



# Meeting Minutes

## General Government Committee

City Hall  
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**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

**4:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 3 - Chair Jeannine Roe, Committee member Julie Hankins and Committee member Cheryl Selby

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.A** [15-0863](#) Approval of July 15, 2015 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved.**

**4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**4.A** [15-0861](#) Review of Proposed 2015 General Government Committee Work Plan for September through December

Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth reviewed work plan items for the October, November and December General Government Committee meetings.

Following a brief discussion, the General Government Committee requested the following changes to the work plan:

- The economic development work plan, Council salary comparisons and Council health benefits comparisons currently scheduled in October be moved to the November meeting.
- The Council retreat facilitator and training needs for advisory board members be moved to October.
- The addition of a draft retreat agenda, new Councilmember orientation and advisory board recruitment be added to the October meeting.

The Committee asked Ms. Purce Braseth to research the following:

- Opportunities for Council engagement with the community to support the discussion of the item at the December meeting.
- A template for Council referrals to committees and a template for Council reports to support a discussion at the Council retreat in January.
- An update/creation of an advisory board handbook.

**The discussion was completed and forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the October 6, 2015 Council meeting.**

- 4.B**     [15-0864](#)     Preparation for the October 12, 2015 County HOME Consortium Retreat

Present for the discussion were Community Development Block Grant Program Coordinator Anna Schlecht and Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Director Don Sloma.

Ms. Schlecht provided an overview of the history and background of the Thurston County HOME Consortium. Mr. Sloma presented on the work of Thurston Thrives and its strategy framework/process. He noted changes would be coming for the HOME Consortium. Committee members expressed concern about the Consortium making regional level decisions that impact local communities.

**The discussion was completed.**

- 4.C**     [15-0862](#)     Report on Plans for the Inaugural Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

Ms. Purce Braseth presented on the September 14 meeting with organizers of the first Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration. The meeting included Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones and organizers Brian Frisina and Lucas Anderson. The celebration grew from the recent proclamation of October 12, 2015 as Indigenous Peoples Day in Olympia. The celebration is set for October 12, 2015, from 4-6 p.m. in Sylvester Park. The organizers have asked the City to send a welcome letter to the five local tribes encouraging attendance at the ceremony. The General Government Committee members indicated the letter could be signed by the entire City Council.

**The report was received.**

## **5.     ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Roe adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.