



# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Information: 360-753-8447

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Tuesday, January 22, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 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 Karen Rogers

### 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

### 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, 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 Rogers

### 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

### 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ron Hinton, 3339 30th Ave SE, Artspace Alliance, stated that they have raised \$32,000, and with the \$10,000 from the City, helps them move forward with an artist market survey.

Mr. Dan Griffith spoke on homeless shelters, the shoreline, and parks.

### COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**4.A 13-0081** Approval of January 15, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were adopted.**

**4.B 13-0002** Approval of Bid Award for the 2012 Priority Sewer Repair Project

**The decision was adopted.**

### SECOND READINGS - None

**FIRST READINGS**

- 4.C 12-0765** Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Regarding Agriculture Uses and Standards
- The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading.**
- 4.D 13-0050** Ordinance Amendment to Allow Use of Municipal Art Fund for an Artist Market Survey
- 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 Rogers

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

City Manager Steve Hall introduced Jakub, an 8th grade student from the NOVA school. Mr. Hall said Jakub is shadowing him this week to learn about local government. He attended the General Government Committee meeting and will spend time this evening observing the City Council meeting.

**5.A 13-0060** Public Hearing - Shoreline Master Program

Community Planning and Development Director Keith Stahley introduced this item, and reviewed the process to date and next steps. He thanked all those who have worked so long and hard on this project.

City Attorney Tom Morrill noted no decisions have been made on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and tonight's public hearing is to hear testimony from the public.

Mayor Buxbaum stated the Council's role is to listen to the public and Council deliberations will take place on February 26. He said the written record is open until February 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Jones noted he has written comments he will share with Councilmembers and the public this evening. He said he has four questions related to the marine shoreline of Budd Bay:

1. What is the appropriate width for a vegetative buffer in each of the

- shoreline reaches, especially those areas noted as urban intensity?
2. What is the relationship between that vegetative buffer and hardscape areas such as roadways, pathways, utilities, or structures which provide protection against sea level rise?
  3. How flexible and adaptable are the regulations in the SMP?
  4. What is the relationship of the SMP and threatened runs of coho and chinook salmon in Budd Inlet? Does the degraded condition of critical habitat relate to our critical area designations, and, therefore, relate to the SMP?

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Jack Horton, 2106 Bethel St. NE, President of the Woodland Trail Greenway Assn., said the most important thing about Olympia's future is going to be quality of life, public access to the waterfront, and how it attracts knowledge workers in the future. He proposed a 60' setback vs. 30' setback to allow for sea level rise.

Mr. J. Grady, 7041 Rothenberg Dr., a Yacht Club member, supports grandfathering in existing structures and facilities.

Ms. Angela White, 1211 State Ave. NE, Government Affairs instructor at Olympia Master Builders, said OMB appreciates the direction of this draft and will submit concerns in writing.

Mr. Kevin Stormans, 1932 East 4th Ave., Bayview Thriftway, voiced concerns about designations, use restrictions, and other requirements that will make the building nonconforming.

Mr. David Schaffert, Executive Director of Thurston Chamber of Commerce, 809 Legion Way, stated the Chamber of Commerce is very supportive of the direction of the SMP and will submit additional comments.

Mr. Bill McGregor, Port of Olympia Commissioner, 915 Washington St. NE, thanked Council and staff for continuing work in order for the Port to fill its statutory mission.

Ms. Sarah Smyth McIntosh, 1801 West Bay, spoke on behalf of West Bay Neighborhood Association and thanked the Council and staff for bringing this draft into greater balance. She said one thing that is needed is an administrative process that allows flexibility for setback requirements on narrower parcels on the northern end of West Bay.

Mr. Gary D. Gronley, member of Olympia Yacht Club, said they would like to remain an active member in the community.

Ms. Bonnie Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Ave., spoke in support of buffers larger than 30 feet.

Mr. Bob Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Ave., also spoke in support of buffers larger than 30 feet.

Ms. Sherri Goulet, 3516 Pifer Rd. SE, addressed adherence to the vision of providing quality public access to the waterfront and suggested 30 foot setbacks are not wide enough.

Mr. Walt Schefter, 1415 College St. SE, Board Chair of the Olympia Yacht Club, provided background and history of the Yacht Club.

Mr. John DeMeyer, 3300 Carpenter Rd. SE, a member of Olympia Yacht Club, spoke of environmental stewardship.

Mr. Gary Ball, Olympia Yacht Club, spoke in favor of marinas and said the Yacht Club is an asset to the community.

