



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

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 Cheryl Selby

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [14-0895](#) Proclamation Recognizing October 2014 as Walk to School Month

Mayor Pro Tem Jones read the proclamation and Olympia School District Resource Conservation Manager Robert Coleman accepted it.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The Council heard comments from Deb Vinsel, Ron Nesbitt, Seth Ballhorn, Chris vanDaalen, and Jim Haley.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmembers commented about topics raised and thanked citizens for speaking.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [14-0898](#) Approval of August 30, 2014 Council Mid-Year Retreat Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B [14-0879](#) Approval of Special Council Meeting - McAllister Springs Celebration September 5, 2014 Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C [14-0914](#) Approval of September 9, 2014 Special Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.D [14-0900](#) Approval of September 9, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.E [14-0922](#) Bills and Payroll Certification

Claim check numbers 3451171 through 3451621: Total \$2,989,466.66; and Payroll check numbers 87351 through 87373 and Direct Deposit Transmissions: Total \$1,881,893.17.

The decision was adopted.

- 4.F [14-0894](#) Approval of Letter to Puget Sound Energy Encouraging the Retirement of Coal as a Source of Power and Support for the Pursuit of Cleaner Alternative Energy Sources

The decision was adopted.

- 4.G [14-0897](#) Approval of Proposed Opinion Editorial to Urge Puget Sound Energy to Re-Think its Investment in Coal Generated Power

The decision was adopted.

- 4.H [14-0896](#) Approval of Interagency Agreement between the Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Olympia for Washington Conservation Corp (WCC) Services

The contract was adopted.

- 4.I [14-0903](#) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Joint Animal Services Operations

The contract was adopted.

- 4.J [14-0913](#) Adoption of a Resolution Adopting Standards for the Provision of Public Defense

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.K [14-0918](#) Approval of Washington Department of Ecology Grant Proposal Regarding Budd Inlet Water Quality

The decision was adopted.

- 4.L [14-0832](#) Approval of Property Acquisition Near Allison Springs Wellfield

The contract was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

4.M [14-0845](#) Amendment to Ordinance 6909 (Operating Budget)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4.N [14-0847](#) Amendment to Ordinance 6910 (Capital Budget)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4.O [14-0846](#) Amendment to Ordinance 6911 (Special Funds)

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4.P [14-0886](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code Section 6.04.050 and Section 6.04.110 Regarding Animal Control Services

The ordinance was adopted on first and final reading.

4.Q [14-0915](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending OMC 5.10.045 Regarding Background Checks for Occupational Licenses

The ordinance was adopted on first and final reading.

4. FIRST READINGS - None

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer 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 Selby

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [14-0856](#) Approval of Recommendation for Use of City Hall Public Art Funds

Arts and Events Program Manager Stephanie Johnson and Arts Commission Chair Trent Hart reviewed the background.

There was a discussion about uses for the money and Council agreed to send this issue back to the Arts Commission for further discussion.

The item was discussed and forwarded to the Arts Commission.

6.B [14-0917](#) Approval of Percival Plinth Project People's Choice Award 2014

Arts and Events Program Manager Stephanie Johnson provided details and background on this item. Mr. Hart reported the *illuminated One* by artist Leo E. Osborne received the most votes.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the purchase of *illuminated One* by Leo E. Osborne as the 2014 People's Choice Award.

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.C [14-0798](#) Briefing on the Urban Septic Assessment Project

Councilmember Langer provided background on this issue.

Ms. Sue Davis with Thurston County Environmental Health provided an update on the progress made to date.

Ms. Lisa Dennis-Perez, LOTT Clean Water Alliance, reported on work done by the Regional Septic Work Group. She asked for direction on three items:

Is there interest in moving forward with a regional program?

The Council agreed to move forward but consider different financial approaches.

What level of effort should be pursued?

The Council agreed to consider a range between medium and high.

Should a Septic Summit 2 be arranged to discuss options?

The Council agreed to move forward with a Septic Summit 2.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on committee meetings and events they attended.

Councilmember Cooper reported on the discussions the Finance Committee

members had regarding amendments to the B & O tax ordinance. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to bring this ordinance forward on First and Final Reading at its October 14 meeting. Also, it was agreed that the Finance Committee will discuss the \$25 annual business license fee next year.

Councilmember Roe noted the Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) will provide a mural at the Artesian Well site. She also requested the General Government Committee look at reviewing the City's ordinance requiring shop owners be responsible for sidewalks adjacent to their storefronts. Council agreed to the referral.

Mayor Buxbaum announced there is no City Council meeting next week.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall reviewed the schedule for the Comprehensive Plan and said staff is considering scheduling a public hearing on this for Monday, November 3.

He also noted the City won 1st Place at the SAVVY Awards for the Regional Training Center marketing photographs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.