Council February 9 for approval.

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None**

**8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

**8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

Councilmember Hankins requested a referral to the General Government Committee. She noted the PBIA is on the February Committee agenda and requested adding to the discussion the intent of the PBIA, its process for making recommendations, and prioritization of funding. The Council agreed to the referral.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones read a statement of intent written by prior Mayor Buxbaum regarding the City's commitment to Olympia police wearing body cameras. He noted the purpose is to queue up discussion with the Ad Hoc Committee on Police and Community Relations, to advise them of where we are in the process of adopting body worn cameras and inform their discussions with the public and Committee work. Councilmember Cooper expressed concern, echoed by other Councilmembers, regarding the cost of cameras, proven benefits of body cameras, competing City priorities, and significant privacy issues.

**8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS**

City Manager Steve Hall reported Anna Schlecht recently received an award from the Olympia Downtown Association as Volunteer of the Year for Downtown.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.