



# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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**Tuesday, November 25, 2014**

**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 Cheryl Selby

### 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council met earlier in Study Session to discuss the budget. No decisions were made.

### 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

### 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

#### 2.A [14-1150](#) Special Recognition for the Community Renewal Area (CRA) Open House Events December 3, 2014 and December 4, 2014

CP&D Director Keith Stahley invited the Council and public to attend the Community Renewal Area Open House on December 3 and 4.

**The recognition was received.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Jim Reeves, Jay Elder, Coary Eyring, and Ron Nesbitt spoke.

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

City Manager Steve Hall responded to Mr. Elder's concerns about rezones and directed him to staff.

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 4.A [14-1155](#) Approval of November 3, 2014 Special Study Session Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

- 4.B [14-1156](#) Approval of November 18, 2014 Special Study Session Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

- 4.C [14-1157](#) Approval of November 18, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

- 4.D [14-1149](#) Consideration of Resolution Concerning the Oil-by-Rail Industry, Hydraulic Fracturing, and Oil Exports

**The resolution was approved.**

#### 4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.E [14-1088](#) Approval of 2015 Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance

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

#### 4. FIRST READINGS - None

#### 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

- 5.A [14-1124](#) Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2013

CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer provided a brief background. Mayor Buxbaum noted this item will come back to Council on the December 2 agenda.

The public hearing was opened. No one spoke The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Buxbaum asked for a referral to the General Government Committee to look at the performance evaluation process in light of the next phase for the CDBG program. Council agreed to the referral.

**The public hearing was held and closed.**

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

**6.A**     [14-1143](#)           Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan - Disposition of Public Comments

CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer reviewed background of the process and the 15 items where staff made recommendations. Council agreed to the recommended changes with two exceptions: they did not accept the staff recommendation on item #38, and agreed to revised language on item #45.

There was discussion on the issue of whether to "require" or "encourage" alleys.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Selby, to adopt Option 1 on PT3.4, which is to "encourage" alleys, and Option 2 on PT3.5 and 3.6, which is to require alleys where feasible and practical behind lots fronting on arterials and collector streets. Motion failed with the following vote:

Aye:    3 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Selby

Nay:    4 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Cooper

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to adopt Option 2 on PT3.4, PT3.5, and PT3.6, which is to "require" alleys. Motion passed with the following vote:**

Aye:    4 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Hankins

Nay:    3 - Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Selby, Councilmember Cooper

There was also discussion on items #14, 57, and 71. No changes were made.

Mayor Buxbaum asked staff for a breakdown of revenue from the Port of Olympia for road repairs.

Mayor Buxbaum noted staff will bring this item back on December 9 for first reading of the ordinance.

**Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to include staff recommendations on public comments as shown in Attachment 1 (far right column) in Final Draft Comprehensive Plan, and direct staff to prepare the final document and an Ordinance. 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.B**     [14-1154](#)           Continued Discussion on the 2015 Operating Budget and 2015-2020 Capital Facilities Plan to Conclude with Balancing of the Operating

## Budget

Councilmember Cooper reviewed the budget and recommendations made by the Finance Committee.

Councilmembers reviewed the three recommendations:

Part 1 - Pertaining to the General Fund. Council agreed with these. Mayor Buxbaum suggested changing "Urban Renewal Program" to "Community Revitalization Initiative." Council agreed.

Part 2 - Pertaining to the Drinking Water Fund and the Equipment Rental (Fleet). Council agreed to these.

Part 3 - Pertaining to the Parking Fund Balance. Council agreed to these. Mayor Pro Tem Jones suggested a one-time funding provision for bicycle facilities in the downtown by taking \$70,000 out of the Parking Fund Balance. Council agreed.

Council agreed to provide unrepresented employees a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones voiced concern about stormwater and flood mitigation funding in the Capital Facilities Plan.

Mayor Buxbaum referred to his memo handed out at the earlier Study Session. Items discussed included the following:

### Parks Acquisition Account

- Create a Parks Acquisition Account between \$300,000 and \$1 million in the 2015 budget to fully reflect the intent of the Voted Utility Tax (VUT) for parks passed in 2004. Council agreed to fund this using \$300,000 from VUT money.
- Explore the Planning Commission's recommendation to create a Metro Parks District. Council agreed to refer this to the Finance Committee for discussions in 2015.
- Explore selling the Ward Lake property.

### LBA Woods

- Consider establishing a Local Improvement District (LID).
- Investigate neighborhood center options on part of the Bentrige property.
- Implications of the Log Cabin Road extension.

### Planning Commission Issues and Interests

- Maintenance funding.
- Provide monthly performance reports on the Condition Assessment and Major Maintenance Program.
- Create a program in the CFP for a connected and coherent network of bicycle facilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones shared the following items and said there may be budget impacts to some:

- There is a need for frequent and regular updates to the General Government Committee, ensuring we're telling our story. Councilmember Cooper said the Committee is finalizing a Communication Plan in December to share at the Council's retreat.
- Establish an annual developers roundtable.
- Consider looking at a Cahoots-like program in Olympia. Mayor Buxbaum suggested this be discussed on a regional level. He asked if the Thurston County Department of Health should take the lead on this.
- Complete the scoping of the Downtown Plan by April 2015, instead of June. Council agreed to discuss this at its upcoming retreat in January.
- Recording of police interactions with citizens. Look at a planning activity that tells us what might be necessary to implement dash and body cams for police. This is part of the Technology Plan.
- Adjust the action plan for implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to render a two-tier land system. Council agreed to discuss this at its upcoming retreat.
- Sustained initiative having to do with Best Practices for public engagement and create a placeholder in the budget. Council agreed to discuss this at its upcoming retreat.

Council also agreed to discuss the process for the 2015 Year End Carryover at the retreat.

**The discussion was completed.**

**6.C**     [14-1120](#)     Approval of 2015 Legislative Agenda

Communications Manager Cathie Butler reviewed the items added since last week, including:

1. Police body cameras - privacy and disclosure regulations - keep generic
2. State Employee CTR Program - should be directed to Legislature not Department of Enterprise Services
3. Energy savings planning

Councilmembers made some changes and Ms. Butler will update the agenda for the Tuesday morning meeting.

**The discussion was completed.**

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

**8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

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

Councilmembers reported out on meetings and events they attended.

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

City Manager Steve Hall said the City received over 900 responses on the City Survey. A time and date for Council review will be discussed next week at the weekly agenda meeting.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.