



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

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 Cheryl Selby

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum asked to add an item to Consent Calendar regarding a letter of support for Intercity Transit. Council agreed.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The Council heard comments from Terrence Zander, Ron Nesbitt, Heather Moore, Rob Richards, Jim Reeves, Jefferson Doyle, and Dean Schwickerath.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

City Manager Steve Hall addressed the issue brought up by Mr. Schwickerath and said there are limitations on parking on the street.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 4F was added to approve Intercity Transit's request for a letter of support to accompany their application for a Federal Transit Administration "Ladders of Opportunity" grant.

4.A [14-0729](#) Approval of July 15, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [14-0633](#) Approval of Bid Award for West Bay Sidewalk Project

The decision was adopted.

- 4.C [14-0718](#) Approval of Puget Sound Marine and Nearshore Grant Application

The decision was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS - None

4. FIRST READINGS

- 4.D [14-0647](#) Approval of Ordinance Granting a Master Use Permit for Astound Broadband, LLC

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

- 4.E [14-0648](#) Approval of Ordinance Granting a Master Use Permit for Noel Communications, Inc

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

- 4.F [14-0744](#) Added-Approval of Intercity Transit's Request for a Letter of Support to Accompany Federal Transit Administration "Ladders of Opportunity" Grant Application

The decision was adopted.

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A [14-0499](#) PUBLIC HEARING - Draft Olympia Comprehensive Plan

The public hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Ross Irwin, 3524 Pinebrook Dr SE, spoke on street connectivity.

Olympia Yacht Club Attorney Kelly Wood, 1713 Camden Park Dr, spoke on the consistency with the Shoreline Master Program and views protection. He said it is a vision document and should not use restrictive language.

NW Ecobuilding Guild representative Chris Van Daalen, 3203 Lorne St SE, spoke in

support of the recommendations.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Schaffert, 7409 Byron St NE, spoke on high density corridors, design review, and urban corridors.

Ms. Bethany Weidner, 1415 6th Ave SW, asked to remove Decatur St and 16th Street connections from the draft Plan.

Mr. John St. John, 2110 Rimrock Ct SW, thanked the Council for considering written comments.

Ms. Lisa Riner, 2103 Harrison, spoke on urban corridors and said the Plan needs pictures or depictions. She also said zoning should be put back in the Plan, and addressed the issues of maintaining open space, wildlife, sea level rise, and liquification. She suggested the Economic Development section be removed.

Ms. Jane T. Jordan spoke on zoning.

Olympia Yacht Club representative Bob Wolf, 6810 Fairway Ln SE, spoke of view protections.

Olympia Master Builders representative Stuart Drebeck, 1520 Delphi Rd SW, agreed with the City Manager's recommendations.

Mr. Adam Frank, 1211 State Ave NE, said the Plan has too much restrictive language but agrees with the City Manager's recommendations.

Thurston League of Women Voters President Ilene LeVee, said she may make comments in the future.

Mr. John Bay, 1002 Olympia Ave NE, spoke of zoning on State Avenue.

Mr. Jay Elder, 1020 Olympia Ave NE, spoke on urban corridors, public views, and zoning changes.

Ms. Teresa Goen-Burgman, spoke about the need for more improvements downtown.

Mr. Walt Jorgensen, 823 North St SE, spoke on urban corridors, supported putting zoning back in the plan, and agreed that growth cannot pay for growth.

Ms. Chelsea Buchanan, 623 Milroy St SW, requested that the Decatur and 16th Street connections be deleted from the Transportation Plan.

Port of Olympia representative Mike Reed, said the Port will submit written comments.

Ms. Mary Wilkinson, 1903 Eskridge SE, spoke on urban corridors and said zoning should be put back in the Plan.

Mr. Richard Einhorn, 1718 9th Ave SW, spoke against the connection on Decatur and 16th Streets.

Mr. Thad Curtz, 113 17th Ave SE, spoke on keeping strong policies for solar access.

Mr. Jon Epstein, PO Box 2822, said the Plan reads like a vision and values declaration, not a plan with measurable outcomes.

Mr. Stephen Bylsma, 1507 Bowman Ave NW, spoke of the heron rookery near a proposed development and language needed to protect wildlife.

Mr. Joe Ford, 1903 Eskridge, spoke on the need of visual depictions and aligning policies.

Friends of the Waterfront representative Bonnie Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Ave, spoke of waterfront values, views, use of best available science, and the Capitol Campus design legacy.

Mr. Bob Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Ave, spoke on flexibility, putting the zoning map back in, and removing the Economic Development chapter.

Ms. Janice Larsen, 2221 Rimrock Ct SW, thanked the Council for listening to comments from her neighbors and not connecting Park Drive.

Aububon Society Black Hills Chapter representative Elizabeth Rodrick, 10109 Steamboat Island Rd NW, spoke of coordination within the Plan.

Ms. Debra Jaqua, 3104 59th Ct SE, said downtown Olympia is not in the Plan and suggested putting the zoning map back in.

Mr. Paul Ingman, 1825 NE Berry St, spoke on single family neighborhoods and said not to put growth on the backs of neighborhoods.

Ms. Jane Stavish thanked those who testified.

Mr. Mike Gusse, spoke on the urban corridors on State St NE, near the U-Haul facility.

Mr. Tim Walker, Bigelow Neighborhood, said he is concerned about a proposed development in this neighborhood that is not consistent with the neighborhood.

Ms. Valerie Krull, Dickinson Ave, spoke on keeping zoning in the Comprehensive Plan and protecting natural environments.

The public hearing was closed at 9:17 p.m.

The public hearing was held and closed. Comment will be received until

5:00 p.m. on August 5. This item will next come before Council on August 12.

6. OTHER BUSINESS- None

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events they attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported on a communications workshop he attended while at the AWC Annual Conference. He asked staff to make a connection with Issaquah.

Councilmember Cooper said he would like Olympia to reach out to the Friends of the USS Olympia to help with efforts to restore the aging ship. Council concurred.

Mayor Buxbaum said he would like to write a letter to Puget Sound Energy (PSE), urging them to disinvest in coal power. Council suggested he communicate with PSE first to understand their position.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall said the LOTT Board has requested a Council Study Session to brief the Council on a plan by the Septic Study Group for converting septic systems to sewer. Mr. Hall suggested August 12 at 5:30 p.m. Council agreed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.