



# Meeting Minutes

## City Council

City Hall  
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**Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### Special Study Session

#### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Cheryl Selby

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Steve Langer

#### 2. BUSINESS ITEMS

##### 2.A [15-0570](#) Sustainable Budget, including Olympia Metropolitan Park District

City Manager Steve Hall spoke on a sustainable budget and cuts that have taken place over the past 15 years. He reviewed budget initiatives staff have implemented to reduce costs and identified gaps and responses.

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Paul Simmons reviewed current department funding. He described Metropolitan Park Districts (MPD), including the advantages, various types, how an MPD is formed, high priority themes received from citizens, funding proposals, and next steps for the 2015 election.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) Chair Jim Nieland reviewed the discussion the PRAC had at its last meeting and said the Committee recommended the City move forward with an MPD within Olympia city limits.

Councilmember Cooper reviewed the Finance Committee's discussion and recommendation that the Council move forward with placing an MPD on the General Election ballot.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and Mayor Buxbaum agreed to submit his questions in writing.

**The work session was completed.**

##### 2.B [15-0594](#) Future Agenda Check-Ins

This item was not discussed.

**The work session was completed.**

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.