



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Information: 360-753-8447

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Jeannine Roe, Councilmember Karen Rogers and Councilmember Steve Langer

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council met at 6:00 pm in Executive Session to discuss a real estate and litigation matter. No decisions were made and the City Attorney was present.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Buxbaum noted there is a request to add an item to Other Business to act on the appointments of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Langer

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [12-0098](#) Recognition of Public Works Week

Public Works Director Rich Hoey noted this year's theme is Public Works Celebrating a Lasting Impression. He shared a slide show highlighting the great work done by staff.

City Manager Steve Hall noted the Public Works Department received the first place award for Percival Landing as "Project of the Year." He also stated Rich Hoey received the "Water Resources Professional Manager of the Year" award.

The recognition was received.

2.B [12-0149](#) Proclamation for "2012, the International Year of the Cooperative"

Attachments: [1. Proclamation](#)

Mayor Buxbaum read the proclamation. Mr. Ben Gus, NW Cooperative Center, and Javier from Venezuela received the proclamation.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Ms. Schelli Slaughter and Matt Hornyak of the Family Support Center spoke in support of the Family Support Center to receive the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Ms. Mayra and Jason Hernandez, former residents of the Family Support Center, urged the Council to support the Family Support Center for the CDBG funding.

Mr. Jon Epstein, 1313 Bowman Ave., sang his support for a public utility.

Ms. Ophelia Franklin, spoke in support of the Family Support Center's proposal for CDBG grant funds.

Ms. Carol Little-Reed, 120 State Ave., NE, #1434, volunteer for the Family Support Center, spoke in support of the Center.

Ms. Julie Rodwell, President of the Board of Out of the Woods, spoke in support of the Family Support Center.

Ms. Jo Gallagher, 5011 Laura St. SE, supports selling the Smith Building to a nonprofit for a greatly reduced rate.

Ms. Valerie Mayo, 420 Birch St., thanked Council and staff for their work to improve conditions at the dog park. She urged closing the park and dismantling the fences.

Ms. Jane Field, 2000 42nd Ave. SE, a board member of the Family Support Center, spoke in support of this agency.

Ms. Mary Pontarolo, Executive Director of Safe Place, shared the services which are provided by Safe Place and said they would benefit greatly if selected to receive the CDBG grant and move into the Smith Building.

Ms. Nancy Koptur, member of the Safe Place Board, spoke in support of Safe Place receiving the CDBG grant funds.

Ms. Ginger Segal, Project Developer for Safe Place, reported on the funding they have received to date.

Ms. Marmel Shield, Executive Director of YWCA, stated the "Other Bank" is in need of personal supplies for the homeless. Donations can be received at 220 Union Ave. SE.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [12-0151](#) Minutes of May 15, 2012 City Council Meeting

Attachments: [1. Minutes of May 15, 2012 Council Mtg](#)

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [12-0152](#) Bills and Payroll Certification

Attachments: [1. Bills and Payroll Certification](#)

Payroll check numbers 85227 through 85231, and 85237 through 85290 and Direct Deposit: Total: \$4,553,751.03; Claim check numbers 320225 through 320736: Total \$2,243,642.12.

The report was adopted.

4.C [12-0124](#) Approval to Support The Washington Center for the Performing Arts Department of Commerce, Building for the Arts Grant Application

Attachments: [1. Grant Survey](#)

The report was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Langer

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None**6. OTHER BUSINESS****6.A** [12-0217](#) Appointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Attachments: [1. Applications](#)

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Rogers, to approve the following people to the BPAC: Ann Fritzel, Joe Ford, Christina Lock, and Kathy Weed, all to 3-year terms. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Langer

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones

6.B [12-0100](#) Percival Plinths Sculpture Review

Attachments: [1. List of sculptures](#)

Program Manager Stephanie Johnson and Arts Commission Chair Trent Hart provided background on the program and the projects submitted. Mr. Hart reviewed each piece and identified the artist. He said the pieces should be displayed on

