



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

5:30 PM

Online and Via Phone

Special Joint Meeting with the Olympia School Board

Attend: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87999843926?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87999843926?pwd=YllvVnZlUy80UEMzd0trajRGQmJJZz09)

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Clark Gilman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Yến Huýnh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Renata Rollins

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

President Scott Clifthorne
Vice President Maria Flores
Director Leslie Huff
Director Justin McKaughan
Director Hilary Seidel
Student Representative Rebecca McMillin-Hastings

OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

Superintendent Patrick Murphy
Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Priddy
Capital Planning and Construction Director Kurt Cross

CITY OF OLYMPIA STAFF

City Manager Jay Burney
Assistant City Manager Keith Stahley
Assistant City Manager Debbie Sullivan
Public Works Director Rich Hoey
Economic Development Director Mike Reid
Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth
Parks, Arts & Recreation Director Paul Simmons
Climate Program Manager Dr. Pamela Braff
Parks Planning & Design Manager Laura Keehan

2. BUSINESS ITEM

2.A [21-0221](#) Joint Meeting with the Olympia School Board

Superintendent Murphy discussed Olympia School District's (OSD) operation plans related to COVID-19 and thinking through the academic calendar. Currently they are implementing hybrid classes in some areas, with plans to expand. City Manager Burney shared an overview of how the City's operations have been impacted during this time as well.

Dr. Braff gave a brief overview of the Climate Action Plan and mitigation efforts in Olympia and Thurston County.

Superintendent Murphy shared OSD's climate efforts, how it is linked to student outcomes, associated metrics and shared examples on how the District is modeling those outcomes in their operations. Student Representative McMillin-Hastings shared the climate work from a student perspective.

Mayor Selby touched upon past discussions of a Cultural Access Tax and hopes to have some renewed energy on the subject in order to have that legislation on a future ballot. She asked if there was anyone on the School Board who would like to work with her to reconstitute a previous group that was organized around this issue.

Superintendent Murphy gave an update on OSD's efforts and data regarding McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Assistance. He noted the pandemic has made it challenging to identify families and students that would qualify for McKinney-Vento assistance due to the lack of having students in person at school. Mr. Murphy will send a report to the City Council and School Board regarding this topic.

Director Simmons gave an update on efforts around a Regional Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study.

Assistant Superintendent Priddy shared an overview of a request from OSD to purchase 20 acres of property owned by the City on Yelm Highway to build facilities for formal shared use; including one turf field, a rubber track, parking and potentially other uses. OSD is requesting to purchase 20 acres of the land or trade like-value upgrades and investments into the Yelm Highway property, or trade other land for parks projects, or trade other land to the City for common good or some combination of these. She indicated they are putting forward this request because the community will need a third high school and a fifth middle school in the next 10-20 years. She noted high schools need to be sited on 40 acres and that amount of acreage is rare in Olympia.

Councilmembers, Boardmembers and staff asked questions throughout the meeting.

The discussion was completed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.