



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Monday, November 3, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Monday Meeting Due to Election Day

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

Mayor Buxbaum announced the Council met earlier in the evening in Study Session and the two topics discussed at that meeting will be continued under Other Business. Those items are 6A Community Renewal Area Process - Next Steps; and 6B Continued Discussion of the 2015 Operating Budget.

City Manager Steve Hall announced that Mark Barber was recently selected to fill the City Attorney position and will join staff by January 1, 2015.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [14-1061](#) Update on Downtown Project

Downtown Liaison Brian Wilson gave an overview of the downtown project.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The Council heard comments from Ms. Lee Montecucco, Mr. Ron Nesbitt, and Mr. Jeff Jaksich.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Roe commented on item 4E - the Interlocal Agreement for the Thurston Narcotics Task Force - and asked for an update from the task force at a future Study Session.

- 4.A** [14-1074](#) Approval of October 28, 2014 Special Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [14-1077](#) Approval of October 28, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C** [13-0864](#) Approval of Sublease Agreement with Fiddlehead Marina for a Portion of Percival Landing

The contract was adopted.

- 4.D** [14-1049](#) Authorization to Apply for a Department of Ecology Grant for Stormwater Retrofits on Harrison Avenue

The decision was adopted.

- 4.E** [14-1060](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Lacey and Tumwater and Thurston County for the Thurston Narcotics Task Force

The contract was adopted.

- 4.F** [14-1062](#) Approval to Use \$95,071 from Asset Forfeiture Funds for Purchase of a Replacement Video System for the City Jail

The decision was adopted.

- 4.G** [14-1070](#) Approval of Percival Landing F-Float Grant Amendment

The contract was adopted.

- 4.H** [14-1072](#) Consideration of Resolution Concerning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides by the City of Olympia

The resolution was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.I** [14-0983](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code to Discontinue the Acceptance of a Bond in Lieu of Payment for Fines, Fees and Charges Due for Unpaid Parking Citations

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4. FIRST READINGS - None

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, 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 [14-1057](#) Public Hearing on Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan

CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer gave a brief review of the background of the process to date. He said the public hearing is on the changes made to the Plan since the final draft.

The public hearing was opened at 7:34 p.m.

Ms. Chey Kyarky, 2408 State Ave. NE, asked the City to retain the single family residence designation on the four properties in the 2400 block of State Avenue.

Mr. Stuart Drebeck, 1520 Delphi Rd SW, said words in the Comprehensive Plan such as require, must, shall, and will should be in the zoning laws instead.

Ms. Bethany Weidner, 1415 6th Ave. SW, President of the Southwest Olympia Neighborhood Association, said she is in favor of removing the Decatur/6th Avenue connection from the Comprehensive Plan. She said the neighborhood association recently received a grant to improve the Decatur pedestrian bike path.

Mr. Walt Jorgensen, 823 North Street SE, said changes were made with little time for the public to review them.

Mr. David Schaffert, 7409 Byron St. NE, President of Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the high density corridor minimum density requirements and suggested these be reduced 15 units per acre and include incentives.

Mr. Michael Gusa, 1700 Cooper Point Road Sw, Bldg. A-3, spoke of the four properties in the 2400 block of State Ave. and agreed these should be treated the same as properties in nearby areas.

Mr. Joe Ford, 1903 Eskridge, spoke in favor of the changes made to accommodate bicyclists.

Mr. Seth Hutt, 608 Quince St. NE, President of the Bigelow Neighborhood Association, said the members of the association reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and came up with three issues: 1) the height requirement areas should be identified, 2) they are in favor of the limitations for development next to historic properties, and 3) they are in favor of amending the Comprehensive Plan only once per year.

Mr. Jeff Jaksich voiced his concern about the process.

The public hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m.

The public hearing was held and closed. Mayor Buxbaum noted written comments will be taken until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 9.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [14-1045](#) Community Renewal Area (CRA) Process - Next Steps

CP&D Director Keith Stahley provided an overview of the CRA process. He touched on aspects of the downtown, the Downtown Plan, and the relationship of the Community Renewal Area to the Downtown Plan. He reviewed the timeline.

Discussion items included:

- Need to move forward with the CRA
- The Downtown Plan needs to be completed
- Consider taking the isthmus out of the list of five properties designated as blight

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to move forward with the CRA process recommendation for implementing the Community Renewal Area as provided by the Community and Economic Revitalization Committee with the understanding that the Council will be involved in further elements. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

6.B [14-1050](#) Continued Discussion of the 2015 Operating Budget

City Manager Steve Hall and Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo reviewed the list of ongoing and one time unfunded priorities in the Budget.

Questions and comments included:

- Is this a complete list? No
- These are the most important items not in budget
- The Parks Maintenance item includes seasonal employees
- Scoping of Downtown Plan
- Have we received a structural estimate on Percival Landing? This was just received and will go to the Finance Committee in December and then to the full Council in

January.

- Add \$25,000 to help at-risk youth. The Finance Committee will discuss this on November 12.

Ms. Kirkemo said the Finance Committee will discuss revenue options at each of its meetings next year.

The discussion was completed and will be continued at the November 12 Finance Committee meeting.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers had no committee reports.

Councilmembers discussed the opportunity to sign onto an Amicus brief regarding protecting the environment. Council agreed to sign onto this.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.