Percival Landing in July to coincide with Lakefair.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve the recommended 15 sculptures for exhibition along Percival Landing for up to one year starting July 2012. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Langer

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Rogers

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones

6.C [12-0101](#)

Response to the Request for Proposals for the Program Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant Draft Annual Action Plan

Attachments: [1. 2012 CDBG Program - Descriptive Matrix of Proposals](#)
[2. Proposal Preview and Staff Ranking Matrix](#)
[2. Proposed Program Year 2012 CDBG Request for Proposals Timeline](#)
[4. Copy of Revised CDBG"Request for Proposals" Packet](#)
[5. Community Partner Meeting Minutes and Attendance Roster](#)
[6. CDBG Draft Annual Action Plan Proposals](#)

Council Action Requested: Provide preliminary direction on which proposal to include in the draft 2012 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

Councilmember Cooper recused himself from this conversation because his wife works for one of the applicants and he works for a nonprofit.

Community Services Manager Steve Friddle said we are half way through the process and tonight the Council is asked to review proposals. He then reviewed the criteria.

Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht reviewed each of the four proposals: Safe Place, Catholic Community Services, Media Island/Occupy Olympia, and Family Support Center.

Mayor Buxbaum said the Council may select a proposal to move forward, with a final decision to be made on July 15.

Comments and discussion included the following:

- The Media Island/Occupy Olympia proposal needs more work
- Suggest they work with the agency that received the grant
- Serving the homeless population is tantamount
- Safe Place is a preemptive agency that helps keep women from living on the streets
- Best way to help people is to give them housing
- Catholic Community Services would provide more housing - but further down the road
- Thurston County Assessor appraised the Smith Building at \$1.8M
- A significant amount of repair is required, possibly \$600,000 - \$700,000
- Repair costs will depend on use of the building and use of volunteers
- Applicants have looked at ways to creatively retrofit the building, using grants.

- We are not obligated to pick any of these
- Have we spoken about this with downtown businesses or the public.
- Has anyone contacted residents around the Smith Building; neighbors should have some voice
- Encourage the two agencies that propose to increase housing to consider working together to achieve housing for homeless and prevent homelessness
- Past discussions included using the Smith Building for other purposes including economic development
- Domestic violence often leads to homelessness
- Safe Place is shovel ready
- Safe Place administrative office would be there
- Can we find another location outside of downtown
- Talk with Lacey and Tumwater

Councilmembers thanked the applicants for their work.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to proceed with the Family Support Center being the lead agency in its CDBG Action Plan proposal. The Council encouraged the organization to work with the other two agencies that applied so that the best elements of each organization could utilize the Smith Bldg and CDBG funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Rogers

Nay: 2 - Mayor Buxbaum and Councilmember Langer

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A Council Intergovernmental/Committee Reports and Referrals

Councilmember Rogers reported she attended fire operations training with Assistant City Manager Jay Burney, and she also attended the Economic Development Council meeting.

Councilmember Cooper reported he attended The Washington Center Board meeting.

Councilmember Langer reported he attended the Emergency Medical Services Committee (Medic I) meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum reported he attended the Sustainable Thurston Task Force and Regional Legislative Working Group meetings. He suggested that for the June 5 Study Session, each Councilmember invite two people from the public to provide input on the budget discussion. The Council agreed to the suggestion and indicated the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers. Councilmember Rogers suggested that all Study Sessions be held in the Council Chambers.

8.B City Manager's Report and Referrals

City Manager Steve Hall noted the City will test odor control facilities on Yelm Highway so there will be odors for a couple days. He also shared the proposed change to the Council dais which will allow Councilmembers to see each other better, and said a temporary template would be overlaid to allow the Councilmembers to see if it will work. Council agreed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buxbaum noted the next meeting is a Study Session on June 5. There is no Council business meeting next week.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.