



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Tuesday, September 9, 2014

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 - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A 14-0865 Proclamation for Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day

Councilmember Langer read the proclamation and Catholic Community Services representative Ann Varness accepted it.

The recognition was received.

2.B 14-0871 Recognition Regarding Significant Impacts for I-5 and US 101 in Olympia for the Weekends of September 12 and 19, 2014

Washington State Department of Transportation representative Claudia Bingham Baker reported on the upcoming I-5 expansion joint repair that will be occurring over the next two weekends. She advocated for motorists to avoid using I-5 during this time as much as possible.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The Council heard comments from Craig Sheets, Jim Reeves, Meg Martin, Doug Howell, Ron Nesbitt, Jon Epstein, Rodney O'Neill, and Jeff Bert.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmembers commented about topics raised and thanked citizens for speaking.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A 14-0841** Approval of August 19, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B 14-0870** Bills and Payroll Certification

Payroll check numbers 87271 through 87350 and Direct Deposit transmissions:
Total: \$2,412,438.14; Claim check numbers 3450465 through 3451170: Total:
\$3,092,728.95.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.C 14-0822** Approval to Apply for Energy Efficiency Grant from Department of
Commerce

The decision was adopted.

- 4.D 14-0863** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Thurston County Fire
Protection District #8 (South Bay) for Vehicle Repair

The decision was adopted.

- 4.E 14-0864** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Thurston County Fire
Protection District #13 (Griffin) for Vehicle Repair

The decision was adopted.

- 4.F 14-0872** Rescinding Award of F-Float Replacement Project Due to Failure to
Execute Contract Documents Timely and Awarding the Project to the
Second Lowest Bidder, Quigg Bros

The contract was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS - None**4. FIRST READINGS**

- 4.G 14-0845** Amendment to Ordinance 6909 (Operating Budget)

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading.

- 4.H 14-0847** Amendment to Ordinance 6910 (Capital Budget)

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading.

- 4.I 14-0846** Amendment to Ordinance 6911 (Special Funds)

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, 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 14-0859 Artesian Commons Status Report

Parks, Arts & Recreation Director Paul Simmons gave a brief presentation about the Artesian Commons Park. He highlighted the recommendation is for Council approval to add a basketball hoop, fencing and gates, postpone the stage, ban smoking, and add a PBIA funded mural on the west wall.

Councilmember Langer asked that the fencing and gate design go to the Land Use and Environment Committee prior to installation. Staff agreed.

Interim City Attorney Darren Nienabler noted an action to ban smoking would require an ordinance that would come back to the Council in the future.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the five recommended changes and \$25,000 in funding for a basketball hoop and fencing at Artesian Commons Park. 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

6.B 14-0861 Amending Alcohol Impact Area Banned Product List

Downtown Liaison Brian Wilson provided a brief report on a recent alcohol container litter survey and proposed petitioning the Liquor Control Board to increase the banned beverage list.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Selby, to authorize the City Manager or designee to petition the Washington State Liquor Control board for an expanded banned product list. 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

6.C 14-0848 Status Report and Discussion of Next Steps for Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Planning & Development Deputy Director Leonard Bauer reviewed the proposed schedule for clarification and discussion of Comprehensive Plan elements as outlined in the staff report. The Council agreed to the schedule.

Council discussion:

Sea Level Rise

- Tell our story regarding sea level rise
- Additional emphasis that we're dealing with incomplete information
- Continue to be adaptive
- Regional issue
- State and federal government need to be partners
- Emphasize Olympia is well prepared to respond to various sea level rise issues
- Remove "nimble" from how the City will respond
- Reference in the text where additional information is available

Wildlife Habit and Critical Areas Ordinance

- Adding locally important species is a good way to plan for dealing with development issues

Staff clarified the solar panels discussion will be part of the October 7 Study Session.

The discussion was completed.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on committee meetings and events they attended.

Councilmember Cooper requested two referrals:

1. Refer to Mayor Agenda Setting to schedule a date to hear from the public and consider a resolution in support of Initiative 594 regarding expanding criminal background checks for private firearm sales.
2. Refer to General Government Committee to review whether a smoking ban on all city property is appropriate.

The Council agreed to both referrals.

Mayor Buxbaum reported drafting a letter to Puget Sound Energy in support of transitioning from coal to cleaner energy alternatives. He agreed to make edits as suggested by the Council and will bring it back as a Consent item September 23 for Council action. Councilmembers agreed to also sign the letter.

Mayor Buxbaum distributed a copy of a Proposed Opinion Editorial and noted other Washington cities have or are in the process of adopting it. He suggested adding it as a separate item on the September 23 Consent Calendar for Council consideration. The Council agreed.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall reported he sent staff research to the Council regarding neonicotinoids and suggested the following actions:

1. Send a letter to Thurston County Commissioners
2. Add neonicotinoids to the City's legislative agenda with the State Legislature
3. Look for opportunities for public education in City publications

The Council agreed to the proposed actions.

Mr. Hall discussed the *Greening Capital Cities* grant received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which will be used to find a better way to creatively design Capitol Way improvements. He invited the Council and community to a public forum on Monday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Olympia Center.

Mr. Hall reported on a recent bicycle sting conducted by the Police Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.