



# City of Olympia

City Hall  
601 4th Avenue E  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Information: 360.753.8447

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Tuesday, March 4, 2014

5:30 PM

Room 207

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### Special Study Session

#### 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

#### 2. BUSINESS ITEM

##### 2.A 14-0179 Annual Update and Guidance on Sea Level Rise

Public Works Water Resources Engineer Eric Christensen and Interim Water Resources Director Andy Haub led a presentation and discussion on the potential implications of sea level rise on downtown Olympia. The presentation focused on current downtown flood risks, recent sea rise projections, processes influencing how we could flood in the future and near-and long-term response measures. The current risk of flooding during extreme tidal events as well as the likely exacerbation of the flood dynamic in future years were both stressed.

City Council supported the work efforts completed by staff over the past few years. They discussed the need to maintain the current work effort and prepare to provide more in the future. Potential costs of implementing long-term response measures such as a barrier and pumps were discussed. In the meantime, annual incremental improvements in our knowledge base regarding sea rise and our ability to respond are necessary.

Staff indicated they were working on bringing a similar sea rise level update to the community consistent with public involvement commitments of past years. Staff explained the annual updates for both City Council and the community are central to our sea rise work efforts. The PowerPoint presentation shared with Council has been posted on the City webpage.

**The discussion was completed.**

#### 3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.