



Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, July 21, 2015

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

Mayor Buxbaum announced the Council met in Study Session earlier in the evening. He also announced the City's flags are flying at half staff in memory of the Chattanooga, Tennessee shooting victims.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [15-0736](#) Introduction of Kellie Purce Braseth, Strategic Communications Director

City Manager Steve Hall introduced Kellie Purce Braseth as the City's new Strategic Communications Director. Ms. Purce Braseth thanked the Council and staff for her warm welcome.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following people spoke: Gurinder Sodhi, Terren Zander, Donn Lawrence, Jim Reeves, Carl Bond, Merrill Williams, Caro Gonzales, Juan Carlos Ruiz Duran, Lou Guethlein, Frederick Stence, Ron Nesbitt, Amy Bese, Nicole Alexander, Brian Faller, and Gus Guethlein.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Cooper pulled Item 4.I, and Mayor Buxbaum pulled Item 4.G, for discussion and possible action immediately following the Consent Calendar.

4.A [15-0704](#) Approval of July 7, 2015 Study Session Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [15-0705](#) Approval of July 7, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C [15-0353](#) Approval of 2015 Municipal Art Plan

The decision was adopted.

- 4.D [15-0524](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lacey for Operation and Maintenance of Woodland Creek Groundwater Recharge Facility

The contract was adopted.

- 4.E [15-0695](#) Approval of Washington Department of Ecology Grant Proposals

The decision was adopted.

- 4.F [15-0700](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Puyallup City Jail

The contract was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.H [15-0650](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending Olympia Municipal Code 18.04.060.N Regarding Multi-Family Housing

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

4. FIRST READINGS

- 4.J [15-0655](#) Approval of an Ordinance Revising Zoning of the LOTT Wastewater Treatment Facility and Associated Maps, and Other Housekeeping Changes that Reflect Prior Council Actions

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to adopt the Consent Calendar, except for Items 4.G and 4.I. 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

PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

4.I [15-0678](#) Approval of Ordinances Creating an Olympia Metropolitan Park District and Authorizing a Metropolitan Park District Interlocal Agreement

Councilmember Langer read a letter drafted by him, Mayor Buxbaum and Councilmember Hankins in support of completing the Parks Plan and then placing the Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) on the ballot in February or April of 2016.

Following discussion, Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, that continued work for creating an MPD be referred to the Land Use & Environment Committee with the instructions that a work plan be created for the purpose of placing an initiative on the ballot in February 2016 for voter approval. The work plan would include a public hearing schedule, a process for citizen engagement and education, clarity as to how an MPD will be informed by and work with the City's Parks Plan, a means of ensuring accountability that funding for parks expands to meet the public's needs and interests, and that an interlocal agreement is clearly defined. The motion failed with a 3-4 vote, with Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Langer and Councilmember Hankins voting for the motion.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to approve the ordinances creating an Olympia Metropolitan Park District and authorizing a Metropolitan Park District Interlocal Agreement, with revisions for second reading, and to amend Attachment 1 to the Interlocal Agreement with the Olympia Metropolitan Park District, Section 3.1.3 Advisory Committee Review (on page 3) 4th line from the bottom of the paragraph that reads, "Park District Board regarding the City's compliance with the funding levels in (i) and (iv) in section". Strike the word AND after (i) and replace it with the word THROUGH, so that the line reads, "Park District Board regarding the City's compliance with the funding levels in (i) through (iv) in section". The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

Nay: 3 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Langer

4.G [15-0697](#) Adoption of a Resolution Appointing Pro and Con Committees for the Metropolitan Park District Proposition

Mayor Buxbaum pulled this item because it's related to Item 4.I.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to appoint individuals to committees to prepare Voters' Pamphlet statements for and against a Metropolitan Park District and adopt a resolution for transmittal to the County Auditor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Selby

Nay: 3 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Langer

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A [15-0719](#) Consider the Department of Ecology's Required and Recommended Changes to the City's Shoreline Master Program

Community Planning and Development Director Keith Stahley provided an update on the Shoreline Master Program and requested Council approval to accept the Department of Ecology's (DOE) proposed changes. He noted staff will continue to work with DOE on some of the non-substantive recommended changes.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to direct staff to notify the Department of Ecology that the City accepts their changes for the City's Shoreline Master Program. 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 [15-0734](#) Approval of an Option to Purchase Real Estate Owned by D.R. Horton, an Approximate 74 Acre Parcel Commonly Known as Trillium/Ashton Woods

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Paul Simmons highlighted the option to purchase property southeast of LBA Park and noted strong public support for this action.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to approve an option to purchase real estate owned by D.R. Horton, an approximate 74 acre parcel commonly known as Trillium/Ashton Woods. 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 [15-0735](#) Oral Report - Update from the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on Status of the Convening Committee and Charter

Mayor Buxbaum provided an update on the status of the convening committee and charter to engage the community in listening forums. He handed out a draft of the charter and said Reiko Callner, Curt Pavola, Clinton Petty, and Olympia Police Lieutenant Aaron Jelcick, (in an *ex officio* capacity) will serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Police and Community Relations. Another person who was going to serve has since declined, so he will be filling that spot as soon as possible.

Mayor Buxbaum reported working with the Mayors of Tumwater and Lacey to discuss recommendations for a letter of issues and interests to the Thurston County Law and Justice Committee. He recommended that he and Councilmember Selby work with Mayor Kmet (Tumwater) and Mayor Ryder (Lacey) to formulate the letter for submission to the County. The Council agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported this effort is part of a national movement to improve the relationship between disenfranchised and under-represented citizens and their relationship with law enforcement. He said there is broad community support for police body cams and the use of police technology. He indicated he's hopeful the ad hoc committee will take up this issue and move it forward.

The report was received.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers highlighted meetings they attended since the last Council meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum asked for a Council volunteer to attend the July 25, 8:00 a.m. Senior Games at Tumwater Stadium. Councilmember Hankins said she will not be able to go. Councilmember Langer agreed to check his schedule and let the Mayor know if he can attend.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall reported tonight's Council action authorized him to continue to look for citizens to write the con statement for the MPD proposition. If the City doesn't find anyone to write a statement, the task will be turned over to the County August 4.

Mr. Hall reported he will be out of the office on Wednesday, July 22, and Friday, July 24. While he is out, Keith Stahley will be Acting City Manager.

City Attorney Mark Barber reported the public hearing on the Medela rezone was held last night. He asked the Council, for the appearance of fairness, to avoid ex parte contact regarding this topic. He also discussed the upcoming campaign season and reminded the Council and public that speaking for/against candidates and/or ballot measures cannot be done in City facilities. Nor can staff time be used. He reviewed revised language regarding allowable testimony at Public Communications.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

