

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 12, 2012 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmembers Steve Langer, Karen Rogers, Julie Hankins, Jeannine Roe, and Jim Cooper.

Announcements

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council met with the Port of Olympia Commissioners earlier in the evening and commented about the upcoming Canoe Journey.

Changes to the Agenda

1. Item 4K (File ID 12-0218) - Evergreen Pointe Final Plat

A new map is on Council desks showing the correct size of lots.

2. Item 5A (File ID 12-0137) - Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Adoption of Resolution

Amendment to City Manager's Recommendation:

Conduct a Public Hearing. After receiving public comment, if the City Council is comfortable with proceeding, move to approve the modified 2013-2018 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and adopt the resolution. The modified TIP includes the "secured" funding designation for the two City Safety Program grant projects.

Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Leslie Jean Johnson discussed the plight of homeless people and the need of 24-hour public restrooms.

Olympia Downtown Association Board President Tracy Knostman discussed the Council's recent decision to allow non-profit organizations to use the Smith Building without communicating with impacted businesses and residences.

Mr. Jeffrey Mark discussed his intent to change his domicile and residence to 900 Jefferson St SE Olympia XX 98501-9998.

Mr. Monte Katzenberger said it's ridiculous to cite people who urinate and defacate in public and spoke in support of public restrooms for homeless people.

Mr. Laurian Weisser, 1721 18th Ct NE, Olympia, asked why the Olympia Downtown Association was allowed to speak about the Smith Building and Mr. Katzenberger wasn't.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Buxbaum responded to Mr. Weisser's question. Councilmember Rogers responded to comments made by the Olympia Downtown Association. City Attorney Tom Morrill responded to Mr. Mark's comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of May 22, 2012 City Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of June 5, 2012 Study Session
- C. Bills and Payroll Certification
Payroll check numbers 85291 through 85295 and Direct Deposit transmissions: Total: \$19,119.05; Claim check numbers 321091 through 321560: Total: \$1,248,768.49.
- D. Approval of Bid Award for Henderson Boulevard Sidewalk Project (Brett Bures, Public Works)
- E. Approval of Bid Award for 2012 Pavement Preservation Project (Brett Bures, Public Works)
- F. Approval of Bid Award for West Bay Drive Force Main Rehabilitation Project (Jim Rioux, Public Works)
- G. Approval for Additional Spending Authority for the 18th Avenue Improvements Project (Jim Rioux, Public Works), *Pulled and Passed*
- H. Approval for Right-of-Way Dedication Deed for the 18th Avenue Roundabout (Jim Rioux, Public Works)
- I. Approval of Driveway Easement for the 18th Avenue Roundabout (Jim Rioux, Public Works)
- J. Approval to Apply for Transportation Grant Opportunities (Randy Wesselman, Public Works), *Pulled and Passed*
- K. Approval of Evergreen Pointe Final Plat (Kraig Chalem, CP&D)
- L. Approval to Merge Ken Lake Basin Amendments with Imagine Olympia Comprehensive Plan Update (Todd Stamm, CP&D)
- M. Resolution Authorizing a Planning Grant Application to the Washington State Department of Commerce's Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) (Keith Stahley, CP&D)
- N. Amendment to Olympia Municipal Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (Diane Utter, Public Works)

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to adopt the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Rogers pulled Items 4G (File ID 12-0143) and 4J (File ID 12-0216) for discussion following the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously, except the pulled items.

Item 4G (File ID 12-0143). Approval for Additional Spending Authority for the 18th Avenue Improvements Project

Councilmember Rogers asked questions about when contracts exceed the bid amount. City Manager Steve Hall explained the bid process.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve contract changes up to 15 percent of the original contract amount for the 18th Avenue Improvements project. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4J (File ID 12-0216) Approval to Apply for Transportation Grant Opportunities
 Councilmember Rogers asked about the funding source for City's portion of the cost for the four proposed sidewalk projects and how the projects would be financed if grants weren't received. Mr. Hall noted the City's funding source is the Parks and Pathways Program, which is the voter-approved 1 percent utility tax passed in 2004. Transportation Engineering and Planning Manager Randy Wesselman explained that if the grants aren't received, the funding source would remain the same, but the timing for completion of the projects would be delayed until the City had adequate funds.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve and authorize staff to apply for projects in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program and the Transportation Improvement Board Sidewalk Program. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Adoption of Resolution

Transportation Project Engineer David Smith introduced this item. He noted the six-year TIP is a planning tool used by the region. Projects must be listed in the TIP in order to receive State funding grants. He reviewed the four projects added to the 2013-2018 six-year plan, including pedestrian crossing improvements and Parks and Pathways Sidewalks.

