



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
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Tuesday, October 8, 2024 **6:00 PM** **Council Chambers, Online and Via
Phone**

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PNtQY8wBSLO839Q9N9YMzA

1. ROLL CALL

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

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Payne provided an update on the work taking place related to a proposal to increase minimum wage and to adopt a workers bill of rights. He noted the Finance Committee is currently exploring a scope and process for consideration of raising minimum wage, ensuring fair scheduling, and improving workplace safety in the City of Olympia. He announced the full City Council will discuss a draft community engagement plan, including a process and timeline, during a Study Session on October 22.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

1.C CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL OPPOSITION TO WASHINGTON STATE BALLOT INITIATIVE NO. 2066 CONCERNING REGULATING ENERGY SERVICES, INCLUDING NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIFICATION.

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[24-0819](#)

Approval of a Resolution Expressing City Council Opposition to Washington State Ballot Initiative No. 2066 Concerning Regulating Energy Services, Including Natural Gas and Electrification

Director of Climate Programs Dr. Pamela Braff gave an overview I-2066 and discussed impacts to the City's climate work.

Mayor Payne opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The following people spoke: Corey Gani, Alan Hardcastle, Donna Patrick, Plum Thomas, Dakota King, Jarrod Deal, Brad Thompson, Desiree Toliver, Maryann Hanks, and Justin.

The public hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Parshley, to adopt the resolution expressing City Council opposition to I-2066. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1.D CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL OPPOSITION TO WASHINGTON STATE BALLOT INITIATIVE NO. 2117 CONCERNING CARBON CREDIT TAX TRADING.

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[24-0820](#) Approval of a Resolution Expressing City Council Opposition to Washington State Ballot Initiative No. 2117 Concerning Carbon Credit Tax Trading

Dr. Braff gave an overview of I-2117 and discussed impacts to the City's climate work.

Mayor Payne opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

The following people spoke: Corey Gani, Alan Hardcastle, Plum Thomas, Arturos Hubble, Desiree Toliver, Jim Lazar and Krag Unsoeld.

The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Huynh moved, seconded by Councilmember Madrone, to adopt the resolution expressing City Council opposition to I-2117. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [24-0784](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing Indigenous People's Day.

Squaxin Island Tribal Councilmember Jeremy Wells, Treasurer Josh Whitner and Cultural Leader Jeremy George discussed the relationship with the City and encouraged community members to attend the Indigenous People's Day event on Monday October 14 at Squaxin Park.

The recognition was received.

2.B [24-0799](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Hindu Heritage Month

Councilmembers read a proclamation recognizing Hindu Heritage Month.

Hindu Swayamsevak members Sangh Jugal Thakor, Kripa Chandaran and Krishna Kumar spoke about the Hindu religion and the opening of a recent worship center in Olympia.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Julie Hustoff, Charlotte Cranford, Gina Richardson, Alicia Smith, Alice Rosewater, Danielle Lott, Jenny Valentine, Nicole Anders, Patrick Matt, Andy Theilin, Shana Charvenaux, Brandon Wheedon, Alex Ramsey, Mary Ellen McCain, Justina Goldbeck, and Erica Anderson.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [24-0786](#) Approval of September 17, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [24-0835](#) Approval of October 1, 2024 Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.C [24-0814](#) Approval of an Appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to Fill a Vacancy

The decision was adopted.

4.E [24-0793](#) Approval of a Resolution Endorsing the Nomination of the Olympia Armory to be included in the National Register of Historic Places

The resolution was adopted.

4.F [24-0825](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, the Squaxin Island Tribe, Thurston County, the City of Olympia, the City of Tumwater, the Port

of Olympia, and the LOTT Clean Water Alliance for the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project

The resolution was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances)

- 4.G** [24-0736](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 12.74 Prohibiting Camping and Constructing Camp Facilities on City Property, City Parklets, and to Include City Right-of-Way

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances)

- 4.H** [24-0822](#) Approval of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7403 (Third Quarter Budget Amendment)

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to 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 Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Huỳnh, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Vanderpool

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A** [24-0808](#) Public Hearing for a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Pursue Funding for Affordable Homeownership

Housing Program Manager Jacinda Steltjes shared an overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant that would provide funding for affordable homeownership for low-income households.

Mayor Payne opened the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

The following people spoke: Brain Shenefelt and Mary.

The public hearing was closed at 8:42 p.m.

The public hearing was held and closed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [24-0639](#) Preliminary Capital Facilities Plan, 2025-2030 Financial Plan Briefing

Principal Planner Joyce Phillips presented the Preliminary 2025 -2030 Capital Facilities Plan Financial Plan.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

6.B [24-0833](#) 2025 Budget Update

City Manager Jay Burney presented an update to City's budget balancing position with an emphasis on non-General Fund enhancements (Public Works, Fire) and an upcoming City Council Study Session.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: April Miller, Michael Whalen, Ryan Schmeltz, Tucker Cheribeski, Brian Shonefeld, Steve Beeker, Paul Thomas, Tony Brooks, Isaac Wagnitz, Jesse Bradford, Rachelle Martin, Plum Thomas, Mary, Jeff Wright and Carmen Kendrick.

8. COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Burney reported he will be the Lotus Court opening event tomorrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.