



# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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**Tuesday, October 1, 2013**

**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 Karen Rogers

### 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council met as scheduled at 6:00 p.m. and recessed to Closed Session for no more than 30 minutes to discuss labor negotiations. The Deputy City Attorney was present at the Closed Session.

### 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the agenda. 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 Rogers

### 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

### 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. Jeffrey Trinin spoke on the upcoming Arts Walk and invited all to attend. He also thanked those who worked on the downtown clean-up last Saturday.

Mr. Ben Charles, 1001 Cooper Point Road SW, a member of the Lower Elwah Tribe, said he and his wife run the Crazy Faith ministry which feeds and helps street people. He said his ministry helps lighten the load of the government in helping homeless individuals. He asked for a public hearing on the use of the parking lot in downtown Olympia to administer to the homeless.

Mr. Darren Tamble, a 16th Comanche Delaware Indian and formerly homeless, spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Ms. Erin Miller, 425 Ensign Rd #B-4, said police have been chasing the homeless out of their usual spots.

Mr. Cody Simmons, 1269 Bigelow St NE, formerly homeless, spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Mr. Bob Wilson said he works at Providence St. Peter Hospital and spoke of cuts to health care. He asked the Council to encourage the St. Peter Hospital CEO to settle the strike.

Mr. Randy Norlan, business owner of Euphorium in downtown Olympia, said he has lost 20 percent of his business because his customers are afraid to come downtown. He said he has trouble leaving the parking lot being used by Crazy Faith because of the large crowd who won't move.

Mr. Jeremiah Sullivan, homeless, spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

Ms. Sara Pete', Olympia Timberland Library, spoke of safety issues at the library. She also shared upcoming events at the library.

Ms. Tracee Swanson, 2729 Riverlea Dr SE, spoke in support of Crazy Faith and said her business takes care of the animals of homeless individuals.

Ms. Kirsten Harris, representing Terra Firma Cosmetics, 202 5th Ave SE, said they support Crazy Faith.

Ms. Merrie Gugh, 1757 Pine Ave NE, spoke in support of Crazy Faith.

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

City Manager Steve Hall said Crazy Faith has been told they can continue to feed people, but cannot use the parking lot on Washington Street because it is not safe. He said Crazy Faith can apply for a temporary use permit for another location. He reported that Police Lt. Paul Lower has spoken with them and explained why they cannot set up in this parking lot.

Councilmember Rogers asked that the City work with them to find another location. She also asked that the group pick up their garbage.

Councilmember Roe asked everyone to be respectful of each other.

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.A**     [13-0752](#)            Approval of September 10, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were adopted.**

**4.B**     [13-0761](#)            Approval of September 17, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were adopted.**

**4.C**     [13-0785](#)            Approval of Bills and Payroll Certification

Claim check numbers 337291 through 338550: Total \$6,449,703.65; and payroll check numbers 86379 through 86423 and direct deposit transmissions: Total \$2,315,280.51.

**The decision was adopted.**

**4.D**     [13-0655](#)            Approval of Bid Award for the McAllister Wellfield Project

**The decision was adopted.**

**4.E**     [13-0727](#)            Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Lacey for Wastewater Services

**The contract was adopted.**

**4.F**     [13-0778](#)            Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Urban Forestry Work in City Parks and Downtown

**The contract was adopted.**

### **SECOND READINGS**

**4.G**     [13-0723](#)            Appropriation of Funds for Hands On Children's Museum Project

**The ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

**4.H**     [13-0732](#)            Appropriation Ordinance for the Washington Center for the Performing Arts (WCPA)

**The ordinance was adopted on second reading. Councilmember Rogers voted no on this item.**

### **FIRST READINGS - None**

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

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, 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 Rogers

**5.        PUBLIC HEARING - None****6.        OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.A**     [13-0707](#)            Approval of Percival Plinth Project People's Choice Award 2013

Arts and Events Manager Stephanie Johnson reviewed the voting process. Arts Commission Chair Trent Hart reported the art piece which received the most votes is Rainforest Dream by Leo E. Osborne. He said the temporary placement of this piece will be in front of City Hall and should be installed in June, 2014. The Arts Commission will determine a permanent site at a later date.

**Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the purchase of Rainforest Dream by Leo E. Osborne as the 2013 People's Choice Award. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:**        6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Roe

**Nay:**        1 - Councilmember Rogers

**6.B**     [13-0765](#)            Approval of Resolution Regarding the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and Authorization for Transmittal to the State Department of Ecology

Director Keith Stahley noted the action requested is to approve the resolution. He noted the process was started in 2007. He reviewed the final revisions, next steps, and the Department of Ecology review process.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Stahley, other City staff, and Planning Commission members for their dedication and hard work on this program.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones noted the large amount of time he has spent on this program and highlighted many aspects of the program. He expressed concern that the SMP does not address climate change and sea level rise.

Councilmembers Roe and Rogers also voiced some disappointments and concerns related to setbacks but said although this is not a perfect document, it is a workable draft.

Mayor Buxbaum said the process is not over and climate change presents a dynamic challenge.