Mayor Buxbaum opened the public hearing.

Ms. Karen Messmer, representing Olympia Safe Streets, said the West Bay Trail is missing from the TIP and must be included.

Mr. Jack Horton, representing Olympia Woodland Trail Greenway Association, spoke in support of including the West Bay Trail in the TIP.

Mr. Chris Hawkins, 1612 Thurston Ave NE, spoke in support of including the West Bay Trail into the TIP in order to pursue funding opportunities.

Mayor Buxbaum closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

- Consider adding the West Bay Trail as a preliminary design project while a master plan is being developed.
- Issue of timing and relationship to include the Squaxin Tribe in the process. Suggest delaying adding into the TIP until at least next year.
- Consider moving forward with environmental review and restoration while continuing conversations with the Squaxin Tribe. Include in the TIP and add language about ongoing efforts and working partnerships.
- Delay making a decision until after meeting with the Tribe.
- In addition to the Squaxins, include the Port partnership with the preliminary work.

Mayor Buxbaum discussed the process and timing for final approval of the TIP and noted the TIP needs to be turned into Thurston Region Planning Council and Washington Department of Transportation by July 31. The Council agreed to take action at the July 10 Council meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum asked about including the issue of getting water and power to Percival Landing. Mr. Hanna noted this is already included in the TIP as Phase 2 of Percival Landing. He said staff will look at a temporary solution in the meantime.

Draft Program Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action & Consolidated Plan Amendment

Councilmember Cooper recused himself from the public hearing because his wife is employed with one of the organizations requesting CDBG funding.

Community Services Manager Steve Friddle gave a brief history of Olympia's CDBG funding and noted the public hearing tonight is to hear from citizens about the action plan. He reviewed four proposals submitted for funding and outlined next steps for additional public process after tonight's hearing.

Mayor Buxbaum opened the public hearing.

Mr. Robert Humes, 1072 Central St SE, representing Ponza and Camp Quixote, spoke in support of using the Smith Building for Family Support Center services.

Ms. Kristine Brumfield, 2207 Craig Rd SE, spoke in support of using the Smith Building for homeless children.

Ms. Mayra Hernandez and Mr. Jason Hernandez, 1318 Sleater Kinney Rd SE, spoke in support of using the Smith Building for Family Support Center services.

Ms. Selena Kilmoyer, 1320 8th Ave SE, thanked the Council for providing possibilities by offering the Smith Building as a shelter and transitional housing for families in need with children.

Mr. Barnett Kalikow, representing Interfaith Works, spoke in support of funding for the Family Support Center and use of the Smith building for homeless services.

Ms. Schelli Slaughter, representing Family Support Center, thanked the Council for CDBG funding and use of the Smith Building.

Ms. Monica Hoover, 3109 Lindell Rd NE, spoke in support of the use of the Smith Building by Family Support Center to help homeless families.

Mr. Gene Hoover, 3109 Lindell Rd NE, spoke in support of the City providing the Smith Building for Family Support Center to utilize for homeless family services.

Ms. Sara Holt-Knox spoke in support of the Family Support Center and Smith Building plan.

Mr. Laurien Weisser, 1721 18th Ct NE, spoke in support of helping homeless children.

Mr. Matt Hornyak spoke about how the Smith Building and CDBG funding for the Family Support Center fits into a larger plan to address homelessness.

Mr. Monte Katzenberger spoke in support of including the Smith Building as part of the CDBG funding package for the Family Support Center.

Mr. Douglas Burt, 1127 Eastside St NE, spoke in support of the Family Support Center project.

Ms. Julie Rodwell spoke of the partnership between Out of the Woods and Family Support Center. She indicated support of the CDBG funding and use of the Smith Building for the project.

Ms. Rachael Langen Lundmark spoke in support of the use of the Smith Building by Family Support Center for homeless services.

Mr. Dennis Carlson said he wasn't speaking against the Family Support Center but wanted to address the City's process for managing surplus property and its obligation to taxpayers to reduce debt. He encouraged the Council to meet its commitment to taxpayers.

Mr. Paul Knox thanked the City for using CDBG funding for the Family Support Center project.

Mayor Buxbaum closed the public hearing but said written comments will be accepted through July 2, 2012.

