



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

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 Karen Rogers

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Finance Committee met earlier this evening.

City Manager Steve Hall introduced Leonard Bauer as the new Deputy Director of Community Planning and Development and reviewed Mr. Bauer's background. Mr. Bauer said he was happy to be working for the City.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Finance Committee has requested item 4K, Appropriations Ordinance for the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, be moved to Other Business. Mayor Buxbaum suggested this item be the first item under Other Business. The Council agreed to the change.

Councilmember Rogers moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the agenda 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 Rogers

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Ms. Carol Person asked the Council to sign a pledge to "Protect Our Children" which opposes low barrier shelters in Olympia.

Mr. Jeffrey Jaksich, 812 San Francisco Ave NE, spoke in support of "Protect Our Children." He asked that the Planning Commission or Land Use and Environment Committee develop criteria for siting low barrier shelters and presented sample criteria.

Ms. Jeanette Dickison, 2420 Walnut Rd NW, spoke in support of park standards for private park development.

Mr. Steven Welliever, 1316 Central SE, spoke of excessive heroin use in Olympia and the syringes left behind. He asked that Olympia look into this and make it a priority.

Mr. Richard Burgess, 1309 Fern St SW, spoke of air quality issues.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmember Rogers said she has no problem signing the pledge from Carol Person and agreed that needles in the downtown are a problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmembers Roe and Langer discussed the increased use of heroin and needle disposal issue. Councilmember Cooper said needle disposal should be a part of the Thurston County Solid Waste Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked staff to schedule a Study Session regarding heroin use and needle syringe problems. Mayor Buxbaum noted the County should be included in this. Council asked that staff scope this out before scheduling the Study Session. Council agreed to schedule a Study Session to share facts with other jurisdictions.

Councilmember Roe asked if the City has a role in regulating private parks. City Attorney Tom Morrill said there is no City role in determining what it should look like. It is possible the Land Use and Environment Committee could discuss this.

Councilmember Langer said he would be happy to talk with Ms. Person and Mr. Jaksich about protecting our children.

Councilmember Hankins thanked everyone who spoke about diverse issues. She said there is a need for a community conversation about negative issues.

Mayor Buxbaum noted the private park referred to by Ms. Dickison has a high neighborhood engagement.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A 13-0664** Approve Property Acquisitions as part of the West Bay Sidewalk Project.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.B 13-0665** Approve an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for On-call Storm and Surface Water Engineering Services

The decision was adopted.

- 4.C 13-0704** Approval of the Antenna Lease Agreement with CTI Towers, Inc.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.D 13-0718 Authorization to Apply for Washington Department of Ecology Grant and the National Estuary Program Addressing Nutrient Pollution in Budd Inlet

The decision was adopted.

- 4.E 13-0724 Authorization to Accept Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant and Hire 2 Firefighter FTEs.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.F 13-0726 Approval of Sale of City Real Property Located at 2607 50th Court SE, Olympia

The decision was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

- 4.G 13-0690 Amendment to Ordinance 6855 (Operating Budget)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.H 13-0691 Amendment to Ordinance 6856 (Special Funds)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.I 13-0692 Amendment to Ordinance 6857 (Capital Budget)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

FIRST READINGS

- 4.J 13-0723 Appropriation of Funds for Hands On Children’s Museum Project

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, 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 Rogers

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None**6. OTHER BUSINESS****4.K 13-0732 Appropriation Ordinance for the Washington Center for the Performing Arts (WCPA)**

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Finance Committee voted to approve the request by The Washington Center. City Manager Steve Hall provided background on the use of the endowment funds.

Councilmember Rogers noted this has come before the Council three times over the past four years. She asked about neighboring jurisdictions' funding contribution to The Washington Center and about Washington Center efforts to generate more revenue.

Mr. Hall said The Washington Center has received money from other jurisdictions. He said they are going for shows that are not so risky, have held a fundraising breakfast, and have secured a corporate sponsor.

