



# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, September 11, 2012

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Steve Langer

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Karen Rogers

### 1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mayor Buxbaum announced the Council met earlier in the evening with Department of Ecology regarding the Shoreline Master Plan.*

*Mayor Buxbaum announced today is the National Day of Remembrance and spoke about the tragedy of September 11, 2001.*

### 1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the agenda. The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Langer

### 2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - None

### 3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

*Ms. Donna Roylance spoke about ways to use the Capital Center Building for a library and other community uses.*

*Ms. Smukweshun spoke against the slaying of seagulls by the Port of Olympia and commented on other activities the Port does that do not appear to be monitored or regulated by the City.*

*Mr. Jim Reeves spoke about future earthquakes.*

### COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

*City Manager Steve Hall reported the City does not have authority to regulate the action of killing seagulls. He noted the Port received permission from the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the seagull elimination and suggested that citizens contact either the Port of Olympia or Department of Agriculture to express concerns.*

*Councilmember Cooper asked Mr. Hall to look into the allegations of Weyerhaeuser*

*dumping waste and bark into the Sound and also whether the Port killed a Heron while eliminating seagulls.*

*Mayor Buxbaum and Councilmember Roe thanked Ms. Roylance for her creative thinking.*

#### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Langer

4.A [12-0344](#) Approval of August 21, 2012 City Council Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were adopted.**

4.B [12-0496](#) Bills and Payroll Certification

*Payroll check numbers: 85504 through 85648 and Direct Deposit transmissions: Total: \$9,514,210.88; Claim check numbers 322630 through 324282: Total: \$6,157,013.85.*

**The report was adopted.**

4.C [12-0430](#) Approval to Reject all bids for the 2012 Priority Sewer Repair Project

**The decision to reject all bids and authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution rejecting all bids was adopted.**

4.D [12-0495](#) Exercise option agreement for purchase of water rights for the purpose of required mitigation in the Deschutes River basin as part of the McAllister Wellfield Project.

**The decision to exercise an option agreement for purchase of water rights for the purpose of required mitigation in the Deschutes River basin as part of the McAllister Wellfield Project was adopted.**

4.E [12-0497](#) Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater Regarding Joint Storm and Surface Water Monitoring

**The agreement was adopted.**

#### SECOND READINGS - None

#### FIRST READINGS

4.F [12-0500](#) Approve an Ordinance Amending OMC 2.100 to Change the Number of Planning Commission Members from Eleven to Nine

The ordinance was adopted on first reading and moved to second reading on the September 18, 2012 Council agenda.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING - None**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.A [12-0536](#) LOTT State of the Utility Report**

*Mayor Buxbaum introduced LOTT Executive Director Mike Strub to present the State of the Utility Report.*

*As the Council's representative on the LOTT Board, Councilmember Langer commented about the quality operations of the LOTT organization and facilities.*

*Mr. Strub presented highlights in the 2011 LOTT State of the Utility Report, gave an overview of current and future projects, and discussed the preliminary 2013 budget.*

**The report was received.**

**6.B [12-0560](#) Approval of Agenda for Council's Mid-Year Retreat**

*Councilmember Roe noted all Councilmembers have met with the facilitator. She discussed the proposed Agenda and asked for Council feedback on it.*

*Discussion:*

*- Due to time constraints, modify the identification and ranking of goals and priorities so that it is a discussion of 2012 goals and priorities and a progress check in.*

*- Remove the facilitator exercise about strengths and attributes to provide sufficient discussion time about 2012 goals and priorities.*

**The agenda for the City Council mid-year retreat was approved.**

**7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None**

**8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

**8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

*Councilmember Cooper reported highlights from the TCOMM911 and Washington Center Executive Director Search Committee meetings he attended. He apologized for being late to the 5:15 Study Session meeting and asked for an appointment to be input into Outlook for any meetings scheduled differently than 7:00 p.m. to alert Councilmembers.*

*Councilmember Hankins reported highlights from the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations meeting she attended.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported highlights from the Fifth Wednesday Elected County Officials meeting he hosted as Olympia representative and the Intercity Transit Board, Thurston County Walkability Audit and Thurston County HOME Consortium meetings he attended.*

Councilmember Roe reported highlights from the Joint Animal Services Commission meeting she attended. She echoed Councilmember Cooper's request for using Outlook for scheduling meetings and thanked City staff for the nice work on the Henderson Boulevard project.

Mayor Buxbaum requested a referral to the Olympia Planning Commission to review code changes to support urban agriculture efforts. He acknowledged the tight schedule of the Planning Commission but stated the importance of getting input in order to move forward with an ordinance. He asked staff to work with the urban agriculture group and Planning Commission to determine a date to hold a public hearing on the topic. The Council agreed to the referral.

Mayor Buxbaum announced the second proposed Council and Neighborhood Forum (on October 23) is a Tuesday night when there will not be a regular Council business meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum discussed a letter from Lt. Robert Brown inviting the Mayor and an additional Councilmember to attend. Councilmember Hankins indicated she can attend.

Mayor Buxbaum reported the Council met in Executive Session recently to discuss the City Manager's mid-term evaluation and will finalize it in December. He acknowledged Mr. Hall's excellent performance overall and summarized the Council's expectation that he work on changing the process for community development activities to a more proactive and measurable path toward realizing the vision in the current Comprehensive Plan and for clear and measurable ways to change course in reacting to development as it occurs and instead invest in one of proactively realizing community development visions and goals. He indicated there can be more discussion around this topic at the mid-year Council retreat.

*Discussion:*

- The Council should have an opportunity for input prior to finalizing the evaluation in December.
- Consider creating an ad hoc committee or refer to the General Government Committee to design a process for setting expectations and bring it back for Council action.
- One of the points of discussion at the mid-year retreat will be Council priorities, which can include changing the culture of community development from reactive to proactive.

The Council agreed to a referral to the General Government Committee to work with materials provided to date to come up with specific expectations which can lead to a measurable performance evaluation. Mayor Buxbaum asked that it be approached as a work in progress, keeping in mind how close it is to the end of this year.

## **8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS**

- Report on smart meters as a possible replacement for pay stations, and a trial downtown to see how well they work.
- Staff has prepared an information sheet for the upcoming public safety ballot measure, which will be available on the City's website beginning tomorrow.
- Since there may be a quorum of Councilmembers in attendance, staff will notice the September 17 Coalition of Neighborhoods meeting on the Boys & Girls Club as a potential Council meeting.
- It doesn't appear there will be a quorum of Councilmembers in attendance at the

*September 21 McAllister Springs groundbreaking, so the potential meeting won't be noticed. Please contact Mary Nolan if attendance is planned. Councilmember Roe asked that this be added as a meeting in Outlook.*

*- Thanks to Jay Burney's work with the contractor to change the dais*

*- This is the last evening for Patrick Brown as the building security guard for evening meetings.*

*Mayor Buxbaum noted the City Council approves its meeting schedule at the beginning of the year. He asked why the dates when no meeting is scheduled show the Council meeting as canceled rather than on break or no scheduled meeting. Mr. Hall indicated the wording can be changed.*

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.*