



# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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**Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

**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 Cheryl Selby

### 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

### 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Councilmember Selby moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, 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 [14-0112](#) Special Recognition: Presentation of American Legion's Officer of the Year Award

Deputy Police Chief Steve Nelson stated every year the Police Department selects an officer of the year in May in conjunction with National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. Nominations are made by peers and supervisors and this year Chief Ronnie Roberts chose Chris Johnstone from the list of nominations. Mr. David Gedrose from American Legion Post #3 presented the American Legion 2013 Officer of the Year Award to Chris Johnstone with a certificate of commendation and a plaque. The American Legion also presented a check in the amount of \$500 to the Olympia Police Department for the Olympia Cops and Kids program.

**The recognition was received.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. Gurinder Sodhi, 420 Sherman St SW, Apt 419, spoke in support of the new LED streetlights recently installed and praised work of City staff.

Mr. Jim Reeves spoke of the Senior Services lease at the Olympia Center and said he

was evicted from the Olympia Center without cause. He suggested the Council not accept the new contract listed on the Consent Calendar because of this.

### **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)**

Councilmember Langer thanked Mr. Sodhi for his comments. He also asked how the process of eviction at the Olympia Center works. City Manager Steve Hall said the City leases part of the Olympia Center to Senior Services for South Sound. They set their own rules and can ask someone to leave. Mr. Hall said Mr. Reeves could get back in if he acknowledges he broke the rules.

Councilmember Cooper asked to see the Senior Services for South Sound's management plan.

## **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 4.A**     [14-0107](#)            Approval of January 27, 2014 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council - Attendance at the Olympia Downtown Association Meeting

**The minutes were adopted.**

- 4.B**     [14-0110](#)            Approval of January 28, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were adopted.**

- 4.C**     [13-0998](#)            Adoption of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Receive Testimony on an Alley Vacation Petition

**The resolution was adopted.**

- 4.D**     [14-0093](#)            Approval of Land Use and Environment Committee 2014 Work Plan and Calendar

**The decision was adopted.**

- 4.E**     [14-0095](#)            Approval of 2014 Lease at the Olympia Center with Senior Services for South Sound

**The contract was adopted.**

- 4.F**     [14-0103](#)            Approval of Interagency Agreement Between Washington State Patrol and City of Olympia

**The contract was adopted.**

- 4.G**     [14-0109](#)            Approval of Labor Contract with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #468

**The contract was adopted.**

- 4.H [14-0111](#) Approval of Labor Contract with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #468, Assistant Chiefs

**The contract was adopted.**

### **SECOND READINGS - None**

### **FIRST READINGS**

- 4.I. [14-0096](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending OMC 18.06.808 Related to High Density Corridor Zoning

**The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading, due back to City Council on February 25, 2014.**

#### **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**

- 5.A [14-0100](#) Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment of 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan to Redirect Use of \$25,650 for the Downtown Ambassador Program

Community Planning and Development Deputy Director Leonard Bauer introduced this item and said it is an amendment to the 2013 Community Development Block Grant action plan to redirect the use of \$25,650 for the Downtown Ambassador Program for the period March 1 through March 31, 2014. He noted written comment will be received until 5:00 p.m. February 14.

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Heather Moore, 3016 Powder Ridge St SE, said this program is one and a half years old and much has been learned about ambassador programs. She said this money will help to respond to the needs of downtown.

Mr. Wesley Shocky said this is a great program to fund.

The public hearing was closed.

**The public hearing was held and left open for written comments until 5:00 p.m. February 14, 2014.**

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.A [13-1074](#) Neighborhood Pathways Program Review

Transportation Planner Sophie Stimson introduced this item and said the Council asked staff to create a program based on priorities that neighborhoods bring forward. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was involved in this project and asked for \$125,000 per year from the Parks and Pathways funding measure passed in 2004. This would allow neighborhoods to select the pathway in partnership with the City.