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve a resolution directing staff to transmit the October 1, 2013 draft Shoreline Master Program, the Restoration Plan, Section 18.06.100 A.2.C. (West Bay Drive regulations), Section 18.32 (Critical Areas Regulations) and all other documents adopted by reference together with the shoreline inventory, final shoreline analysis and characterization report and the final cumulative impact analysis as required by WAC 173-26-110 to the Washington Department of Ecology for review and consideration. 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 Rogers

**6.C**     [13-0776](#)     Approval of Community Development Block Grant Public Process; Report on Fund Status

Deputy Director Leonard Bauer introduced this item and reviewed the three items for discussion this evening: timeline for the CDBG program year, strategic goals, and the spend down report.

He noted the CDBG Program year begins September 1 and said Council actions include: Review process and priorities; develop and release an RFP; and review and select proposals/actions. Process and timeline considerations include whether to consider single- or multi-year funding and priorities for allocating funds.

Mr. Bauer reviewed the 2014 Consolidated Plan strategic goals, and said economic development is the priority strategic goal. Other goals include affordable housing, public facilities and infrastructure, public services (social services), and acquisition of land. Economic development options include five points: 1) special economic activities, 2) micro enterprise activities; 3) acquisition of real property, 4) public facilities and improvements, and 5) clearance.

Council discussion included the following:

- Is wi-fi included in public facilities and improvements?
- Under #5 - clearance - environmental clean-up -- could a percentage of CDBG go into an environmental clean-up fund? Ms. Schlecht said it would have to be designated to a site.
- Is there a way of avoiding the spend down rush by doing multi-year contracts? Mr. Bauer said readiness is the key.
- Craft a RFP for year two of the 5-year action plan.
- Track money as it comes in.
- The period for the RFP process is much shorter than the period for allocation and decision process. Talk about how to reverse that.
- Program income should be directed toward the isthmus properties.
- Should continue to use the 15 percent optional set aside for social services.
- Public facilities and improvements do not need to be in the first year of activity.

Council agreed to refer the following to the General Government Committee for further discussion:

- **Receive relevant information from other committees:** Consider information and discussions by the Community Renewal Area (CRA) Ad Hoc Committee and other Council committees, such as the Land Use and Environment Committee's downtown project and master plan discussions. The CRA will forward a written summary of

discussions related to CDBG and relationship to CRA and other potential funding sources. The General Government Committee may wish to receive a formal presentation from the CRA on economic development priorities.

- **Spend down monitoring:** Continue to work with staff to develop a standard methodology for tracking and reporting CDBG fund balance and timeliness of expenditures.
- **Multi-year allocation proposal:** Develop a recommendation on whether to issue a multi-year RFP for the City's priority strategy goal, economic development.
- **Economic development priorities:** Have an in-depth conversation about the economic development goal based on activities 1, 2, 3, and 5 in the report presented at the October 1, 2013 Council meeting and the information gained from discussion with the CRA and other Council committees; and develop a recommendation for Council consideration.
- **Social service funding proposal:** Quickly develop and recommend to the full Council an RFP recommendation for up to 15 percent of social service funding, perhaps targeted at downtown and/or economic development.
- **Collaborative RFP:** Design the social services RFP process that fosters agency collaboration rather than competition.
- **CDBG process timeline:** Consider modifying the proposed CDBG review process to allow longer time for RFP submittal and shorter time for Committee and Council review.

**The decision was discussed and forwarded to the General Government Committee for further discussion.**

**6.D**     [13-0766](#)     Status Report from the Community Renewal Area Consultant Team

Mayor Buxbaum introduced this item and gave a brief background.

ECONorthwest Senior Planner and City consultant on this project Lorelei Juntunen provided a briefing on Component A - the investment strategy in the Olympia opportunity areas. She reviewed the purpose, sites, process, areas of development, development barriers, implications, overview of the area, demographic changes, and opportunity areas. She also reviewed each of the potential development sites and the action plan template, the components of a development strategy process, and next steps.

Mayor Buxbaum stated the City should explore a CRA ordinance for sites outside downtown and invest in how we're going to build community consensus.

**The update was accepted.**

## **7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Melinda Atkinson, 7036 Zangle, said businesses are losing sales because of the homeless situation. She encouraged Crazy Faith to move to private property. She said our downtown area is dying.

Mr. Daniel Slocum, a local business owner, said he supports Crazy Faith. He asked that the ministry be allowed to stay in the parking lot until this is worked out.

Mr. Steve McKnight, 2305 15th Ave SE, spoke of the Olympia Regional Learning Academy site on Boulevard Road. He shared artifacts he found on the site, including bones. He said there should be a complete archeological historic survey conducted on this site before any additional work is done there.

## **8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

### **8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

Councilmember Langer reported on highlights of the Land Use and Environment Committee meeting he attended.

Councilmember Rogers reported on highlights of the Medic I Committee meeting she attended.

Councilmember Hankins reported on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting she attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported on the Downtown Clean-Up Day he attended.

Mayor Buxbaum noted upcoming events. He pointed out that next week's meeting includes four public hearings, including the issue of banning plastic bags.

City Manager Hall said Tumwater City Council held a public hearing and voted 4-2 in favor of the ban on plastic bags. Thurston County also passed the ordinance and he was not sure about whether Lacey will hold a public hearing.

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

Mr. Hall reported that during the past week's torrential rains, he is happy to report our systems worked very well and we had minimum flooding and damage.

He asked Councilmembers to attend a public information forum for the Olympia Comprehensive Plan Update. Four meetings have been set which will be held over the next month.

Mr. Hall noted the interviews for the Parks Director will be held tomorrow and a

community reception will be held tomorrow evening.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 p.m.