



City of Olympia

City Hall
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Olympia, WA 98501

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Tuesday, January 15, 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

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council met earlier in a Study Session with members from Joint Base Lewis McChord. He also noted item 4.E was added to the Consent Calendar to approve committee appointments that were made at the recent City Council retreat.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the agenda as amended. 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 13-0033 Presentation of Gift from Kato City, Olympia's Japanese Sister City

Ms. Addison Appleby stated she visited Kato City in Japan with members of the Olympia/Kato City Sister City Association and shared some photos taken during her visit. She presented Mayor Buxbaum with a picture from the City of Kato.

Mr. Allen Miller, President of Olympia/Kato City Sister City Association, thanked Addison and others who attended this year's trip to Japan. He invited everyone to attend the free Japanese New Year's event on January 26 at The Olympia Center and said a ceremonial tree planting will occur at noon.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. Jim Reeves spoke of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens.

Mr. Jefferson Doyle, Ms. Cassie Burk, and Mr. Dan Griffith all spoke of the need for a low barrier shelter.

Ms. Colleen Clark spoke in support of banning plastic bags in Olympia.

Mr. Thad Curtz, 113 17th Ave SE, asked the City to consider providing chargers for electric cars within neighborhoods.

Rosie's Place Program Director Dae Shogren spoke on behalf of youth who have been adversely affected by the City's ban of sleeping in front of City Hall. She urged the Council to support a low barrier shelter for 18-21 year olds.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmember Rogers suggested the issue of options to install electric car chargers in neighborhoods be referred to the Land Use and Environment Committee. Council agreed to the referral.

Councilmember Cooper thanked Mr. Curtz for his recommendation and noted the climate change event on Monday, February 4, at 7 pm.

Mayor Buxbaum noted he attended a meeting today regarding changes in the Salvation Army operations.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A 13-0058** Approval of January 8, 2013 Study Session Minutes
The minutes were adopted.
- 4.B 13-0057** Approval of January 8, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes
The minutes were adopted.
- 4.C 13-0018** Resolution setting a Public Hearing Date for consideration of a vacation request for a portion of an Unopened Alley Right-of-Way 516 Eastside St SE.
The resolution was adopted.
- 4.D 12-0866** Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date for Consideration of a Vacation Request for a Portion of an Unopened Right-of-Way 2015 East Bay Dr NE
The resolution was adopted.
- 4.E 13-0065** 2013 Council Committee, Interlocal, and Liaison Assignments
The decision was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer 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 Rogers

SECOND READINGS - None

FIRST READINGS - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.A 12-0729 Public Hearing - Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS) Adoption

City Engineer Fran Eide provided an overview of the issue and reviewed the proposed changes to the EDDS. She noted if everything stays on schedule, the new standards will be in effect approximately February 18.

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Karen Messmer spoke on behalf of Olympia Safe Streets Campaign and urged the adoption of the EDDS with some minor changes. One proposed change includes adding provisions for bicycle and pedestrian connections to be made when a street connection is delayed. She also asked that for the next update, a process needs to be provided for citizens to review it on the internet. She asked the that Land Use and Environment Committee look at this before the next update. She also asked that a sign be installed which would say "this is a public pathway."

Mr. Gus Guethlein, 3222 Wiggins Rd. SE, suggested the City shift its focus of moving stormwater away from developments to a more holistic approach of following natural environmental elements.

Ms. Jane Stavish, Chambers Basin resident, spoke on the impacts stormwater has had on Chambers Basin. She asked that Chambers Basin have its own chapter.

The public hearing was closed.

Mayor Buxbaum addressed the changes brought up by Ms. Messmer. Ms. Eide said she could support those changes. Council agreed to the proposed changes to Chapter 3, clarification for the Standard Plan 4-2G3A for West Bay Drive, and install signs designating "this is a public pathway." Ms. Eide said the timeline would need to be pushed out 1-2 weeks to include this language. She also noted there are currently signs on other pathways, so staff would use those standards.

Council agreed to incorporate the changes and keep the written record open for one week, ending Tuesday, January 22, at 5 pm.

Councilmember Rogers asked how the Green Cove standards apply to Chambers Basin.

Councilmember Langer suggested referring this issue to the Land Use and Environment Committee to look at what additional changes should be in the Chambers Basin and Green Cove standards. Councilmember Cooper said changes in the EDDS is too narrow. Councilmember Langer agreed and said we do need to

look at it broadly but apply it to the EDDS. Council agreed to the referral.

Council asked that this item come back on a future agenda under Other Business.

The public hearing was held and referred to the City Council due back on February 26, 2013 for action.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A 13-0036 Plastic Bag Briefing and Recommendation to County Commissioners

Waste Reduction Specialist Ron Jones reviewed the recommendations and shared problems in using single-use plastic bags. He reviewed the list of agencies and organizations that support a plastic bag ban and discussed options for reducing bags.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones noted the Thurston County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) makes its recommendations to the Thurston County Commissioners. He noted the SWAC has been looking at this for quite some time and a report was finalized last November. The report found a need to change business as usual and recommended implementing a ban on single-use plastic bags.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners in support of a regionally coordinated ban on single-use plastic shopping bags that includes a small fee on paper bags and provides adequate lead time for implementation. 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

6.B 13-0016 Approval of Resolution Petitioning the Washington State Liquor Control Board to Create a Permanent Alcohol Impact Area

Downtown Code Enforcement Officer Brian Wilson reviewed action requested.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the proposed resolution and direct the City Manager to forward the petition to the Washington State Liquor Control Board. 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

6.C 12-0778 Procedures for the Evaluation of City Real Property for Reuse and Disposal

Assistant City Manager Jay Burney provided a brief review of this issue, property classifications, and an overview of the procedures used to evaluate City-owned properties.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the procedures for the evaluation of City real property for reuse and disposal. 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

6.D 13-0059 Options to Fund New or Enhanced Homeless Services

Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht reviewed options developed for new or enhanced homeless services as well as a proposed process. Services being considered include expanding shelters and installing public restrooms such as a port-a-potty with a plan for maintenance.

Mayor Buxbaum said he is interested in looking at options that can be implemented quickly and have the highest impact using \$35,000 of last year's Council goal money.

Council discussed what the greatest needs are.

Councilmember Cooper said we need to have a joint meeting with the County Commissioners to talk about homelessness.

City Manager Steve Hall summarized the discussion saying the Council does not want a Request for Proposal process, but wants to create immediate impact by funding low barrier shelters in our community, working with experienced shelter providers, stretching resources as far as possible, and looking for opportunities to consider both Salvation Army and Community Youth Services.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Roe reported she attended the Parking and Business Improvement Area meeting. She noted that on last week's agenda item on the Hearing Examiner selection process, the City Attorney was mistakenly left off the list for the interview panel.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to include the Olympia City Attorney on the interview panel for the Hearing Examiner selection process. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Hankins reported she attended the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting, and the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations Steering Committee meeting.

Councilmember Cooper noted that in honor of inauguration day tomorrow, there is free parking in Olympia. He reported he attended the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency meeting and is now on its Finance Committee.

Councilmember Langer reported the Land Use and Environment Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 30. He reported he attended the LOTT Board meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Finance Committee met last week. He attended the

HOME Consortium meeting and the Sustainable Thurston Task Force meeting.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall stated he had no reports.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm.