



# Meeting Minutes

## City Council

City Hall  
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**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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**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 - None**

**1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**2.A [15-0396](#) Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Arts Walk Event**

Councilmember Hankins read the proclamation, and Arts Commission Vice Chair Stacy Hicks accepted it.

**The recognition was received.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Katie Rains, Mason LeBlanc, Jim Reeves, and Mary Hath Spokane spoke.

Although four people signed up to speak on the Madela rezone, City Attorney Mark Barber advised that because this will come forward to Council as a quasijudicial matter, the Council should not hear testimony on this issue.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.A [15-0405](#) Approval of April 14, 2015 Special Study Session Minutes**

**The minutes were adopted.**

**4.B [15-0406](#) Approval of April 14, 2015 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**

**The minutes were adopted.**

**4.C [15-0333](#) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Thurston County Fire**

## Protection District #9 (McLane) for Vehicle Repair

**The contract was adopted.**

- 4.D**     [15-0336](#)     Approval to Renew an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for Communications System Maintenance

**The contract was adopted.**

- 4.E**     [15-0337](#)     Approval of Groundwater Monitoring Well Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation

**The contract was adopted.**

- 4.F**     [15-0361](#)     Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Tumwater for Vehicle Repair

**The contract was adopted.**

- 4.G**     [15-0409](#)     Approval of Appointments to the Olympia Heritage Commission and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

**The decision was adopted.**

#### **4. SECOND READINGS**

- 4.H**     [15-0352](#)     Approval of Appropriations Ordinance in the Amount of \$65,476 for Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) Administrator

**The ordinance was adopted on second reading.**

#### **4. FIRST READINGS - None**

#### **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 Selby

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARING - None**

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6.A**     [15-0377](#)     Proposed 2015 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

CP&D Principle Planner Todd Stamm reviewed the process and stated this year's

process is beginning later than usual. He said these annual updates are at the City's discretion and are not mandated. He reviewed the first three proposals, including:

1. Waste Resources Update - program and facilities
2. Transportation Map Revisions
3. Cooper Trails - map and zoning amendments near Cooper Point to be rezoned  
Professional Office - Multi-Family

**Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve consideration of proposals 1, 2, and 3. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Stamm reviewed proposal No. 4 - Bigelow Neighborhood transitional zoning issues with a referral to the Land Use and Environment Committee to further scope.

Mr. Jay Elder, proponent and member of the Bigelow Neighborhood, referred to a map of neighborhood properties. He asked that the Planning Department review and consider limiting the height of buildings north of State Avenue between East Bay Drive and Tullis Street.

**Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to add this proposal to the Planning Commission and CP&D's 2015 work plans as one or more development code amendments with specific scope to be determined by City staff in consultation with the Land Use and Environment Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Stamm reviewed Proposal No. 5 - M-Five (Kaiser and Harrison) - A request to rezone about 25 acres to urban high density corridor. He said staff supports expanding this to allow for a study of the surrounding opportunity area.

Mr. Ron Thomas, Thomas Architecture studio, and representing the owner of the 25-acre site, said his client seeks broad based community support for a possible community center in this location.

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve consideration of this proposal as the initial and only year 2016 privately-initiated Comprehensive Plan amendment, such amendment to include consideration of the surrounding Kaiser/Harrison "opportunity area" as described in "Investment Strategy City of Olympia Opportunity Area," with review by City staff and the Planning Commission to be conducted in a manner that will provide for a final Council decision in mid-2016. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Wellington Heights "automall" expansion.

Mr. Stamm reviewed this proposal and said the applicant, Mr. Willie, withdrew his initial proposal.

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Selby, to direct staff to continue to work with interested parties to explore the Wellington**

**Heights automall expansion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None**

**8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

**8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

Councilmembers reported on events and meetings attended.

Councilmember Cooper suggested a referral to the General Government Committee to consider amending ordinances regarding the use of sidewalks and City property. Councilmember Cooper agreed to share information with Councilmembers and staff prior to the referral.

Councilmember Roe announced that because last week's General Government Committee was cancelled due to two members being sick, the Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 28.

**8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS**

City Manager Steve Hall recognized staff who worked on the recent fire at the old Capital Studios building on 4th Avenue.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.