



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## City Council

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**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

**5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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### Special Study Session

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Buxbaum called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**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

#### 2. BUSINESS ITEM

##### 2.A [15-1031](#) Planning for a Minimum Wage Discussion

Mayor Buxbaum noted this is an informational meeting and not for decision making regarding the minimum wage issue. He indicated this is to assist in determining regionally and collaboratively how to engage and bring people together for meaningful action regarding the issue. He said he hoped the information shared today will build a foundation for creative thinking on a regional level.

City Manager Steve Hall gave an overview of the purpose of the Special Study Session. He reviewed some of the discussions occurring on the national, state, and Washington city levels. He shared information on minimum wage laws passed in Seattle and SeaTac along with upcoming ballot measures in Tacoma. He reviewed the minimum wages in several cities across the country that have enacted minimum wage laws. He presented information on the Taskforce created by the Tacoma City Council in order to create recommendations for an increase in minimum wage for that City.

Mr. Hall reviewed cost of living data in Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia. He also reviewed data about the size of businesses in Olympia. He asked several questions to assist in how to move forward. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and discussed the issue further.

**The work session was completed.**

#### 3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.