



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Information: 360-753-8447

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Jeannine Roe, Councilmember Karen Rogers and Councilmember Steve Langer

1.A Announcements

Mayor Buxbaum noted the Council met earlier this evening in Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Mayor Buxbaum asked for a personal privilege to recognize Communications Manager Cathie Butler for her exceptional work on the recent Canoe Journey event held at the Port. He presented her with a certificate of Achievement and a framed picture from the event, taken by City Attorney Tom Morrill.

Port Commissioner Bill McGregor also recognized Ms. Butler and spoke of her collaboration with the Port of Olympia throughout the planning. He presented her with a plaque commemorating her efforts.

Ms. Butler thanked everyone for the gifts and also said there were many other people involved who helped make this event a success.

Councilmember Roe praised all the work done by Ms. Butler.

1.B Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Roe moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Langer

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A 12-0113 Special Recognition - City of Olympia Wellness Program

Administrative Services Director Jane Kirkemo reviewed the background of this program. She introduced Julie McDowell, Association of Washington Cities Health Promotions Supervisor, who presented the City with the Well City Award. She noted the City has received this award seven years in a row.

City Manager Steve Hall said investing in our employees and wellness is very important. Councilmember Langer noted the City Manager sets an incredible

standard in wellness through his own exercise program.

2.B 12-0136 Special Recognition - Olympia Police K-9 Unit

Mayor Buxbaum introduced Lt. Ray Holmes who brought in two dogs of the City's K-9 program. Lt. Holmes reviewed the program and shared how the dogs benefit the police.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Mr. Glen Morgan, 1001 Cooper Point Road SW, #140-222, and member of the group "Stop Taking our Property," spoke against selling the Smith Building for \$1. He also spoke about cleaning up the blight areas in downtown.

Mr. Mark Kelly, spoke against the free bus ride program the City of Olympia offers its employees because the employees are using the bus for rides other than commuting to work. He also spoke against Councilmembers taking campaign contributions from City unions and then voting on the union contract. He said he believes this is unethical, albeit no law was broken.

Mr. James Wellings, 522 Franklin Street, spoke in favor of the K-9 unit, the ambassador program, and the proposed improvements in alleys and murals.

Mr. Jack Horton, President of the Woodland Trails Association, 2106 Bethel Street, spoke of the trail system and the intersection of the Woodland Trail and the Chehalis Western Trail. He said there is a proposal to submit a grant application to install an item of significance at this intersection.

Mr. Charles Valentine voiced opposition to the Shoreline Master Program and the purchase of the isthmus properties.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Optional)

Mayor Buxbaum noted he had met with Mr. Horton and Commissioner Romero to discuss this intersection of the two trails. He requested referral to the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to pursue opportunities for place making in this area. Council agreed to the referrals. Councilmember Langer encouraged private enterprise look at development here. Council agreed to send the letter in support of this grant application.

Ms. Roe thanked Mr. Wellings for his comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Langer pulled item 4H and Councilmember Rogers pulled Item 4I for discussion following the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to adopt the Consent Calendar. Motion passed by the following vote, except Items 4H and 4I, which were pulled for discussion following the Consent Calendar.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Roe, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Langer

- 4.A 12-0119** Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2012 City Council Meeting
The minutes were adopted.
- 4.B 12-0228** Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2012 Special Study Session
The minutes were adopted.
- 4.C 12-0342** Approval of July 28, 2012 Shoreline Master Program Workshop Minutes
The minutes were adopted.
- 4.D 12-0229** Approval of August 6, 2012 Annual Meeting with Olympia School District Minutes
The minutes were adopted.
- 4.E 12-0345** Approval of Bid Award for the McAllister Wellfield Drilling and Testing Project
The bid award was adopted.
- 4.F 12-0368** Approve an Interlocal Agreement between LOTT Partner Jurisdictions for Emergency Response Mutual Aid.
The contract was adopted.
- 4.G 12-0369** Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Olympia, Lacey and Yelm for Implementing Deschutes Water Rights Mitigation Strategy - Phase III
The contract was adopted.

Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

- 4.H 12-0404** Approval of Pro Tem Hearing Examiners List
- Councilmember Langer asked that the list include Jacqueline Brown Miller and Sound Law Center.*
- Councilmember Langer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, to approve Jacqueline Brown Miller and Sound Law Center as Pro Tem Hearing Examiners. Motion passed with the following vote:**
- Aye:** 6 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Rogers and Councilmember Langer
- Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Roe
- 4.I 12-0415** Ordinance Adopting a Permanent Homeless Encampment Amendment to Comprehensive Plan

Councilmember Rogers said she pulled this item because the staff report gave two options, which requires discussion. She suggested a public hearing be held by the Council in addition to the Planning Commission's public hearing. Mr. Cooper said he does not feel the need for another public hearing.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Roe, to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading and move to second reading.

