



# Meeting Minutes

## City Council

City Hall  
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**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

**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

The agenda was approved.

### 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

#### 2.A [15-0241](#) Presentation by the American Legion of Officer of the Year

Mr. David Gedrose, American Legion Post 3, presented the Officer of the Year award to Olympia Police Officer Jeff Herbig.

**The recognition was received.**

#### 2.B [15-0244](#) Arbor Day Proclamation

Councilmember Langer read the proclamation. Associate Planner Jesse Barham shared details of upcoming events and Associate Planner Michelle Bentley accepted the proclamation.

**The recognition was received.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Marygrace Jennings, Janae Huber, James Wellings, Phil Owen, Chris van Daalen, Lance Worth, Kris Tucker, Bonnie Jacobs, Donna Feddern, Marie Stone, Renee Turner, Pat Rasmussen, Renata Rollins, Timothy Minarchi, Kikumi Maki, Coyote Acabo, and Steve Lindstrom spoke.

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

City Manager Steve Hall responded to comments regarding the Artesian Commons fence and said a Leadership Team has been created to review all aspects. He noted the Council has agreed to install a fence and there are other issues to be resolved in

order to make this space work for everyone.

#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Buxbaum noted a correction to item 4B regarding the Conservation Easement with the Nisqually Tribe. An adjustment of \$5 was made in two places on page 1 of Attachment 4, Addendum and Assignment of Real Estate Purchase Agreement.

- 4.A [15-0252](#) Approval of March 3, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were adopted.**

- 4.B [15-0230](#) Approval of Agreement with Nisqually Tribe to Purchase Conservation Easement for Groundwater Protection

**The agreement was adopted.**

- 4.C [15-0243](#) Approval of the 2015 Finance Committee Work Plan

**The Work Plan was adopted.**

- 4.D [15-0260](#) Approval of Community and Economic Revitalization Committee Calendar and Work Plan

**The Work Plan was adopted.**

#### 4. SECOND READINGS - None

#### 4. FIRST READINGS

- 4.E [15-0257](#) Approval of an Ordinance on 2nd Reading Creating a Trust Fund to Pay LEOFF 1 (Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters) Medical Benefits

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

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended. 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 - None

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

**6.A**     [15-0242](#)           Briefing on Scope for the Downtown Strategy

Senior Planner Amy Buckler provided a background and plans for the scoping of the downtown strategy.

Council directed staff to proceed with an open house at the end of April.

**The report was received.**

**6.B**     [15-0251](#)           Adoption of an Ordinance on 2nd Reading to Appropriate 2014  
Year-End Fund Balance

Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo provided an overview of the year-end financials. She reviewed the Finance Committee's recommendations for year-end funds. Councilmember Cooper reviewed discussions regarding Finance Committee recommendations.

Comments included the following:

- Holly Landing is an important project for the City and the region. The City should coordinate with regional partners.
- Harbor Patrol - concerned if the program is shut down. The emergency response should be kept open.
- The Harbor Patrol is on standby for emergency callouts through May barring any major maintenance issues. Boater education is not funded.
- The State of Washington cut funding to the City and there isn't City funding to replace it.
- The Fire Department has a Zodiac (rubber raft) and works with the Port of Olympia for distress calls. The City does not have a watercraft that will take larger seas.
- Staff agreed to provide a fact sheet describing what various agencies provide for water safety.
- Council agreed to set a budget of \$250,000 for the Downtown Strategy.

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

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION****8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS****8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

Councilmembers reported on committee meetings they attended.

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

Mr. Hall reported on two items:

1. At the Study Session held earlier this evening, the Council put in place our first

bicycle corridor project - from Lions Park to Sylvester Park. Staff will move forward with implementation of that program. It was agreed that staff will look into a marketing and education piece of this, possibly including family bicycling events, and bring it back to Council with estimated costs.

2. The crossing signs for otters are up on East Bay Drive.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.