



# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Wednesday, September 24, 2014

6:30 PM

Olympia School District, 1113  
Legion Way, SE, Olympia

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### Special Council Meeting with Olympia School District

#### 1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Those present include the following

Olympia City Council

Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum  
Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones  
Councilmember Julie Hankins  
Councilmember Steve Langer  
Councilmember Cheryl Selby

Councilmembers Jeannine Roe and Jim Cooper were excused.

City Staff

City Manager Steve Hall  
Assistant City Manager Jay Burney  
Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo  
Parks, Arts, and Recreation Director Paul Simmons  
Parks Associate Director Scott River  
Interim City Attorney Darren Nienaber

School District Board Directors

President Frank Wilson  
Vice President Justin Montermini  
Board Member Allen Miller  
Board Member Mark Campeau  
Board Member Eileen Thomson

School District Staff

Superintendent Dick Cvitanich  
Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Priddy  
Assistant Superintendent Nancy Faaren  
Communications Director Rebecca Japhet  
Capital Planning and Construction Supervisor Tim Byrne

#### 2. BUSINESS OF THE EVENING

**2.A**     [14-0947](#)            Opening Remarks

School Board Vice President Justin Montermini opened the meeting welcomed everyone. Mayor Buxbaum opened the meeting on behalf of the City of Olympia and complimented both parties on the growing and vital working relationship.

**The discussion was completed.**

**2.D**     [14-0950](#)            Urban Schools

This item was moved to the head of the agenda.

Council and School Board members had a general discussion about the design of future schools in urban environments. Some of the ideas discussed included looking for opportunities to build up rather than out, to allow for more open space and joint use possibilities, and ideas for use of school facilities after school hours. The possibility of a downtown "magnet" school was raised.

District staff shared renderings of the Garfield Elementary remodel and the new Olympia Regional Learning Academy site and how some of these concepts are being incorporated.

**The discussion was completed.**

**2.B**     [14-0948](#)            Joint Use Update

Mr. Scott River presented the annual review of the Joint Use Agreement and distributed a detailed account of the various aspects of the agreement, including Facility Use, Maintenance Needs, Current Conditions, and Administrative Notes.

Discussions included the following:

- Include reference to joint use facilities in the 2015 Parks Plan update.
- Consider how these joint facilities factor into the City's Level of Service (LOS) criteria.
- Identify what resources are lacking to allow more joint use.
- Consider possibilities to allow police to use schools, including at night, to write reports and use facilities to increase their presence at the schools.
- Tell our story to the public about our current joint use.
- Prepare a complete list of shared facilities beyond fields.
- Consider using the high schools as community shelters during natural disasters.

**The discussion was completed.**

**2.C**     [14-0949](#)            Capital Facilities Plan/Impact Fees

Ms. Jennifer Priddy provided an overview of upcoming construction projects in the district. She discussed student enrollment projections and their impact on district-wide capacity and projects in the coming years to address capacity needs. She also shared projections for capacity needs should I-1351 (smaller class sizes)

pass in the November 2014 election. She concluded her presentation with a historical and current look at impact fees.

**The discussion was completed.**

**2.E**     [14-0951](#)     Next Steps

As follow-up, the group agreed to

- Increase regular School District Board and City Council interactions, possibly through the General Government Committee.
- Ensure School District participation in the City's Park Plan update, including a direct inventory of recreation amenities in schools.
- Look for options for shared property acquisitions so that we don't compete for land. Prepare "Needs Assessment" to identify overlaps.
- Consider ways to partner on Asset Management.

**The discussion was completed.**

**3.     ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.