



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Steve Langer, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Karen Rogers

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Julie Hankins

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum recognized members in the audience including former Mayors Doug Mah, Bob Jacobs, and Mark Foutch and former Councilmember Craig Ottavelli.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [13-1071](#) Recognition of Outgoing Councilmember Karen Rogers

Mayor Buxbaum recognized outgoing Councilmember Rogers and invited her to speak. Councilmember Rogers recognized and thanked members in the audience who have helped her over the past four years and shared some stories during her tenure.

Councilmembers thanked Councilmember Rogers for her contributions. Mayor Buxbaum presented her with a framed photograph of Mount Rainier, taken by City Attorney Tom Morrill. The meeting recessed for a brief reception honoring Councilmember Rogers.

The recognition was received.

ROLL CALL UPDATE

Councilmember Hankins arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Steve Langer, Councilmember Jeannine Roe, Councilmember Karen Rogers and Councilmember Julie Hankins

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Buxbaum asked to add an item to the agenda under Other Business regarding

reconsideration of the ordinance amending section 10.16.140 of the parking regulations regarding potential penalties. The Council agreed to the addition.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Hankins

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

City Manager Steve Hall clarified the parking ordinance that was recently adopted by the Council. He said the bottom line is that if an individual wants to use a parking lot for uses other than parking, a permit is required. He said this ordinance contains restrictions that already exist in other parts of City ordinances.

Mr. Dan Meyerpeter, 5308 65th Ave SE, said his church supports Crazy Faith and believes they should be able to continue using the parking lot to feed the homeless.

Ms. Ruth Kendall, 2713 Hibiscus Ct SE, student of Mr. Meyerpeter's youth group said she supports feeding the homeless.

Ms. Adrienne Cook, 8615 Queets Dr NE said she is a member of Mr. Meyerpeter's youth group and supports feeding the homeless.

Ms. Susan Cook, 8615 Queets Dr NE, said she had personal experience with a family member being homeless and is pleased to say he is now helping others who are homeless. She supports ministries that are helping those less fortunate.

Mr. Tim Russell, homeless, thanked the ministries for helping feed the homeless. He said as a 21-year old, he has trouble finding a shelter.

Mr. Jerry Reilly, Cardigan Loop NW, Chair of Olympia Capitol Park Foundation, thanked the Council for its leadership in purchasing property on the isthmus.

Mr. Fred Silsby, Capitol Way N, spoke in support of helping the homeless and the People's House.

Ms. Lisa Smith, Enterprise for Equity, thanked the City for its contributions over the years.

Mr. Jeff Jaksich, 812 San Francisco Ave NE, spoke in support of siting a facility for the homeless away from residential areas.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmember Roe asked staff to provide the names of available shelter facilities to Mr. Russell.

Councilmembers thanked those who spoke. Mayor Buxbaum said the Council wants to help the homeless.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Roe pulled Item 4E for discussion following the Consent Calendar.

- 4.A [13-1069](#) Approval of December 10, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [13-1070](#) Bills and Payroll Certification

Payroll check numbers 86516 through 86517, 86524 through 86575 and Direct Deposit transmissions: Total: \$4,648,205.50; Claim check numbers 340187 through 341626: Total: \$7,989,936.47.

The report was adopted.

- 4.C [13-1026](#) Approval of Resolution to Reject All Bids for the Percival Landing F Float Replacement Project

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.D [13-1053](#) Approval of Amendment to the City Manager's Employment Contract

The contract was adopted.

- 4.F [13-1060](#) Approval of Agreement between the City Of Olympia and Thurston County for Sharing Geospatial Data

The contract was adopted.

- 4.G [13-1061](#) Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Site of the Future Southeast Olympia Water Supply Reservoir

The contract was adopted.

- 4.H [13-1064](#) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Maintenance of the Amtrak Depot

The contract was adopted.

- 4.I [13-1072](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Lewis County for Jail Services

The contract was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

- 4.J [13-0912](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Transportation Impact Fees

The ordinance was adopted on second reading. Councilmember Rogers registered a Nay vote.

- 4.K [13-0913](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code to Add Reclaimed Water Engineering Fees

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.L [13-0980](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting 2014 Park Impact Fee Rate Adjustment

The ordinance was adopted on second reading. Councilmember Rogers registered a Nay vote.

