



Meeting Minutes - Draft

General Government Committee

City Hall
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Monday, December 4, 2017

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Jeannine Roe, Committee member Jessica Bateman and Committee member Clark Gilman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.A [17-1238](#) Approval of November 17, 2017 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 5.A [17-1229](#) Discussion of Community Garden Resolution Referral

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Paul Simmons, City Engineer and Parks Program Specialist Luke Burns discussed a draft resolution establishing a goal to have a community garden within a half mile of every Olympia resident. Mr. Burns gave an overview of the two successful community gardens in Yauger Park and Sunrise Park. The Public Works Department has also developed a pilot-program that would allow Neighborhood Associations to sponsor community gardens in un-opened right-of-way properties managed by the City.

President of Sustainable South Sound, Rachel Friedman shared their support for the resolution and the importance of community gardens.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

5.B [17-1236](#) Scoping 2018 Advisory Committee Work Plan Process

Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth discussed the process for reviewing and meeting with the Advisory Committees regarding their workplans.

Chair Roe noted she likes the high level reviews and more casual discussions that occur during the yearly meeting with Advisory Committees. She would like to explore how the committees could interconnect more.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

5.C [17-1237](#) Review of Advisory Committee Rules of Procedures

Ms. Braseth did a check in on the Committee Rules and procedures noting they were last amended in 2014.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

5.D [17-1231](#) Discussion of Preparations for the 2018 City Council Retreat

City Manager Steve Hall shared the draft agenda for the upcoming City Council retreat. It has been recommended that Nancy Campbell facilitate the meeting. The Committee members noted they would prefer less presentations and more time for discussion along with reviewing priorities for the Action Plan in 2018.

The draft agenda and facilitator recommendation will move forward to the City Council for action at their next meeting.

The discussion was completed.

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.