

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, October 13, 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 - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A 15-0981 A Proclamation Proclaiming October 17-24 as *We Stopped Cholera* Victory Week

The recognition was received.

2.B Special Recognition - Announcement of Public Participation Details for Downtown Strategy

The recognition was received.

2.C <u>15-0951</u> Presentation on Recent Kato Sister City Trip by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Councilmember Selby

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following people spoke: James Wellings, Nicholas Hefling, Ron Nesbitt, Joshua Deal, Glen Morgan, Holly West, Joe Hanna, Kathleen Blanchette, and Nicholas Little.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Mayor Buxbaum requested that City Manager Steve Hall check in with the railroad to learn about ongoing clean up efforts that are occurring on railroad property. Councilmember Roe asked that signage with contact information for the railroad be posted.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A 15-0976 Approval of October 6, 2015 Special Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.B <u>15-0978</u> Approval of October 6, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

4.C <u>15-0984</u> Bills and Payroll Certification

Payroll check numbers 88136 through 88198 and Direct Deposit transmissions: Total: \$3,937,375.98; Claim check numbers 3665058 through 3665754: Total: \$6,119,814.46.

The decision was adopted.

4.D 15-0975 Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Lewis County for Jail Services

The decision was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

4.E <u>15-0940</u> Approval of Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$67,736 for Additional Community Planning and Development Staff

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

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

4. FIRST READINGS - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.A Public Hearing - Draft Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Annual Report for Program Year 2014

Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht provided background on the topic. Mayor Buxbaum opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m. No one spoke, so the public hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m. He announced written comment will be accepted

until 5:00 p.m., October 19.

The public hearing was held and closed.

5.B 15-0956 Public Hearing on the Draft 2016-2021 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)

Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo, Olympia School District Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Priddy, Planning Commission Finance Subcommittee Chair Jessica Bateman, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair Clark Gilman provided background on the topic.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Mayor Buxbaum opened the public hearing at 9:08 p.m. The following people spoke: Joe Hanna, Brad (last name not stated), Karen Messmer, and Joseph Ford. Mayor Buxbaum closed public comment at 9:14 p.m., but indicated the written record will remain open until 5:00 p.m., October 22.

The public hearing was held and closed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A <u>15-0947</u> Approval of Medela Zoning Map Amendment ("Rezone") Recommendation

Mayor Buxbaum provided background on the topic. Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated he testified to Thurston County Commissioners about the rezone. He indicated he can make a fair and impartial decision but in order to expedite the proceedings recused himself. Mayor Buxbaum thanked him for his principled approach to the process. Mayor Pro Tem Jones left Chambers for the rest of the hearing at 9:40 p.m.

Mayor Buxbaum asked if anyone present had a challenge pertaining to the appearance of fairness doctrine. Joe Hanna challenged Mayor Buxbaum, stating he met with the Eastside Neighborhood Association where he discussed the issue. Teresa Goen-Burgman stated the Thurston Transportation Oriented Development group has members who are associated with Medela. Medela is associated with Habitat with Humanity, of which Mayor Pro Tem Jones is a board member.

City Attorney Mark Barber asked each Councilmember if they could proceed in a fair and impartial manner. Each Councilmember indicated they could. Councilmember Roe disclosed she attended a Thurston Thrives meeting but had no knowledge the organization is affiliated with the Medela rezone.

Principal Planner Todd Stamm gave further background on the subject. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Following discussion, Councilmembers agreed the SEPA process was appropriate to mitigate regulations for development occurring adjacent to cemeteries.

Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner amending Olympia

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Zoning Map as described and direct staff to prepare and present an implementing ordinance including additional regulations regarding development adjacent to cemeteries. City Attorney Mark Barber asked for Councilmembers to state their vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Buxbaum, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Langer

and Councilmember Selby

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Recused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Jones

Mayor Pro Tem Jones returned to the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Mayor Buxbaum announced there will be a Study Session on October 20 at 6:00 p.m. and an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is on October 27.

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

Councilmember Hankins left at 10:35 p.m.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall requested a referral to the Land Use and Environment Committee to discuss creating a more efficient process for land acquisition for Council approved projects. He noted this is not a timely issue. The Council agreed to the referral.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.