- 4.M [13-1005](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending School Impact Fees

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.N [13-1015](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Utility Tax Rate on Drinking Water

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.O [13-1017](#) Approval of Ordinance Appropriating 2014 Special Funds

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.P [13-1021](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2014 Utility Rates and General Facilities Charges

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.Q [13-1033](#) Approval of Ordinance Updating Obsolete and Outdated Sections of the Olympia Municipal Code and Correcting Scrivener Errors

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.R [13-1011](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2014 - 2019 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and Appropriating Funds for 2014

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.S [13-1010](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2014 Operating Budget

The ordinance was adopted on second reading. Councilmember Rogers registered a Nay vote.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to adopt the Consent Calendar, except item 4E, which was pulled for discussion. Councilmember Rogers registered Nay votes on items 4J, 4L, and 4S. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Hankins

FIRST READINGS - None

PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.E** [13-1059](#) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Olympia Capitol Park Foundation Regarding Isthmus Property

Board members of the Olympia Capitol Park Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$100,000 to the Council to help cover the cost to remove some of the buildings on the isthmus property.

Councilmembers noted their appreciation for the support from the Olympia Capitol Park Foundation.

City Manager Steve Hall reported the City will apply for a \$200,000 EPA grant to help abate the asbestos in the buildings on the isthmus.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Olympia and the Olympia Capitol Park Foundation regarding fundraising for demolition and development of isthmus properties. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Hankins

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A** [13-0985](#) Proposed Amendment of 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan to include Section 108 Loan for Downtown Safety Improvements

Community Planning and Development Deputy Director Leonard Bauer provided a brief background. He noted written comment will be taken through 5:00 p.m. on January 6. He reviewed the two phases these loan proceeds will be used for, which include:

1. Alleyway lighting improvements in the downtown area
2. Pedestrian improvements along State Avenue near Columbia St.

The public hearing was opened. No one signed up to speak. The public hearing was closed.

The public hearing was held and closed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Reconsideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 10.16.140 of the Parking Regulations Regarding Potential Penalties

Mayor Buxbaum noted the action is to clarify that only a civil infraction will apply; it will not be a criminal offense.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve amending the last sentence in section 10.16.140 to add "(b)" at the end of that sentence, so the sentence will read "The penalties for violation of this section shall be the penalties as set forth on OMC 12.24.160(b)." The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Hankins

6.A [13-0893](#) Year End Accomplishments Review

Assistant City Manager Jay Burney introduced this item.

Assistant City Engineer Steve Sperr shared a Powerpoint presentation of the capital construction projects completed in 2013, projects in progress, and projects scheduled for 2014.

Mr. Burney presented a Powerpoint of highlights and accomplishments during the past year.

Mr. Hall noted being a Councilmember is hard work and he thanked the Council for their efforts throughout the year.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Hankins provided highlights on the Coalition of Neighborhood

Association meeting and the Land Use and Environment Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported on highlights of the Intercity Transit Authority Board meeting, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, the Thurston Regional Planning Council meeting, the groundbreaking event for the Bridging the Gap bicycle trail project near Pacific Avenue, and noted the installation of the City's new glass seal behind the dais.

Councilmember Roe reported on highlights of the General Government Committee meeting.

Councilmember Langer stated he also attended the groundbreaking event for Bridging the Gap.

Councilmember Rogers reported on highlights of the Transportation Policy Board meeting.

Councilmember Cooper reported on highlights of the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum reported on highlights of the Finance Committee meeting. He noted the first scheduled meeting of 2014 is Monday, January 6, with the Thurston County Board of Health. He also stated the Council's annual retreat is January 10 and 11 at the new fire station off Lilly Road.

Councilmembers thanked staff for their hard work and support throughout the year .

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall noted that staff has been working with the property owner of some trees near 13th & Boundary. Staff has evaluated the trees and found only one to be hazardous and the City may remove it. He said staff will get back to Mr. Lyons who brought this up at last week's Council meeting.

He also reported the State Department of Information Systems is replacing the 1063 Building on the corner of Capitol Way and 11th where the Hands On Children's Museum used to be. Assistant City Manager Jay Burney will represent the City on the evaluation committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.