



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, December 3, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Steve Langer, Councilmember Jeannine Roe, Councilmember Karen Rogers and Councilmember Julie Hankins

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum announced the Council met in Study Session earlier in the evening and no action was taken.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Rogers

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mayor Buxbaum noted many people who signed up to speak indicated their topic was the ordinance related to parking. He asked the City Manager to comment on the proposed changes. City Manager Steve Hall noted this ordinance is clarifying the language. He also noted he will meet with groups who provide food for the homeless to help identify alternate areas for this activity.

Mr. Ben Charles, 1001 Cooper Point Rd SW, owner of Crazy Faith which provides food for the homeless, said he wants to continue to peacefully gather in the parking lot.

Ms. Tracee Forespring Swanson, 2729 Riverlea Dr SE, spoke in opposition to the proposed parking ordinance.

Mr. Robert T'swag Satiacum, 33820 31st Ave S, Roy, said he supports Crazy Faith and what they do for the homeless.

Mr. Dave Roland, Constitutional attorney, said he disagrees that the ordinance does not change the law. He said currently there is no permit available for Crazy Faith.

Ms. Heather Swedberg, 6111 Huntington Lane SE, Lacey, spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Ms. Deborah Cano Lee spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Ms. Michelle Jorgenson, 3401 Cherry Blossom Dr, asked that all street people be treated with respect and dignity.

Ms. Erin Miller spoke against the amendment to the parking ordinance and asked the City to suggest a better place for Crazy Faith.

Ms. Marilyn Lah spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Mr. Michael Arehart, 3401 Cherry Blossom Dr, spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Ms. Cheyenne French spoke against the changes to the proposed parking ordinance.

Mr. Fury Riccio spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Mr. Jefferson Doyle expressed support for Crazy Faith. He also spoke of Police Officer Jeff Herbig's comment in the November 25 newspaper article about heroin use and syringe exchange.

Mr. Chris van Daalen invited Councilmembers to attend the Vision to Action Symposium to be held this Friday to discuss sub-area planning.

Mr. Jim Reeves spoke of an impending disaster.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmember Rogers noted there were concerns from downtown business owners about the location of Crazy Faith. She asked staff to consider finding an alternate location. She thanked citizens who partake in the Crazy Faith food distribution for picking up their trash. She also thanked Jefferson Doyle for his work in the community and believes Officer Herbig was speaking the truth.

Councilmember Langer said the City is willing to work with Crazy Faith to find a mutually beneficial result.

Building Official Tom Hill reviewed the process for obtaining a temporary use permit or a right-of-way obstruction permit to use City parking lots.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones said there is no need for this to be a contentious issue.

Councilmember Rogers suggested Anna Schlecht be brought in on the discussion of locating an alternate location.

Mayor Buxbaum asked about the fine. Deputy City Attorney Darren Nienaber said the more common fine would be \$50. Mayor Buxbaum said Public Communication is not the best way to have a meaningful dialogue about the homeless and drug use. He noted the Council will meet with the County Board of Health to discuss drug issues in the downtown area.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [13-1014](#) Approval of November 26, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [13-0982](#) Approval of Ruth Milroy Quiet Title Action Regarding an Unopened Street

The decision was adopted. Councilmember Hankins abstained from voting.

- 4.C** [13-1007](#) Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia and Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for Fire Protection Services

The contract was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

- 4.D** [13-0978](#) Approval of High Density Corridor Interim Ordinance Extension

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

FIRST READINGS

- 4.E** [13-0988](#) Amendment to Ordinance 6864 (Operating Budget)

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

- 4.F** [13-0990](#) Amendment to Ordinance 6865 (Special Funds)

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

- 4.G** [13-0991](#) Amendment to Ordinance 6866 (Capital Budget)

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote with Councilmember Hankins abstaining on item 4B:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Hankins

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [13-0961](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code 10.16, 10.20 and 10.44 Related to Parking

Business Manager Karen Kenneson reviewed the proposed amendments to the parking ordinance. She reviewed changes in the Residential Parking Program, City owned parking lots, enforcement, and related communication efforts.

Councilmember Rogers suggested letting individuals enroll in the residential parking program without paying past tickets.

Councilmember Roe suggested the South Capital neighborhood have stricter rules to discourage nonresident parking.

Councilmember Rogers suggested eliminating the \$10 fee in the South Capital Neighborhood because it is not worth the headache.

Councilmember Hankins said she looks at the fee as protecting the neighborhood.

Ms. Kenneson noted the parking fee change will be put into effect in January of 2015, which will give a year for advance notice and communication.

Mayor Buxbaum clarified that there are no new parking lot fines.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve on first reading and forward to second reading an ordinance amending Olympia Municipal Code (OMC) 10.16, 10.20 and 10.44 related to parking. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Hankins

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Rogers

6.B [13-1013](#) Approval of 2014 Legislative Agenda

Communications Manager Cathie Butler reviewed the top legislative priorities,

including transportation funding, continued work on the isthmus properties, and legislative clarification on medical care for felony offenders. She noted there are other issues of interest which are listed in the attachments to the staff report. She asked if the Council has other suggestions.

Councilmembers asked for clarification on the medical care for felony offenders, transportation funds, and the tax exemption for municipal athletic programs and leagues.

After discussion, Mayor Buxbaum suggested approving the proposed legislative agenda with some minor wordsmithing edits.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the proposed 2014 legislative agenda with minor edits. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Hankins

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Langer noted four Councilmembers rode the fire engine in the downtown holiday parade on Sunday.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones noted a groundbreaking event this Saturday for the Bridging the Gap bike trail which will be built over Pacific Avenue.

Councilmember Roe asked to be excused from the December 7 Land Use and Environment Committee meeting and next Tuesday's Council meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum noted Councilmember Langer also will be excused for the December 10 Council meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum reported the Vision to Action Symposium will be held this Friday. He also stated that today at noon Capitol Lake was lowered to help control the New Zealand mud snails. He suggested the Council discuss at a future date the State's ongoing closure of Capitol Lake due to mud snails.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall said Ms. Kendra Dahlen will be contacting Councilmembers regarding the January 10 and 11 Council retreat. Also, he said selection of the Mayor

Pro Tem will occur at the Council retreat.

Mr. Hall noted the Santa Toy Run will be held this Saturday and the noise of 10,000 motorcycles may affect the groundbreaking ceremony of the Bridging the Gap.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Buxbaum recessed the meeting at 9:34 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, specifically the performance evaluation of the City Manager. No decisions will be made, the Executive Session will last no longer than 90 minutes, and the Council will adjourn directly from the Executive Session.