



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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 Karen Rogers

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve the agenda. 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 Rogers

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [13-0922](#) Parks Stewardship Program

Parks Ranger Sylvana Niehuser reviewed the Ranger program including ranger patrols, outdoor education, and volunteer programs. She said the Junior Ranger program is open to students and detailed information on how students can earn their stewardship badge. She also shared how people can become involved in the volunteer program. Mayor Buxbaum noted the U.S. Capital Christmas tree was here last week enroute to Washington D.C. He said the City received some stickers and toys and he presented these to Ms. Niehuser.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Timberland Regional Library Manager Donna Feddern said daily traffic counts have gone up and she shared upcoming events.

Timberland Regional Library Librarian Sara Pete' shared upcoming programs for adults at the library.

Mr. Jim Reeves spoke of the fall of the United States because of great debt.

Mr. Jeff Jaksich, 812 San Francisco Ave NE, spoke on problems with the Comprehensive Plan and the work of the Olympia Planning Commission.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmember Langer and Mayor Buxbaum acknowledged the library as a valuable resource. Councilmember Roe asked for more information regarding a breakdown of who goes to the library and what services are being provided.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [13-0945](#) Approval of November 4, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [13-0900](#) Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2012

The decision was adopted.

SECOND READINGS - None

FIRST READINGS

- 4.C** [13-0894](#) Approval of Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$1,076,000 for the 22nd Avenue Sidewalk Project

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

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 Rogers

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A** [13-0936](#) Public Hearing on the 2014 City of Olympia Operating Budget and 2014-2019 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)

Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo provided a brief overview of the 2014 operating budget including utilities and the Capital Facilities Plan. She summarized with the following points:

- The economy is rebounding.

- We have enhanced public safety.
- There are no layoffs or cuts in services.
- We have raised property taxes, impact fees, GFCs, and utility rates.
- There is still a major unfunded liability in maintenance.
- Future operating budgets are in jeopardy.

Mayor Buxbaum opened the public hearing.

Visitor and Convention Bureau Executive Director George Sharp, 3022 Langridge Loop NW, thanked the Council for its support of tourism.

Mr. Jeffrey Jaksich, 812 San Francisco Ave NE, said the City's operating budget is not sustainable, particularly in the area of maintenance. Also, he said there are problems with the capital budget.

Mr. Bob Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Ave SE, presented eight points: He thanked the Council for its progress on the isthmus park, asked the Council to stop deferring maintenance on facilities, noted utility rates keep going up, impact fees should be set at the maximum amount allowable, salaries should be in line with the community, collective bargaining laws should be changed, we need a budget advisory committee, and comparable data is not included in budget.

Mayor Buxbaum closed the public hearing. Written comment will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. November 19.

5.B [13-0941](#) Approval of Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance

Finance Manager Dean Walz stated the levy calculation with 1 percent increase is nearly \$13 million. He said the refund levy amounts to \$46,730, and the ordinance will include \$25,000 as a contingency. He also reviewed the assessed valuation and how the levy calculations are determined.

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Bob Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Ave SE, said 1 percent per year is not going to keep up with inflation and therefore operations can't keep up.

Mr. Jeff Jaksich, 812 San Francisco Ave NE, reiterated Mr. Jacobs' point and said other revenue options should be looked at.

Mayor Buxbaum closed the public hearing for oral and witten comment. The ordinance will come to the City Council for first reading on November 19, 2013.

6. OTHER BUSINESS - None

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

Councilmember Roe reported on highlights of the Joint Animal Services Committee meeting and the AWC Regional meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones said the fourth forum of the Comprehensive Plan was well attended. He also noted the groundbreaking event for the Family Support Center was well attended this morning.

Councilmember Hankins said she attended the TCCOM911 meeting and the tree planting event yesterday on Legion Way.

Councilmember Cooper said he also attended the Family Support Center's groundbreaking event and the Thurston County Veterans Council event in the State Rotunda. He reported Keith Stahley will attend the ORCAA meeting tomorrow morning.

Mayor Buxbaum reported he attended the AWC regional meeting.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall said that, although there are 12 vacancies in the Police Department, the police made several arrests over the weekend in the downtown area.

Mr. Hall also noted the City and Thurston County applied for a federal grant to help deal with mentally ill offenders, but unfortunately did not get the grant.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.