



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## City Council

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**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

**Room 207**

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### Special Study Session

#### 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

#### 2. BUSINESS ITEMS

##### 2.A [15-0048](#) 2014 Percival Landing Condition Assessment Report

Associate Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation David Hanna gave an overview of the background. Project Engineer Kip Summers reviewed the scope of work and showed pictures of structural problems. He then reviewed the Condition Report Summary conducted by the consultant BergerABAM and the next steps in the process.

Questions and comments included the following

- Concern about the impacts to roadways.
- Is State funding available? Don't know at this time.
- What are permitting timeframes?
- The \$350,000 for immediate should last approximately 3-5 years.
- Percival Landing is critical to Olympia's identity.
- Percival Landing is not a park -
  - It has commercial potential
  - There are businesses nearby
  - Pull it out of CAMMP (Condition Assessment Major Maintenance Program - find another way to produce revenue
- Ask the Finance Committee or the General Government Committee to look at the D&E floats and consider if this is a business activity more appropriate for Port of Olympia. Policy discussion in one of the Committees.
- What are pros and cons of taking out of CAMMP?
- Primary challenge is finding funding outside CAMMP
- Have the Finance Committee look into finding the \$350,000.
- Come back with partner funding sources.

**The work session was completed.**

**2.B**     [15-0054](#)     Oral Report: Clarify Referral to Land Use and Environment Committee regarding the Artesian Commons

The Council agreed that we need to find how to structure dialogue with stakeholders about approaches for this park. City Manager Steve Hall gave the background of the concept of the park and noted that violence and graffiti has gotten worse over time.

Councilmember and Chair of the Land Use and Environment Committee (LUEC) Langer reported on what took place at the Dec. 11 LUEC meeting. It was noted that the LUEC minutes indicated the Committee's preference was to shut down the park at night - not completely. He noted the LUEC did not hear from outside groups, such as Community Youth Services, the Downtown Ambassadors, or the City's Downtown Liaison.

Councilmember Roe suggested an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to look at behaviors, programming, violence and how to make this area safe. Possible members include members from the Police Department, Community Youth Services, Downtown Ambassadors, Parking and Business Improvement Area, Olympia Downtown Association, H2Oly, a youth member, business neighbor(s), the Downtown Liaison, a Public Works representative, and an LUEC member.

Councilmember Selby noted a leadership team met regarding homelessness and they may reconvene and could look into this as well.

The Council agreed the LUEC should discuss specific crime and behavior, frequency, severity - and ranges of options including looking for stakeholder perceptions, and how we establish rules for the Commons that includes the people that are using it. The structure of conversation should provide an opportunity for a lot of voices to be heard.

It was also agreed to the following

- Safety is the first priority.
- This is a multidisciplinary issue
- Look at all consequences.
- What do we want to see in that space?
- Take a short/long term look at the space.
- Not necessarily a homeless problem.
- Need better lighting/signage now.

**The work session was completed.**

**2.C**     [15-0062](#)     ORAL REPORT - City Council Annual Retreat Debrief

Councilmembers reviewed the 2015 meeting calendar and agreed to act on this at next week's meeting under the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Buxbaum noted these Study Sessions will need refinement as more occur and this can be discussed under Reports at tonight's business meeting. He also stated he would like each Study Session agenda to include a discussion of future agendas.

The work session was completed.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.