Mr. Lyndon C. Lee, 2442 NW Market St., Systems Ecologist, stated he has conducted a systems analysis in the area near Bayview Thriftway and Olympia Yacht Club, and finds little scientific support for recommended setbacks.

Mr. Neil Falkenburg, 2100 West Bay Dr., NW, West Bay Marina, spoke against nonconformity.

Mr. Jeffrey Trinin, 1011 Wilson NE, thanked the Council for its efforts.

Mr. Steve Segall stated he supports wider setbacks and will submit written comment.

Ms. Heather Burgess, Phillips, Wesch, Burgess PLLC, real estate and land attorney, represents businesses near the downtown marina, and spoke on setbacks.

Ms. Susan Ahlschwede, 3726 Wesley Loop, spoke in support of vegetation conservation.

Mr. Walt Jorgenson, 823 North St. SE, stated business setbacks should be 150 feet, such as near the Port of Olympia.

Ms. Lee Montecucco, 6948 44th Ave. NE, supports wider setbacks.

Ms. Zena Hartung, 3240 Centerwood Ct. SE, shared a picture of an area near West Bay Drive, referred to on the map as Budd 5 B, and suggested the setback be increased from the designated 30 feet.

Ms. Holly Gadbow, 1625 Sylvester St., stated she supports the draft SMP, and said the Council needs to foster public/private partnerships, and more flexibility and incentives are needed.

Mr. Michael Cade, 3526 Holiday Dr. SE, Exec. Director of Economic Development Council, supports environmental, social, and economic elements.

Ms. Rachel Newmann, 2005 Water St., supports an economically vibrant downtown, and urged the Council to carefully consider the setbacks.

Ms. Barb Scavezze, 3008 Amhurst Ct. SE, invited all to attend the February 4 meeting on sea level rise, and suggested a 30 foot setback is not enough to address sea level rise.

Mr. Joe Downing, 2806 33rd Trail NE, spoke of personal positive experiences on the waterfront.

Ms. Susan Maconson, 6110 88th Ave., suggested the Council review the information submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Jones. She stated she believes the 30 foot setbacks are not wide enough.

Mr. Mort James, architect, suggested flexibility in setting the setbacks along the coastline, and urged the Council to consider allowing higher buildings.

Mr. Richard Wolf, East Bay Drive, strongly recommended approval of the draft SMP by the Council.

Mr. Jeff Jaksich, 812 San Francisco Ave., urged the Council to adopt an SMP that looks at the City as a whole. He also stated he does not believe a 30 foot buffer is wide enough.

Ms. Teresa Madden, 304 West Bay Drive, suggested a bike path be put on the old railway on West Bay Drive, allow a walkway around the nearby estuary, and stated the current broadleaf maples damage ecology of waterfront.

The public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers asked Mr. Stahley to bring back a timeframe to include refined computer visualization being developed by the Mithun company of Seattle. Mr. Stahley said this will take some time to become proficient on this program and by February 5, staff will be better trained. Council agreed to see how the modeling helps, and

possibly adjust the timeline at that time. They agreed the February 26 meeting should be focused on the Shoreline Master Program and the EDDS should be placed on Consent.

Questions will be submitted to staff after receipt of all written comments.

**The public hearing was held and the written record was left open until 5:00 pm on February 5.**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None**

**8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

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

Councilmember Rogers reported she attended the Law and Justice Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported Intercity Transit is holding a grand opening celebration for the Hawkes Prairie Park and Ride this Friday.

Councilmember Roe stated the General Government Committee met and agreed to meet every third Tuesday at 5:30 pm. She reported interviews will be held for Arts Commission and the Heritage Commission the evening of February 19 and there will be a special meeting of the General Government Committee on February 26 at 5:30. She announced we will reopen applications for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Design Review Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, and the Utilities Advisory Committee. A special meeting will be held in March to conduct these interviews. She reported a meeting on management training will be held at 5:30 pm on January 31. She reported she attended the Parking and Business Improvement Area meeting and noted the Olympia Downtown Association's annual meeting is scheduled for January 28 at Capital Playhouse.

Mayor Buxbaum reported he met with various agencies to discuss low barriers shelter options at the Salvation Army. However, the Salvation Army is not interested in providing a low barrier shelter. He said he will continue to work on this issue.

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

City Manager Steve Hall reported he met with Major General Lanza of

Joint Base Lewis McChord and took a tour of the base. He said they discussed I-5 traffic and ways the base is looking at reducing the heavy traffic impacts.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.*