



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Tuesday, January 6, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Cheryl Selby

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Steve Langer

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Steve Hall introduced Mark Barber, the new City Attorney.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following individuals addressed the Council: Jim Reeves, Emily Ray, Linda Malanchuk-Finnan, Jim Haley and Ron Nesbitt.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [15-0013](#) Approval of December 16, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS - None

4. FIRST READINGS

4.B [15-0020](#) Approval of Revised Ordinance Adopting the 2015 Utility Rates and General Facilities Charges

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Langer

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.A [15-0019](#) Public Hearing and Approval of Ordinance Amending the 2015 Ad Valorem Tax

Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo explained why a second public hearing is being held on this ordinance.

The public hearing was opened. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to suspend the Council rules and approve the ordinance on first and final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Langer

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [15-0029](#) Review of Proposed Resolution Establishing a Community Renewal Area (CRA)

Community Planning and Development Director Keith Stahley provided information contained in the proposed resolution, including Council roles, specific direction to the City Manager, and next steps. Small edits were agreed to in item B.

Council directed staff to schedule a public hearing on the proposed CRA resolution with minor language changes, provide notice to the community and potentially interested parties, and bring forward a revised resolution on next week's Consent Calendar.

6.B [15-0042](#) Annual City Council Retreat Agenda

Mayor Buxbaum asked the Council to consider a change to future meeting scheduling. The Council discussed two options for scheduling study sessions and agreed to discuss further at the retreat.

Councilmembers discussed the draft retreat agenda.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to adopt the proposed agenda for the City Council's annual retreat. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Langer

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Mayor Buxbaum reported on events he attended.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall reported on the Roundtable meeting held today where Police Chiefs Ronnie Roberts and Dusty Pierpont discussed diversity.

He referred the Council to the 2015 Budget follow-ups, which was handed out, and asked them to review and prioritize the matrix of work items.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9.A [15-0039](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) - Real Estate Matter; and Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) - Litigation or Potential Litigation Matter

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council will take a short break until 8:30 p.m. Upon return, the Council will recess to Executive Session to discuss real estate matters and potential litigation. No decisions will be made, the Executive Session will last no longer than one hour, and the Council will adjourn directly from Executive Session. In addition to six Councilmembers, the following staff were also in attendance at the Executive Session: City Manager Steve Hall, Assistant City Manager Jay Burney, City Attorney Mark Barber, Deputy City Attorney Darren Nienaber, and Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Paul Simmons.

No decisions will be made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.