Motion passed with the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Rogers

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A 12-0115 Briefing on the Use of Plastic Bags

Mr. Ron Jones, Senior Program Specialist, Waste Resources, reviewed the background on this issue. Ms. Terri Thomas, Education and Outreach Supervisor, Thurston County Solid Waste, provided facts and figures on the use of plastic shopping bags in Thurston County. She provided information on what has been done to gather information on the use of plastic bags as well as future steps.

Councilmembers thanked staff for the work that has been done. Councilmember Rogers noted the Food Bank and some homeless and disabled people prefer using plastic bags. Ms. Thomas said these issues would be looked into through stakeholder meetings. She reported that Seattle has exempted meat, produce, and fast food bags from this ban.

The report was received.

6.B 12-0445 Timeline and Milestones for Acquisition of Isthmus Properties

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Linda Oestreich and Assistant City Manager Jay Burney provided a presentation on properties, priorities, and a timeline for getting work done on these properties. Mr. Burney stated current priority is on the Larida (Tri-Way) properties and the Capitol Center properties are also being reviewed.

Comments by Councilmembers include:

- Start on visioning piece for Capitol Center properties so we will know what money we need.*
- Involve potential private partners early on*
- Prefer taking this to taxpayers since this is a significant amount*
- Trust for Public Land (TPL) has been very instrumental in the work done on this process and they should continue to be involved*
- Capitol Park Foundation work is appreciated*
- TPL has a lobbyist who will work with us on our 2013 Legislative agenda*
- A comprehensive vision is important*
- A regional library can add value to this area*
- Consider a project for public space in this area*

The report was received.

6.C 12-0446 Family Support Center's Proposal to Purchase the Smith Building

Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht reviewed the background and steps taken thus far on this project. She said the Family Support Center wants to buy the building in order to secure other funding.

Councilmember Roe said she believes it is not in the City's best interest to sell at this time and suggested the City enter into a lease agreement with the Family Support Center for \$1 per year.

Comments and questions from Councilmembers include the following:

- How much is closing costs? There are no significant closing costs.*
- How much will the appraisal cost? In the \$5,000-\$10,000 range, and the housing program fund could be used to pay for this.*
- Olympia is assuming entire burden. Where is Lacey and Tumwater?*
- Through doorbelling, Councilmember Rogers said the taxpayers prefer not selling the building for \$1.*
- We should honor our past promise to sell the building and use the proceeds to pay down new city hall debt*

Councilmember Hankins moved, seconded by Councilmember Langer, to approve the proposed conveyance of the Smith Building and authorize the City Manager to sign a purchase and sale agreement with the Family Support Center providing that the purchase and sale agreement contains the type of conditions, restrictions, covenants and remedies set forth in Attachment 2. Councilmember Hankins provided criteria which she believes supports selling the building. Councilmember Langer said the sale of this building increases the value to the community.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Councilmember Hankins, Councilmember Cooper and Councilmember Langer

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Roe and Councilmember Rogers

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS****8.A Council Intergovernmental/Committee Reports and Referrals**

Councilmember Roe reported she attended the Parking Business Improvement Area meeting. She reported two parklets are being constructed - one in front of Darby's Restaurant and one in front of Jake's.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported he attended a meeting with the Port Commissioners regarding the Shoreline Master Program and the Farmers Market, the July 28th workshop on the Shoreline Master Program, the Paddle to Squaxin event, Intercity Transit Authority Board meetings, the joint meeting with the Olympia School District, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting, two Ad Hoc Community Renewal Area meetings, the Ward Lake Master Plan meeting, the East Bay Plaza dedication, and the HOME Consortium meeting.

Councilmember Hankins reported she attended the TCCOM911 board meeting, and the Steering Committee meeting of the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations.

Councilmember Cooper reported he attended the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency meeting.

Councilmember Rogers reported she will have a public forum in September and invited other Councilmembers to attend.

Councilmember Langer reported he attended the July EMS Medical meeting, the July Land Use and Environment Committee meeting, the July 28 Shoreline Management Program workshop, the Canoe Journey event, Olympia Planning Commission's Finance Committee meeting, the Ad Hoc Community Renewal Area meeting, the LOTT Board meeting, the East Bay Plaza dedication, and the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan Update meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum commented on the Canoe Journey event and the tremendous positive effect it had on our community. He suggested the issue of the Farmers Market lease agreement come to the Council under Other Business at a future date. Council agreed. He noted he attended the Ad Hoc Community Renewal Area meeting, the ODA Safety Committee meeting, the HOME Consortium retreat, and the Finance Committee meeting. Councilmember Cooper asked for a fact sheet on Community Renewal Areas.

8.B City Manager's Report and Referrals

City Manager Steve Hall noted the Pet Parade, Bon Odori, and the Artesian Well market will take place this weekend.

Mr. Hall recommend the Council hire Ms. Kendra Dahlen for the Mid-Year Council Retreat to be held on September 15. Council agreed. He also stated the City is applying for a Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) grant for The Washington Center and will ask for a letter of support from the County. Council agreed to move forward on this.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.