



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Tuesday, December 5, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Julie Hankins and Councilmember Jeannine Roe

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [17-1234](#) Special Recognition - Hands on Children's Museum Update

Hands on Children's Museum Executive Director Patty Belmonte shared 2017 Museum highlights.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Belmonte for the work of the Museum.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following people spoke: Susan McRae, Tye Gundel, Bourtai Hargrove, Pat Holm, Phoenix Wendt, Walker Stephens, Daniel Einstein, Jim Reeves, Judy Bardin, John Pettit and Max Brown.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

Councilmember Cooper asked for an update on capacity of cold weather shelters at next week's City Council meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A [17-1239](#) Approval of November 28, 2017 Study Session Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

- 4.B [17-1240](#) Approval of November 28, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

- 4.C [17-1233](#) Approval of Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Settlement Agreement in the lawsuit of *City of Olympia v. Puget Sound Energy, Canray, LLC, and the Estate of Vernon L. Lindskog*

The resolution was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Bateman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Gilman, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A [17-1232](#) Approval of Ordinance Amending the Critical Areas Ordinance to add Habitat and Species Protections for Great Blue Heron

Community Planning and Development Deputy Director Leonard Bauer gave background on the proposed update to the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) made by the Planning Commission.

The City Council adopted Phase 1 of the updates in August 2016. Phase 2 was considered in July 2017 and referred back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. The proposed update to the CAO includes the Planning Commission recommendations.

Mr. Bauer reviewed the consultant recommendations regarding locally important species and habitat. He also shared a map of the area affected by the recommendations, along with a development considerations matrix.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to approve the ordinance adding a new section of the Olympia Critical Areas Ordinance (OMC 18.32) to provide additional protections for Great Blue Heron rookeries on first reading and forward to second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

6.B [17-1218](#) Approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Downtown Urban Infill Area in Accordance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act

Mr. Bauer gave an overview of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). He shared Downtown Strategy recommendations regarding steps to an up-front SEPA review area. He noted the exemptions support the Downtown Strategy goal of improving predictability and maintaining environmental protection by addressing needed mitigation up-front in City Code rather than a case-by-case SEPA process. As allowed under state law, this would exempt projects in Downtown from additional SEPA process and utilize 'up-front' environmental review.

In summary, the up-front SEPA review area will add a categorical exemption in the Downtown area for residential, mixed use and non-retail commercial of 65,000 square feet or less. The exemption applies only if it is consistent with Comprehensive Plan, zoning and all other applicable regulations and still meets transportation level of service. Also, the City may still add specific conditions to preserve landmark views identified in the Downtown Strategy and provide for trail connections adopted in regional trails or parks and recreation plan.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Bateman, to approve on first reading and forward to second reading an ordinance adopting an Urban Infill Area in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Bateman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Hankins and Councilmember Roe

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Gilman

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following people spoke: Walt Jorgensen and Terry Ballard.

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Steve Hall reported on the railroad encampment clean up that occurred last week.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.