



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins and Councilmember Jeannine Roe

Excused: 2 - Councilmember Steve Langer and Councilmember Cheryl Selby

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Excused: 2 - Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [14-0491](#) Proclamation for National Historic Preservation Month and Presentation of Preservation Awards

Councilmember Roe read the proclamation and Heritage Commission Chair Holly Davies accepted it. Ms. Davies announced Mr. Ira Coyne is the recipient of the Preservation Award and highlighted some of his sign work throughout the City. Mr. Coyne accepted a framed picture and Councilmembers thanked him for his work.

The recognition was received.

2.B [14-0429](#) Presentation of Washington State Department of Health Ongoing Excellence Award

Director of the Office of Drinking Water for the State Department of Health Clark Halvorson honored City employee Steve Coke as the winner of the Ongoing Excellence Award. Mr. Coke accepted the award and thanked the many people he has worked with over the years.

The recognition was received.

2.C [14-0430](#) Recognition of National Public Works Week

Public Works Director Rich Hoey introduced this item and said this year's motto is *Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow*. He shared six awards received by Public Works.

- Top 100 Best Fleets in North America - Olympia was ranked No. 30 nationwide, No. 2 in Washington
- Excellence in Communication Award by American Waterworks Association - 2014
- Excellence in Engineering by the American Waterworks Association
- Innovation Award from "Feet First" Walkable Washington Program
- Attraction of the Year Award - from the Olympia, Lacey Tumwater Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) for The Washington Center Renovation
- 2014 Public Agency Recycler of the Year by the Washington State Recycling Association

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ron Nesbitt spoke about his past employment with the City and the black community.

Mr. Terrence Zander noted there will be a community forum on policing in Olympia on June 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Traditions Cafe.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional) - None**4. CONSENT CALENDAR****4.A** [14-0526](#) Approval of May 20, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [14-0420](#) Approval of Property Right Acquisitions as Part of the West Bay Sidewalk Project

The contract was adopted.

4.C [14-0518](#) Confirmation of an Application for a \$15,560 Department of Justice Grant for purchase of Mobile Computer Terminals (MCTs)

The decision was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Excused: 2 - Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

4. SECOND READINGS - None

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5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [14-0475](#) Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Thurston County 2014 Hazardous Waste Plan Update and Designating Thurston County as the Agent to Administer the Plan in the City of Olympia

Thurston County Solid and Hazardous Waste Supervisor Gerald Tousley presented the 2014 Hazardous Waste Plan. He reviewed highlights of the plan through a slide presentation.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve a resolution adopting the Thurston County 2014 Hazardous Waste Plan update and designating Thurston County as the agent to administer the plan in the City of Olympia. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Excused: 2 - Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

- 6.B** [14-0498](#) Approval of 2014 Neighborhood Matching Grants

Community Planning & Development Associate Planner Michelle Sadlier reviewed the eight proposals received.

Council asked if the Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) is an eligible neighborhood association. City Manager Steve Hall said it is. Councilmembers expressed interest in seeing a proposed design and an idea of how the project would integrate with the planned overlay of the alley.

After discussion, Council agreed to defer a decision on the Jefferson Street Alley enhancement submitted by ODA. Councilmember Cooper suggested this be referred to the Arts Commission for review and possibly be allowed in this round of neighborhood association matching grants. Councilmembers agreed.

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to approve Neighborhood Matching Grant amounts as follows:

Bigelow Neighborhood Association: \$4,000.00

Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood Association: \$4,000.00

Cooper Crest Neighborhood Association: \$2,000.00

Hidden Creek Neighborhood Association: \$3,276.08

Northeast Neighborhood Association: \$3,660.00

TOTAL: \$16,936.08

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Excused: 2 - Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Roe reported she attended the National Missing Children's Day event in Tumwater and the Veteran's Tossing of the Wreath event on Sunday. There was a discussion about the resource allocations which will take place at the June 9 HOME Consortium meeting. It was noted the allocations are a recommendation to Thurston County Commissioners, who will ultimately make the decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported on highlights of the Intercity Transit Authority Board meeting. He reported the State is looking at the health and productivity of State employees and their access to healthy food in State facilities. He asked for a referral to the General Government Committee to look at this work and see how it could apply to the City. Council agreed.

Councilmember Cooper reported he attended the Memorial Day celebration at the Capital Rotunda. He asked to refer neonicotinoids - the pesticide that causes bee colonies to collapse - to the Land Use and Environment Committee or to staff for review. Mayor Buxbaum said this is not in the City's purview and the County has the regulatory authority. City Manager Steve Hall said the City does not use this pesticide. Councilmember Cooper suggested Mr. Gerald Tousley to research this to find out what options are available to ban the use within cities or counties. Mr. Hall said he will check with the County as to where they are in the process and staff could draft a letter opposing the use of this pesticide.

Mayor Buxbaum stated next week's meeting is a Study Session with no public comment.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall had no report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.