



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015

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 approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [15-0241](#) Presentation by the American Legion of Officer of the Year

Mr. David Gedrose, American Legion Post 3, presented the Officer of the Year award to Olympia Police Officer Jeff Herbig.

2.B [15-0244](#) Arbor Day Proclamation

Councilmember Langer read the proclamation. Associate Planner Jesse Barham shared details of upcoming events and Associate Planner Michelle Bentley accepted the proclamation.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following members spoke: Ms. Marygrace Jennings, Ms. Janae Huber, Mr. James Wellings, Mr. Phil Owen, Mr. Chris van Daalen, Mr. Lance Worth, Ms. Kris Tucker, Ms. Bonnie Jacobs, Ms. Donna Feddern, Ms. Marie Stone, Mr. Renee Turner, Ms. Pat Rasmussen, Ms. Renata Rollins, Mr. Timothy Minarchi, Mr. Kikumi Maki, Mr. Coyote Acabo, and Mr. Steve Lindstrom.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

In response to the comments regarding the Artesian Commons fence, City Manager Steve Hall said a Leadership Team has been created to review all aspects. He noted the Council has agreed to install a fence and there are other issues to be resolved in order to make this space work for everyone.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Buxbaum noted there is a correction to item 4B regarding the Conservation Easement with the Nisqually Tribe. An adjustment of \$5 was made in two places on page 1 of Attachment 4, Addendum and Assignment of Real Estate Purchase Agreement.

- 4.A [15-0252](#) Approval of March 3, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [15-0230](#) Approval of Agreement with Nisqually Tribe to Purchase Conservation Easement for Groundwater Protection

The agreement was adopted.

- 4.C [15-0243](#) Approval of the 2015 Finance Committee Work Plan

The Work Plan was adopted.

- 4.D [15-0260](#) Approval of Community and Economic Revitalization Committee Calendar and Work Plan

The Work Plan was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS - None

4. FIRST READINGS

- 4.E [15-0257](#) Creation of a Trust Fund to Pay LEOFF 1 (Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters) Medical Benefits

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to adopt the Consent Calendar 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 Selby

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [15-0242](#) Briefing on Scope for the Downtown Strategy

Senior Planner Amy Buckler provided a background and plans for the scoping of the downtown strategy.

Council directed staff to proceed with an open house at the end of April.

6.B [15-0251](#) Approval of 2014 Year-End Financials and First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance

Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo provided an overview of the year-end financials. She reviewed the Finance Committee's recommendations for year end funds. Councilmember Cooper reviewed discussions the Finance Committee had regarding its recommendations.

Comments included the following:

- Holly Landing is an important project for the City and the region. The City should coordinate with regional partners.
- Harbor Patrol - concerned if the program is shut down. The emergency response should be kept open.
- The Harbor Patrol is on standby for emergency callouts through May barring any major maintenance issues. Boater education is not funded.
- The State of Washington cut funding to us and the City has exhausted its funds for this.
- The Fire Department has a Zodiak (rubber raft) and works with the Port of Olympia for distress calls. The City does not have a watercraft that will take larger seas.
- Staff agreed to provide a fact sheet describing what various agencies provide for water safety.
- Council agreed to set a budget of \$250,000 for the Downtown Strategy.

The ordinance was approved on first reading and moved to second reading. to the City Council due back on 3/31/2015

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS****8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

Councilmembers provided reports on committees they attended.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall reported on two items:

1. At the Study Session held earlier this evening, the Council put in place our first bicycle corridor project - from Lions Park to Sylvester Park. He said staff will move

forward with implementation of that program. It was agreed that staff will look into a marketing and education piece of this, possibly including family bicycling events, and bring it back to Council with estimated costs.

2. The crossing signs for otters are up on East Bay Drive.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.