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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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 Cheryl Selby

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council met earlier in the evening in a Study Session to discuss sea level rise.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Selby, 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 Selby

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [14-0200](#) Recognition of Olympia's Nominee for the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

Mayor Buxbaum introduced this item. Mr. Blue Peetz, teacher at Olympia High School, introduced Katie Gubbe, the nominee for the AWC Center for Quality Communities scholarship, and reviewed her qualifications.

Ms. Katie Gubbe, a senior at Olympia High School, shared her background and future plans in agriculture.

Mayor Buxbaum said he will work with Communications Manager Cathie Butler to complete the application.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

New Moon Cafe Co-Owner Simon Gorbaty, 113 4th Ave. W, read a letter regarding the proposed 7-story building to be developed by Columbia Heights LLC in downtown

Olympia. He stated there may be erroneous information in the application and requested the City restart the application process. He also noted that many nearby businesses were not notified of this proposed development.

Behavioral Health Resources (BHR) Adult Case Manager David Lindseth asked for help so the BHR employees can continue to provide help to its clients. He asked for help to increase public awareness and work with management to save BHR from bankruptcy.

Mr. Jim Reeves spoke of an impending earthquake.

Mr. T. J. Johnson spoke on urban agriculture and food security. He said he is concerned because CP&D is not going to staff this program until 2016. He said climate change is impacting agricultural products. He asked the City to prioritize urban agriculture in its budget and the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Johnson invited Councilmembers to attend presentations at the Evergreen State College next week regarding urban agriculture.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

City Attorney Tom Morrill spoke on the Columbia Heights issue and said notices are sent to property owners not businesses. He said staff will reach out to the business owners.

Councilmembers thanked those who came forward to speak.

Councilmember Langer said he is not sure what the City can do to help BHR, but if it does close, it will impact the City.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [14-0201](#) Approval of January 10 and January 11, 2014 City Council Annual Retreat Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [14-0189](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County and Fire District #3 Concerning Boulevard Road / I-5 Area Annexation

The decision was adopted.

SECOND READINGS - None

FIRST READINGS

- 4.C** [14-0199](#) Approval of Appropriations Ordinance in the Amount of \$142,200 for the Artesian Commons Fleet Parking Construction

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to adopt the Consent Calendar. 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 Selby

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [14-0114](#) Approval of a Resolution Regarding Climate Change

Public Works Director Rich Hoey introduced this item and provided background on the Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT). He reviewed Olympia's emissions and actions being taken to reduce emissions, including adding electric cars to fleet operations, fuel reduction, energy and water improvements within City facilities, using solar panels, pumping efficiencies, green power purchases, recycling, use of LED streetlights and traffic signals, support for transit, and use of pathways.

Mayor Buxbaum stated work done so far is good but we need targets, we need to step it up. He challenged the Council to think about the following:

- How we can establish meaningful targets for the entire community?
- Do something about the built-out environment.
- Determine how we are tracking emissions.
- Move more rapidly to renewables.
- Encourage TCAT to think about how the community and region can do more in a tangible way to achieve targets.
- Determine the methodology to establish measurements.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to approve the resolution. 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 Selby

6.B [14-0178](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Port of Olympia for West Bay Environmental Restoration Assessment

Public Works Director Rich Hoey introduced this item. He reviewed the three main components:

- Shoreline restoration assessment,
- Stormwater analysis, and
- Lagoon alternatives analysis.

He then reviewed the main elements of the agreement.

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with the Port of Olympia for the West Bay environmental restoration assessment. 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 Selby

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Selby reported on local events she attended.

Councilmember Langer said he attended The Washington Center rededication event.

Councilmember Roe reported highlights of the General Government Committee, the Thurston County HOME Consortium, The Washington Center Board, and the Heritage Committee retreat meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated he attended The Washington Center rededication and the 2014 Distinguished Leaders Award events. He reported on the work of 200 4-H volunteers at Decatur Woods Park. He also reported highlights of the Intercity Transit Authority Board meeting.

Councilmember Hankins reported highlights of the Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meetings.

Mayor Buxbaum shared scheduling suggestions for future discussions on the Comprehensive Plan. He suggested Study Sessions take the place of some Council business meetings over the next few weeks. Council agreed.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall asked for an Executive Session related to potential litigation following tonight's business meeting. Council agreed.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWED BY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buxbaum recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. pursuant to

RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation. He announced no decisions will be made, the meeting is expected to last no longer than 30 minutes, and the Council will adjourn immediately following the Executive Session. The City Attorney will be present at the Executive Session.