



Meeting Minutes

Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Thursday, June 15, 2017

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hankins called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Chair Julie Hankins and Committee member Clark Gilman

Excused: 1 - Committee member Nathaniel Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

City staff:

Community Planning and Development:

Deputy Director Leonard Bauer

Historic Preservation Officer Michelle Sadlier

Office Specialist/Minutes Recorder Stacey Rodell

Public Works:

Director Rich Hoey

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee unanimously approved an amendment to move Item 5.A after Item 5.B. on the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.A [17-0642](#) Approval of May 18, 2017 Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.A [17-0630](#) Update on Historic Resources Inventory

Ms. Sadlier presented an update on the Downtown Olympia Historical Survey via a PowerPoint presentation. She reviewed the following:

- Scope and reach of the project
- Map of the historic district
- Example of a current historic inventory report

- Reactive approach = missed opportunities
- Goals of the project
- Preliminary findings
- Shared character areas/conservation district
- Character-defining features
- Potential historic district expansion
- Potential individual register listing
- Financial incentives
- Proactive preservation planning

The information was received.

5.B [17-0533](#) Climate Action Plan Briefing

Mr. Hoey presented a briefing on the City's Climate Action Plan via a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the following:

- Major risks for Olympia: substantial warming, sea level rise, more intense storms, prolonged droughts, changes in ocean conditions and food insecurity
- City actions to date
- Benefits to climate protection
- Global covenant of Mayors for climate and energy
- Comprehensive goals and policies
- Targets for reducing community emissions
- Target comparison
- Olympia's greenhouse gas inventory
- Energy map
- Carbon wedge analysis
- Changing the name from Climate Action Plan to Climate Action Strategy
- Ashland Oregon's plan
- Public involvement - community engagement and support is crucial
- Potential stakeholder workgroup
- Policy and process questions
 - Pursue interest in regional climate strategy with Lacey and Tumwater (pros and cons)
 - Consider New Emissions Reduction Target?
 - Include Consumption-Based Emissions in Climate Strategy?
 - Create Stakeholder Working Group?
 - LUEC serve as Council Steering Committee?
- Cost and schedule
- Next Steps
 - Referral to Finance Committee
 - Council 2018 Budget Deliberation
 - Continue discussions with Lacey and Tumwater

Councilmember Gilman asked members from the public to speak before the

Committee's discussion.

The following citizens from the public spoke in favor of the City moving forward with a Climate Action Plan:

- Tom Crawford from Thurston Climate Action Team and People for a Carbon Free Olympia
- Charlie Stevens from Southwest Owners Neighborhood Association (SWONA)
- Rob Rose from the Longshoreman's Union
- Ariel Simmons from Evergreen State College
- Eder Nunez from Evergreen State College
- Sheridan Turner from Evergreen State College
- Thad Curtz former Chair of the City's Utility Advisory Committee
- Elliot Weinstein from the South Sound Sierra Club
- Peggy Bruton from the local League of Woman Voters
- Greg Saul from the South Sound Sierra Club
- Sally Vogel from the Citizen's Climate Lobby

Committee Discussion:

- Review linear projections for emissions reduction - progress won't be linear
- Include consumption based emissions in Climate Strategy
- In favor of a stakeholder working group
- Explore regional planning but don't let other Cities hold up progress - Olympia should lead by example
- In favor of LUEC serving as steering committee for planning process

The Committee unanimously supported a referral to the Finance Committee to evaluate funding of a climate action plan in the 2018 budget. The City would maintain progress towards its goal to develop a climate action plan by the end of 2018.

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Mr. Bauer reported on the following:

- Critical Areas Ordinance Phase 2
- Capitol Campus zoning map amendment
- Soft launch for the public portal for SmartGov
- Next Land Use and Environment Committee meeting July 20, 2017
 - Drive-through codes
 - Missing Middle update

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.