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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Last Meeting of the Year

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

Mayor Buxbaum announced the General Government Committee met earlier this evening. He also announced free parking downtown at the 2- and 3-hour meters during this holiday season and noted Thurston County Commissioner Karen Valenzuela's service and end of term.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [14-1238](#) Proclamation Honoring Connie Lorenz

Councilmember Roe read the proclamation and Connie Lorenz accepted it. Ms. Lorenz introduced the incoming Executive Director for the Olympia Downtown Association, Vida Zvirzdys-Farler.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Councilmember Langer reported on the Land Use & Environment Committee's discussion and recommendation regarding the possible closing of the Artesian Commons Park. He reiterated the well itself will not be closed to the public. He said no decision will be made at tonight's meeting and this item will be placed on a future agenda for deliberations. He noted there has been a huge spike in criminal activity in this area and individuals are not safe.

Jeff Bert, David Rauh, Sarah Adams, Jim Broman, Alex Talberg, Rob Richards,

Hannah Phillips, Rowan Alexander, Esmerelda Osmarati, Sam Gray, Scott Young, Connie Phegley, Georgene Abbott, Kristopher Donnelly, Jessica Wienadt, Cole Ketcherside, Cody Kamstra, Tonia Feagle, Jeff Blahlac, Jeffrey Trinin, and Ron Nesbitt spoke.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmembers discussed the Artesian Commons Park and the Land Use and Environment Committee's work on the topic, but no action was taken.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [14-1236](#) Approval of December 4, 2014 Special City Council Meeting Minutes for the Community Renewal Area Open House

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [14-1239](#) Approval of December 9, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C** [14-1240](#) Bills and Payroll Certification

Payroll check numbers 87472 through 87523 and Direct Deposit transmissions:
Total: \$3,787,456.30; Claim check numbers 3453482 through 3654749: Total:
\$6,820,738.45.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.D** [14-1234](#) Approval of Amendment to the City Manager's Employment Contract

The contract was adopted.

- 4.E** [14-1210](#) Approval of Special Historic Tax Valuation for 115 20th Avenue SW

The decision was adopted.

- 4.F** [14-1222](#) Approval of Woodbury Crossing Phase 3 Final Plat

The decision was adopted.

- 4.G** [14-1232](#) Approval of Memorial Clinic Easement, including an Easement Release

The decision was adopted.

- 4.H** [14-1237](#) Approval of Multi-family Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement for 600 Franklin Street SE

The contract was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.I [14-1145](#) Approval of Amendment to Ordinance 6924 (2014 Operating Budget)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.J [14-1146](#) Approval of Amendment to Ordinance 6925 (2014 Capital Budget)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.K [14-1147](#) Approval of Amendment to Ordinance 6926 (2014 Special Funds)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.L [14-1053](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Transportation Impact Fees

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.M [14-1164](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting 2015 Park Impact Fee Rate
Adjustment

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.N [14-1173](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending School Impact Fees

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.O [14-1151](#) Approval of an Ordinance Regarding the Timing of Impact Fee
Payment

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.P [14-1197](#) Approval of Ordinance Updating Obsolete and Outdated Sections of
the Olympia Municipal Code and Correcting Scrivener Errors

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.Q [14-1200](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2015 Utility Rates and General
Facilities Charges

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.R [14-1159](#) Approval of Ordinance Appropriating 2015 Special Funds

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.S [14-1193](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the Olympia Comprehensive Plan
Update

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.T [14-1192](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2015 - 2020 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and Appropriating Funds for 2015

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.U [14-1188](#) Approval of Ordinance Adopting the 2015 Operating Budget

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, 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

4. FIRST READINGS - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A [14-1227](#) Approval of the 2015 Parking & Business Improvement Area (PBIA) Budget

PBIA Chair Mary Corso reviewed the various aspects of the proposed budget. Downtown Liaison Brian Wilson also provided some background information. Mayor Buxbaum noted the money is contributed by downtown businesses.

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the recommended 2015 PBIA budget. 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 [15-0005](#) Annual Construction Update and Year End Highlights

City Engineer Fran Eide reviewed 2014 Public Works construction projects and Assistant City Manager Jay Burney presented year-end highlights.

The report was received.

- 6.C [14-1233](#) Recognition of Community Participation in the Comprehensive Plan

Community Planning and Development (CP&D) Director Keith Stahley noted the Council approved the Comprehensive Plan this evening. He briefly reviewed the history of bringing this forward over the last seven years. He thanked all those who worked so tirelessly throughout the process.

CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer recognized Nancy Lenzi for her efforts as well.

Mayor Buxbaum recessed the meeting for 10 minutes to celebrate the work on the Comprehensive Plan and invited everyone to enjoy cake and pie.

The recognition was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events they attended.

Councilmembers agreed to forward discussion of the downtown plan and the Artesian Commons area to the upcoming Council retreat.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall recommended Kendra Dahlin to facilitate the Council Retreat. Council agreed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.