The 2013 project selection was a two-stage application process and the following four projects were recommended for funding:

1. Woodard Avenue in the northwest - this pathway would connect Rogers Street to West Bay Drive
2. Scammel Avenue in the northwest - this pathway would connect Milroy Street to Cushing Street
3. Puget Street in the northeast - this pathway would connect Miller Avenue to Jasper Avenue
4. Indian Creek area in the southeast - this pathway would connect 16th Avenue to the Olympia Woodland Trail

She said the four projects are in various stages of development.

Ms. Stimson reviewed feedback from the first year and said it was harder than expected. Some hurdles faced by the neighborhoods included:

- setting criteria
- liability insurance
- valued projects not approved - disappointed, but some were too large
- Project estimating - too big of a task for neighborhoods
- Managing expectations

She reviewed program improvements to help neighborhoods, evaluation considerations, and the 2014 timeline:

- February - Call for projects
- March 5 - Open House
- May 1 - Preliminary applications due
- June 25 - BPAC reviews preliminary applications
- July 1 - Requests for full proposals
- August 30 - Applicants submit full proposals
- September and October - Staff reviews full proposals
- October 22 - BPAC reviews and recommends projects
- November - Council approval of projects

Comments included the following:

- Should be neighborhood driven.
- Move ahead with a majority of the neighborhood vote.
- Neighborhoods can contract on their own but must follow City guidelines.
- Projects are between \$20,000 and \$40,000.
- Staff time is charged to project.
- Volunteer hours, supplies and donated money can be part of the program.
- The City asks neighborhoods to maintain the project for four years.
- The Council makes the decision, based on BPAC recommendations.
- Consider building an archive and deeper engagement from neighbors to do wayfinding for us and build toward subarea planning.
- Try to get more matching funds and materials to help the process.
- Engage citizens to be stewards of a path.
- The Adopt-a-Path idea is a good one.
- Path maintenance could provide an opportunity for scouts to earn a badge or engage a school classroom.
- The plan should include durability and ease of maintaining it.
- Consider signage - need to establish that these are public pathways.
- Explore a certification program to lower insurance costs.
- Council agreed to the proposed 2014 timeline.

**Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to accept recommended changes to the Neighborhood Pathways Program listed in Attachment #1. The motion carried with 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported on highlights of the Joint Urban Corridor Planning Session.

Councilmember Langer reported he attended the Mission Creek Watershed Restoration event on January 30. Public Works Director Rich Hoey said he could bring a report on this to Council under Special Recognition. Council agreed.

Councilmember Selby reported on highlights of the Thurston Council for Children and Youth meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum reported on the Ad Hoc Community Renewal Area (CRA) meeting.

He said the CRA has recommended to rename this committee the Community Economic Revitalization Committee with a sunset of the committee in two years. Councilmember Cooper asked that the CRA work plan come to the General Government Committee next week. Council agreed.

Community Planning and Development Director Keith Stahley said he has finished a staff report today for the Ad Hoc Community Renewal Area Committee meeting on February 12 and it will be posted to the web Thursday afternoon. The staff report will include a copy of the work plan.

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

City Manager Steve Hall said there is local interest in opening a strip club on Pacific Avenue. He said the City does not have an application yet but the applicant has been changing his current building and is working with staff to meet all codes. He noted this is a protected form of free speech and cities are limited in restricting such establishments. Mr. Hall said there are specific zones, rules, and restrictions in the municipal code and cities cannot ban strip clubs altogether. Staff is also talking with Police as to how to regulate this.

City Attorney Tom Morrill stated legal staff will review the regulations.

Mr. Hall asked the Council to refer the issue of the needle exchange program and drug use in downtown Olympia to the General Government Committee before bringing it forward to the full Council. Council agreed to the referral to the General Government Committee.

Mr. Hall acknowledged the 12th man flag which was raised last week in support of the Seahawks going to the Super Bowl. He said he challenged employees to bring in non-perishable foods for the Food Bank and we filled three 55-gallon barrels.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.