



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Tuesday, March 21, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Julie Hankins and Councilmember Jeannine Roe

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Jim Cooper

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Selby noted the City Council met earlier in Study Session. She also acknowledged Anna Schlecht for her 35 years of service to the City of Olympia.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [17-0293](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Jim Haley

Mayor Selby honored Jim Haley for his contribution to downtown Olympia with the reading of a proclamation. Mr. Haley said a few words of thanks.

The recognition was received.

2.B [17-0277](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing 2017 Arbor Day

Mayor Pro Tem Jones read a proclamation in honor of Arbor Day 2017.

Urban Forester Shelly Bentley discussed the Arbor Day celebration at Priest Point Park on March 25 and several awards the City will receive regarding urban forestry. She also noted Oak trees will be planted at the Justice Center along Plum Street.

Associate Planner Jesse Barham discussed some of the activities that will take place during the Arbor Day celebration.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

City Manager Steve Hall gave an update on the homeless advocacy demonstrations

that have occurred over the past two days. He shared locations that have beds for homeless and housing services and gave an overview of steps being taken by the City to address concerns.

Mayor Selby read a statement/press release regarding homelessness and how the City has supported solutions.

The following people spoke: Brandon Goodman, Dean Willie, Dale Starkweather, Tom Crawford, Lynette Shaffer, Peter Parker, Tye Gundel, Chris van Daalen, Peter Bohmer, Mason Rolph, Eric Jung, Rebecca Canwright, and Franz Kilmerschultz.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [17-0258](#) Approval of January 13, 2017 City Council Retreat Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [17-0259](#) Approval of January 14, 2017 City Council Retreat Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.C [17-0290](#) Approval of March 7, 2017 Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.D [17-0289](#) Approval of March 7, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.E [17-0301](#) Approval of Appointments to the Arts Commission to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

4.F [17-0304](#) Approval of Appointment to the Planning Commission to Fill a Vacancy

The decision was adopted.

4.G [17-0303](#) Approval of Appointments to the Heritage Commission to Fill
Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

4.H [17-0306](#) Approval of Appointment to the Utility Advisory Committee to Fill
Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

4.I [17-0305](#) Approval of Appointments to the Park and Recreation Advisory
Committee to Fill Vacancies

The decision was adopted.

- 4.J [17-0302](#) Approval of Appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to Fill a Vacancy

The decision was adopted.

- 4.K [17-0284](#) Approval of the 2017 work plan for the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing

The decision was adopted.

- 4.L [17-0154](#) Approval of Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider a Vacation Petition for a Portion of an Alley Right-of-Way Adjacent to 210 State Ave NW

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.M [17-0279](#) Approval of Amendments to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding - Program Year (PY) 2016

The decision was adopted.

- 4.N [17-0222](#) Approval of the Construction Contract for the Washington Center for the Performing Arts HVAC Upgrade Project - Phase 2

The decision was adopted.

- 4.O [17-0295](#) Approval of Amended Agreed Order with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the East Bay Redevelopment Site

The contract was adopted.

- 4.P [17-0183](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Evergreen State College Center for Sustainable Infrastructure for Fones Road Corridor Value Planning Exercise

The contract was adopted.

- 4.R [17-0309](#) Approval of Reappointments to the Design Review Board and the Thurston Community Media Board

The decision was adopted.**4. SECOND READINGS - None****4. FIRST READINGS**

- 4.Q [17-0262](#) Approval of Ordinance Making Olympia's Parks Smoke and Vape Free Starting in 2018

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Bateman, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Cooper

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Selby recessed the meeting at 8:15 p.m. for 10 minutes due to disruption.

Because disruptions continued upon reconvening, Mayor Selby moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to recess the meeting and reconvene at a secure location in City Hall Room 207 to address matters appearing on the Council's agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

6.A [17-0020](#) Consideration of a Street Vacation Petition for a Portion of Alley Adjacent to 1919 Harrison Ave NW

Public Works Director Rich Hoey reviewed the history regarding the street vacation petition. He noted on February 28, 2017 a public hearing was held where 11 citizens testified in support of the vacation and nine written comments were submitted. Each of the commenters recommended the City not charge the petitioner, Alicia Elliot, the value of the right-of-way.

Mr. Hoey reviewed the staff recommendations to vacate the alley with the following conditions:

1. Reserve perpetual easement for public and private utilities
2. Require right-of-way payment of 50 percent of appraised value of all adjacent parcels
3. Provide option for West Central Park Project to provide a covenant in lieu of payment, holding the park open to the public in a non-discriminatory manner for a period of 20 years.
4. Require West Central Park Project to provide a recorded correction deed to address a "scrivener's" error.

Mr. Hoey also reviewed the right-of-way acquisition values and costs.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and discussed the issue. Councilmember Gilman voiced opposition to charging a fee for the street vacation and noted in certain

situations the City has reduced or waived fees in order to remove blight.

Councilmember Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve on first reading and move to second reading an ordinance to vacate a portion of the alley adjacent to 1919 Harrison Ave NW. As a condition of alley vacation, reserve a perpetual utility easement to be recorded with a separate easement document over said alley, and to require payment to the City of one-half the appraised value for all adjacent parcels, with the option for West Central Park, a nonprofit corporation, to provide a covenant in lieu of payment for its parcel that provides for the West Central Park to be held open to the public in a non-discriminatory manner for a period of 20 years. West Central Park, a nonprofit corporation, must also provide a recorded copy of a correction deed curing a scrivener's error in the deed purportedly vesting title to the property in said entity. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Bateman, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Gilman

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Cooper

6.B [17-0184](#) Climate Action Plan Scoping

Public Works Director Rich Hoey introduced Eileen Quigley of Clean Energy Transition and Adrian Down of Stockholm Environment Institute. He gave background on Olympia's participation in the Compact of Mayors, which the City formally signed in November 2015, and which became the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy in 2016. Mr. Hoey reviewed progress the City has made on the Covenant requirements.

Mr. Hoey reviewed the City's energy management, which includes a decrease in the use of electricity (13%) and natural gas (14%). He also noted the decrease in emissions for City operations (14% overall).

Mr. Hoey discussed the development of a Climate Action Plan. The plan is a roadmap to achieving greenhouse gas reduction goals and is linked to the City's current climate adaptation efforts including sea level rise planning. The components of the Climate Action Plan include an oversight team; identifying goals and targets; identifying and prioritizing strategies; metrics to assess progress; a community engagement plan; and a budget and resources.

Ms. Quigley reviewed the energy and carbon footprint targets for the City and how to reach them.

Mr. Hoey reviewed next steps which includes a referral to the Finance Committee to review the PSE Green Direct Program, a referral to the Land Use and Environment Committee to scope the Climate Action Plan, and a 2018 budget request.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Selby moved, seconded by Councilmember Bateman, to refer scoping of the Climate Action Plan to the Land Use and Environment Committee and to refer review of the Puget Sound Energy Green Direct program to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Bateman, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Cooper

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Hankins made a referral to the Land Use and Environment Committee to explore the creation of a sanitation waste plan.

All other reports will occur at the next City Council meeting.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.