Councilmember Rogers commented about public process related to the request for proposals and use of the Smith Building for the CDBG funding. Councilmember Roe asked, and Mayor Buxbaum clarified, the deadline of mid-July for CDBG funding grant opportunities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Review and Approve the Final Design Recommendation for The Washington Center for Performing Arts

Technical Services Director Debbie Sullivan introduced this item and reviewed the options. She recommended forwarding options B and C to the Design Review Board.

The Washington Center for Performing Arts Interim Executive Director Kevin Boyer spoke in favor of option C.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to authorize staff to proceed with the design based on option C, with the understanding that if the Building for the Arts grant is not received, the scope will be scaled back to option B. Councilmembers Cooper and Langer spoke to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Steve Hall noted Debbie Sullivan has just been appointed to the American Public Works Association National Committee on Grounds and Facilities. The Council congratulated her on the appointment.

2013 Budget - Finance Committee Revenue Recommendations to Council

Mayor Buxbaum reported the June 7 Finance Committee meeting was advertised as a special meeting of the City Council conducting business as the Finance Committee and was attended by all Councilmembers. He noted the Committee met with representatives of the Olympia Planning Commission to discuss the Commission's review of the Capital Facilities Plan and reviewed City assets and draft principles for surplussing City property.

He reported the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the 2013 budget.

Finance Committee discussion included:

- Importance of including voters in the decision to increase revenue or cut essential services.
- Address the \$2.4 million gap with a combination of new revenue and cuts/efficiencies.
- Short timeline for presenting options to voters.
- Public safety services - police walking and emphasis patrol, neighborhood crime prevention, probation services, and victim assistance.
- Direct staff to prepare a resolution for consideration at the July 10 meeting to put a criminal justice sales tax on the ballot in November.
- Ballot would result in shoppers paying one cent for every \$10 purchased = \$1.2 million.
- Fiscal 2013 receipts would be half due to timeline for enacting the sales tax, and collection processes.

Following his recap of the June 7 Finance Committee budget discussion, Mayor Buxbaum opened the floor to continued comments.

Council Discussion:

- This is the fifth budget in a row that has called for service reductions.
- More input is needed on City priorities. It would be helpful to get a list of City programs by department and the associated price tag for them.
- Public safety needs first consideration.
- Support for implementing the Walking and Emphasis Patrol downtown and funding the Ambassador Program.
- This is the community's budget and needs to be determined by the community.
- Suggestion to invite the Public Disclosure Commission to give the Council a briefing.

Mayor Buxbaum recapped the Council's intent to direct staff to prepare a resolution for consideration at the July 10 meeting to work within the parameters of the RCW for the Criminal Justice Sales Tax at a rate of one-tenth of one percent. *The Council concurred with the direction to staff as stated by the Mayor.*

REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Council Intergovernmental/Committee Reports and Referrals

Councilmember Rogers reported highlights from the 3rd annual housing summit she attended. She noted an item on collective bargaining scheduled for the July 17 Study Session meeting and asked the Council to consider inviting the Association of Washington Cities to help with it.

Councilmember Cooper reported highlights from the LEOFF I Disability Board and Medic One Board meetings he attended. He also noted attended the 593rd Sustainable Brigade Change of Command ceremony. He reviewed the work of the Health and Human Services Planning Committee. ***The Council agreed the City will not participate with the County in its CDBG entitlement program.***

Councilmember Hankins reported highlights from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Steering Committee of the Coalition of Neighborhood Association (CNA) meetings she attended. She requested a referral to the Land Use and Environment Committee regarding an ordinance for repeat code enforcement violators. ***The Council agreed to place this on the July 10 Consent Calendar.***

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported highlights from two Intercity Transit Authority Board meetings he attended.

Councilmember Roe reported highlights from the LEOFF I Disability Board and Coalition of Neighborhood Association (CNA) meetings she attended.

Councilmember Langer reported highlights from the Land Use and Environment Committee meeting he attended.

Mayor Buxbaum reported highlights from the Thurston Region Planning Council (TRPC) and HOME Consortium meetings he attended. He noted the HOME Consortium planning retreat will be held Aug 13, 12-4 in the LOTT Board Room and invited Councilmember Cooper, as alternate, to attend with him.

City Manager's Report and Referrals

City Manager Steve Hall noted the joint meeting with the Squaxin Island Tribal Council will be Monday, June 18 at 5:30. He also stated next week a mock-up will be installed on the Council dias for them to see how it will work for them.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buxbaum noted the next City Council meeting is June 19 and is a work session, not a regular business meeting. There will be no Council meetings June 26 or July 3. The next Council meeting will be July 10.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm.