Councilmember Roe stated they are working hard at revamping to bring in more revenue to become financially solvent.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the ordinance on first reading and forward to second reading.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Roe

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Rogers

6.A 13-0728 Naming of Park at Artesian Well Site

Planning and Design Manager Dave Okerlund introduced this item. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) Vice Chair Jim Nieland reviewed the process and criteria used to select a new name.

Councilmember Roe thanked PRAC members for their work.

Councilmember Langer suggested installing signage which would include the history at the artesian well site.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to accept the General Government Committee's and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendation to name the area the "Artesian Commons." 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 Rogers

6.B 13-0722 Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Continuing Deliberations.

Director Keith Stahley reviewed issues to be discussed this evening. He said the one item carried over from August 26 has to do with Table 6.1, Water Dependent Industrial/Light Industrial Uses in the Marine Recreation SED.

Mayor Buxbaum noted a letter received from the Port of Olympia on this issue.

Councilmember Roe asked that the Council review their discussion they had last week on the one outstanding issue. Council discussed this.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, to have in marine recreation area Conditional Use permits required for log booming, terminal and transfer facilities for marine commerce and industry, and have other uses as listed in Water Dependent Uses/Industrial.

Councilmember Rogers asked to modify the motion to put all of those under Conditional Use except water intakes and outfalls and make that permanent. Councilmember Langer did not agree to the modification.

Motion failed 4-3 with the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Cooper, and Councilmember Langer

Nay: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Roe, and Councilmember Rogers

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, that Water Dependent Industrial/Light Industrial Uses in the Marine Recreation Designation be Conditional Use. Motion passed with the following votes:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Roe, and Councilmember Rogers.

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Cooper

Mr. Stahley then reviewed and Council agreed to the proposed changes in the following areas:

Stormwater Manual Compliance - Amend Goals and Policies (2.2 and 2.3)

Other Regulations - Amend section.

Critical Areas and West Bay Drive Adoption - Amend section.

Vegetation Management Plan - Amend section.

Clarify that Setbacks for Water Dependent Uses may be reduced to zero feet without provision of setback incentives in Reaches 3A, 4, 5A, and Cap 6 as noted (Table 6.3)

Table 6.3 - Reach 6A - Revise to include 100' setback for non-water dependent uses and that water dependent uses may achieve a zero foot setback.

Designating area west of West Bay Drive in Urban parallel designation. Council agreed with Option A - Waterfront Recreation

Mr. Stahley reviewed the next steps:

The revised document will come back to Council on October 1 with a Resolution approving the final draft.

The final draft will be transmitted to the Department of Ecology in November.

The Department of Ecology will initiate a review and may hold a public hearing.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve the September 17, 2013 Draft of the Shoreline Master Program subject to any revisions adopted by City Council and to direct staff to prepare a Resolution for Council approval on October 1, 2013 approving the draft and directing staff to transmit the SMP and other required documentation to the Department of Ecology for their review.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Langer, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Rogers

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmember Cooper reported on highlights of the Olympic Region Clean Air Authority meeting.

Councilmember Rogers reported on highlights of the Regional Transportation Committee meeting.

Councilmember Langer reported on the LOTT Clean Water Alliance meeting.

Councilmember Roe reported on highlights of the Parking and Business Improvement Area meeting.

Councilmember Hankins reported on highlights of the Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Mayor Buxbaum reported on the Finance Committee meeting and provided an update on the Community Renewal Area committee. He announced there will be no meeting next week.

Mayor Buxbaum shared some slides from his recent trip to Taiwan to attend the Asia Pacific Cities Summit.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall stated the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities is offering a program available to capital cities, entitled "Greening Capital Cities." This program helps visualize how to improve communities. He said staff would like to submit a letter of intent to EPA to bring design team here to look at a proposal to redesign Capitol Way from the Capitol Campus to the Farmers Market. Council agreed.

Mr. Hall reminded the Council that the annual City Employee Recognition BBQ is this Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

He also announced that while he and the Assistant City Manager are out of town next week at the annual ICMA Conference, Keith Stahley will be the Acting City Manager.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.