



Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, July 7, 2015

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 noted the Council met in Study Session earlier to discuss pavement management.

Mayor Buxbaum recognized Cathie Butler for her 19 years of service to the City.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [15-0671](#) Special Recognition - Memorandum of Understanding with Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

Mayor Buxbaum remarked about the City's relationship with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA). CNA President Phil Schulte recognized Councilmember Hankins, Mayor Buxbaum, Leonard Bauer, and Steve Hall for their contributions to the partnership.

The recognition was received.

2.B [15-0672](#) Special Recognition - 2015 Fire Ops

IAFF Local 468 President Mike Simmons reviewed the training program and shared pictures taken during the recent Fire Ops 101 event.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

City Manager Steve Hall provided an update on the May 21 officer-involved shooting and read a July 2 press release which noted the investigation report is expected to be available in August.

The following citizens spoke: Harry Branch, Zena Hartung, Franz Kilmer Shoultz, David Howell, Arch Bishop Rivers, Brian Faller, Jim Reeves, Ronald Nesbitt, Allen Miller, Jerry Reilly, Debra Jaqua, Max Myrick, Vida Zvirzdys-Farler, Cristiana Figueroa, Deborah Vinsel, Jae Townsend, and Holly West.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmember Cooper referenced the list of demands presented tonight regarding the May 21 officer-involved shooting and asked that the list be included in the discussion with the advisory group the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are in the process of forming. Mayor Buxbaum indicated work would continue as outlined in the memo Council agreed to look at.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to waive attorney client privilege for the legal memorandum directed to the Olympia City Council dated June 9, 2015 from the City's Bond Counsel, Nancy Neraas of the law firm of Foster Pepper PLLC, with an opinion on the ordinance from the Coalition of Parks Advocates presented to the City Council several weeks earlier. 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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [15-0681](#) Approval of June 16, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [15-0652](#) Approval of June 20, 2015 Special Council Meeting Minutes for the Mid-Year Retreat

The minutes were adopted.

4.C [15-0680](#) Bills and Payroll Certification

Claim check numbers 3660892 through 3662176: Total \$6,355,054.46; and payroll check numbers 87836 through 87964 and direct deposit transmissions: Total \$5,844,506.02.

The decision was adopted.

4.D [15-0653](#) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

The contract was adopted.

4.E [15-0548](#) Approval of the Draft Program Year 2015 Community Development

Block Grant Action Plan

The decision was adopted.

- 4.F** [15-0573](#) Approval of Bid Award for 2015 Pavement Preservation (Chip Seal) Project

The decision was adopted.

- 4.G** [15-0609](#) Approval of Downtown Alley Lighting and Access License Agreements

The contract was adopted.

- 4.H** [15-0662](#) Approval of Response to Sub-Area A Project Initiation Letter

The decision was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.I** [15-0285](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending OMC Chapters 12, 14, 16, 17 and 18 Related to Project Review and Decisions by the Site Plan Review Committee

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.J** [15-0383](#) Approval of an Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of an Alley Right-of-Way Adjacent to 600 Franklin Street SE

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.K** [15-0454](#) Approval of Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Alley Right-of-Way Adjacent to 1919 Harrison Avenue NW

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.L** [15-0591](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code 18.58.060 and 18.72.170 Related to the Timing of Review of Zoning Map Amendment (Rezone) Applications

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4. FIRST READINGS

- 4.M** [15-0650](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code 18.04.060.N Regarding Multi-Family Housing

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 Selby

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [15-0657](#) Approval of the Community Renewal Area Request for Proposal Document

CP&D Director Keith Stahley introduced the City's new Economic Development Director Renée Sunde.

Mr. Stahley reviewed the Water Street redevelopment area, including context, relationships, and project area. He reviewed highlights of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the revised timeline with selection of respondent(s) to enter into negotiations in late November.

Staff and Council agreed to be mindful of what goes on the isthmus.

Council directed staff to proceed with the RFP process as presented.

6.B [15-0685](#) Discussion about Work Plan Priorities for Thurston Regional Planning Council

Mayor Pro Tem Jones noted TRPC is having a retreat this weekend and would like each agency to bring forward three high priority concerns. He distributed his list of three work plan priorities, including:

1. Continue commitment to growth management and contain sprawl, control the costs of service delivery, and protect the priceless resources of farm, timber, and wild lands.
2. Support growth management by creating financial feasibility for outlying areas through the development of basic agricultural infrastructure such as processing and distribution systems.
3. Regional water resource management.

Councilmembers agreed to these three priorities.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [15-0678](#) Proposed Ballot Measure to Create Olympia Metropolitan Park District

Councilmember Cooper reviewed the positive attributes of an MPD and the goals of the MPD which includes more money for parks acquisition, repair, and major maintenance. He also reviewed the ongoing public process which has taken place to date, and how the MPD will benefit parks. He noted community support has been

phenomenal. He noted if the ordinance is passed, this will go on the November 3 ballot, with funds not being available until 2017.

Questions and concerns:

- What is the relationship between the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and the OMPD Advisory Committee?
- Concerned about this new advisory committee.
- PRAC recommended an MPD. Many cities have set up an advisory committee.
- This is the right time to move forward with an MPD.
- What is essential government and does this meet an essential need?
- Can our neighbors easily understand to vote for or against - do they have enough information to make an informed decision? No, there are too many questions.
- Does this provide the community with flexibility it needs to meet all its essential needs?
- Should get this in front of the voters.
- The MPD Advisory Committee has not been worked out as to how it relates to the Park Plan and PRAC.
- Hands were tied by prior councils. Don't want to put future Councils in that position.
- The Parks Plan allows choices to be made - this should come first.
- Put on ballot next February or April.
- What will be purchased if we have an MPD and what are the consequences if we don't have an MPD?
- Concern about creating a super reliance on property tax.
- How will we address the other issues that are presenting themselves in what is a severely constrained resource environment, such as body cameras for police?
- What are the revenue options?
- We need more time to build consensus.

Councilmember Cooper said he would bring these questions to the Coalition of Parks Advocates (COPA).

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Selby, to approve the Metropolitan Park District ordinances as presented on first reading, place the creation of the Metropolitan Park District on the ballot for November 3, 2015, and forward the ordinances to second reading on the July 21, 2015 Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

Nay: 3 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Langer

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Cooper asked to refer the Moxlie Creek conversation brought up under Public Communications to the Land Use and Environment Committee. Council agreed.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall reported that TEDX would like to come to The Washington Center in September and is asking the City to reimburse them up to \$6,000 for expenses since the current year Lodging Tax deadline was last fall.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to fund this request from 2015 Council Goal money. 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

Mr. Hall read the proclamation recognizing Cathie Butler. Ms. Butler accepted it and commented on her work over the past 19 years.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

[15-0686](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) - Real Estate Matter

Mayor Buxbaum recessed the meeting at 10:43 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. He stated no decisions will be made, the Executive Session will last no longer than 60 minutes, and the Council will adjourn directly from the Executive Session. Staff in attendance included the City Manager, City Attorney, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director, Public Works Director, and the CP&D Director.

The executive session was held and no decisions were made.

The Executive Session adjourned at 11:58 p.m.