



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Monday, April 25, 2022

7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council
Chambers/Online and Via Phone

Special Meeting

Register to attend virtually:

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Clark Gilman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Yến Huỳnh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Dontae Payne

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [22-0411](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Olympia Bicycle Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing May as Bicycle Month. Associate Planner Michelle Swanson and Intercity Transit Coordinator Duncan Green discussed the Thurston County Bicycle Commuter Challenge sponsored by Intercity Transit.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jasper Blake spoke.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [22-0422](#) Approval of April 19, 2022, City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [22-0409](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the First Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the LOTT Clean Water Alliance for a Recreational

Vehicle Pumping Program

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.C [22-0355](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Catholic Community Services for the Operation of Hope Village

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.D [22-0357](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Contract Amendment to the Low-Income Housing Institute Contract Related to the Operations of Hope Village

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.E [22-0400](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant Application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for Kaiser Woods Park Acquisition and Development

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.F [22-0404](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant Application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for Yelm Highway Community Park Phase I

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.G [22-0405](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Youth Athletic Facilities Grant Application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for Yelm Highway Community Park Phase I

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.H [22-0406](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Yelm Highway Community Park Phase I

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.I [22-0412](#) Approval of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider a Petition to Vacate a Portion of Rose Street

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.J [22-0413](#) Approval of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider a Vacation Petition for a Portion of East Bay Drive

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.K [22-0414](#) Approval of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider a Vacation Petition for an Alley Right-of-Way south of Union Avenue,

between Adams Street and Jefferson Street

The resolution was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances)

- 4.L** [22-0312](#) Approval of an Ordinance Adopting Clarifying Amendments to Titles 14, 15, 16, and 18 of Olympia Municipal Code

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.M** [22-0373](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7305 (First Quarter 2022 Budget Amendment)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.N** [22-0375](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 13.08 - Sewers

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Parshley moved, seconded by Councilmember Madrone, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Payne

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - NONE

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A** [22-0351](#) Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Declaring a Continuing State of a Public Health Emergency Related to Homelessness and COVID-19 - First and Final Reading

Community Planning and Development Director Leonard Bauer gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Mayor Selby opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Selby moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, to adopt on first and final reading an ordinance declaring a continuing state of public health emergency relating to human health and environmental conditions caused by increasing homelessness and COVID. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Payne

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [22-0352](#) Approval of a Resolution Approving a Change of Name for Priest Point Park to Squaxin Park in Recognition of the Squaxin Island Tribe's Historical Habitation Of Olympia's Environs

Director of Parks Planning and Maintenance Sylvana Niehuser provided information regarding the proposed renaming of Priest Point Park. She shared the history of the land that makes up the park, noting the Squaxin Island Tribe has occupied the land in and around what is known now as Olympia for thousands of years. Ms. Niehuser described the process that led to the renaming proposal including the resolution passed by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recommending the park be renamed "Squaxin Park". She also shared that a hearing was held by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC), noting both public comments at the hearing and written comments overwhelmingly support renaming Priest Point Park. The PRAC voted unanimously to recommend renaming Priest Point Park to Squaxin Park to the City Council.

Ms. Niehuser introduced Squaxin Island Tribal Council Chair Kris Peters and Vice Chair Charlene Krise who spoke of the significance of the park and the relationship with the City.

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve the resolution to officially rename Priest Point Park at 2600 East Bay Drive NE to Squaxin Park. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Payne

- 6.B** [22-0346](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Thurston Chamber of Commerce for the Olympia Workforce Training Center

Economic Development Director Mike Reid discussed the proposed partnership with the Thurston Chamber for a Workforce Training Center in Olympia. He discussed how the proposal fits into the City's 24-Month Economic Recovery and Reset Plan, noting the Workforce Training Center would advance expanding career pathway opportunities and be proactive in advancing on housing labor challenges.

Thurston County Chamber President and CEO David Shaffert and Vice President of Workforce & Strategic Initiatives Megan Fiess discussed how the work of the Chamber supports employment regionally and shared employment-related data and challenges. Mr. Reid noted the contract for the Olympia Workforce Training Center would be for 18

months, \$575,000 and would be funded by Economic Development Reserves.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Parshley moved, seconded by Mayor Selby, to approve a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce for the Olympia Workforce Training Center. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Selby, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huỳnh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Payne

Nay: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Gilman

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Gilman discussed a potential referral related to decriminalizing psychedelics for medical purposes.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Burney discussed recent challenges and thanked the Council and staff for their support, noting the City of Olympia is a great place to work.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.