



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
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Tuesday, December 8, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 as scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and recessed to Executive Session to discuss the City Manager's performance evaluation. The City Manager was present and no decisions were made. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [15-1207](#) Special Recognition -- "Where's Melnic?" Scavenger Hunt

The recognition was received.

2.B [15-1057](#) Special Recognition - Olympia's Stormwater Retrofit Program

The recognition was received.

2.C [15-1208](#) Resolution on the Issue of Refugees from Tyranny and Civil Unrest

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following people spoke: David Vay, Robin Moore, Patrick Seifert, Marcus Reum, Andrew Collins, Randy Madden, Kat Harmon, Jedidiah Hanely, Issac Leff, Dustin Bruce, Sarah Rasor, David Kois, Micki Garrison, Jeff Gilmore, Steve Mohr, Merle Walkup, Edith Nash, David Brown, Amelia Wells, Ryan Williams, Brad Andrews, Austin Lind, Lance Avery, and Ron Nesbitt.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A [15-1205](#) Approval of December 1, 2015 Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [15-1204](#) Approval of December 1, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C [15-1186](#) Approval of 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Pro Tem Jones discussed concerns regarding several projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program. He requested the City Council approve the TIP but have continued communication of concerns with the Thurston Regional Transportation Council to ensure the City is working in concert with them. Public Works Director Rich Hoey followed up with information on plans to address some of the concerns in the coming year.

The resolution was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.D [15-1138](#) Approval of Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Copper Trail Rezone Ordinance

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4. FIRST READINGS

- 4.E [15-1139](#) Approval of Medela Rezone - Ordinance Amending Zoning Map

Councilmember Jones abstained from item 4.E.

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

- 4.F [15-1158](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting 2016 Park Impact Fee Rate Adjustment

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

- 4.G [15-1157](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending School Impact Fees

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

- 4.H [15-1189](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Transportation Impact Fees

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

- 4.I [15-1156](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2016 Operating Budget

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

- 4.J [15-1159](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2016 - 2021 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and Appropriating Funds for 2016

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

- 4.K [15-1163](#) Approval of Ordinance Appropriating 2016 Special Funds

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

- 4.L [15-1179](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2016 Utility Rates and General Facilities Charges

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

- 4.M [15-1164](#) Approval of 2015 Quarterly Special Funds Adjustment

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

- 4.N [15-1165](#) Approval of 2015 Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustment

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

- 4.O [15-1168](#) Approval of 2015 Quarterly Operating Budget Adjustment

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. 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 [15-1172](#) Approval of Interim Ordinance on Proposed Zoning and Buffer Changes for Cannabis Land Uses

Lead Code Enforcement Officer Chris Grabowski reviewed the proposed changes to existing marijuana zoning regulations. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and discussed the issue.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to

accept the Land Use and Environment Committee recommendation to adopt an interim zoning ordinance to allow cannabis sales in High Density Corridor 3 and Medical Services zones, reduce buffers on restricted land uses (except schools and playgrounds) from 1,000 feet to 500 feet, and forward to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to propose several amendments to the ordinance. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Councilmember Cooper and Councilmember Roe

Nay: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Selby

The original motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Cooper and Councilmember Hankins

6.B [15-1187](#) Approval of the 2016 Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) Budget

Community Planning & Development Downtown Liaison Mark Rentfrow and PBIA Chair Mary Corso reviewed the 2016 budget. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Selby, to approve the 2016 PBIA budget. 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

6.C [15-1202](#) Update on the Olympia Downtown Strategy

MAKERS Lead Consultant John Owen updated the Council on the work occurring to develop Olympia's Downtown Strategy. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.