



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Tuesday, August 18, 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

Mayor Buxbaum announced the Council met as scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and recessed to Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. All Councilmembers were present. Staff present included City Manager Steve Hall, Assistant City Manager Jay Burney, City Attorney Mark Barber, Strategic Communications Director Kellie Purce Braseth, Community Planning and Development Director Keith Stahley, and Parks, Arts, and Recreation Director Paul Simmons. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Buxbaum announced appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee on Police and Community Relations, which include Reiko Callner, Kerensa Mabwa, Curt Pavola, Clinton Petty, Alejandro Rugarcia, and Lt. Aaron Jelcick who will serve as an ex-officio member. He noted staff will post the Charter and bios on the City's website. He stated this committee will work up to six months, hold up to five community forums, and hold Study Sessions with the Council before the end of the year. All meetings will be open to the public. The website will be established and opened next week and will provide for public comments. He said the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, at 5:00 p.m. In order to establish the guidelines and protocols for the meetings, no public comment will be held at this first meeting.

Mayor Buxbaum also noted he signed a Mayoral proclamation for Indigenous Peoples Day. Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated he attended a meeting on Monday and read the proclamation declaring the second Monday of October to be Indigenous Peoples Day. He then read the proclamation.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [15-0784](#) Special Recognition: Action Plan Video Highlighting Pear Blossom Place

Senior Planner Stacey Ray introduced this item and reviewed a short video highlighting the Pear Blossom Place.

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The following people spoke: Melinda Spencer, Jim Nieland, Libby Nieland, Bill Chernoff, Holly West, Jae Townsend, Maria Ruth, Lloyd Goodwin, Ron Nesbitt, and Marian Bailey.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Optional)

City Manager Steve Hall responded to the issue brought up by Ms. Spencer regarding code enforcement and a marijuana business near schools.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A** [15-0793](#) Approval of August 11, 2015 Study Session Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B** [15-0794](#) Approval of August 11, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.C** [15-0639](#) Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement between Thurston PUD #1 and City of Olympia for the use of Emergency Water System Interties

The decision was adopted.

4. SECOND READINGS

- 4.D** [15-0655](#) Approval of an Ordinance Revising Zoning of the LOTT Wastewater Treatment Facility and Associated Maps, and Other Housekeeping Changes that Reflect Prior Council Actions

The ordinance was adopted on second reading.

- 4.E** [15-0759](#) Approval of Ordinance Related to Veterinary Clinic Zoning

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 - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.A** [15-0791](#) Approval of an Option to Purchase Real Estate Owned by Wonderland Holdings LLC, an Approximately 75-Acre Parcel Previously Known as Kaiser Heights

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Paul Simmons reviewed the terms of the agreement and additional funds needed.

Council comments included:

- Grateful for work of City staff to move expediently
- Need to look for ways to make this work
- Need to look for a way to preserve this land
- Consider all options for funding, including utilizing impact fees, non-voted utility tax, year-end funds, forming a Local Improvement District, and asking neighborhoods to contribute

Councilmember Cooper suggested referring the funding issues to the Finance Committee. Council agreed.

Mayor Buxbaum moved, seconded by Councilmember Hankins, to approve the option to purchase real estate from Wonderland Holdings LLC consisting of approximately 75-acres commonly known as Kaiser Heights, and authorize the City Manager to sign the option to purchase agreement. 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

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on events and meetings they attended.

Mayor Buxbaum noted he would like to meet with the Economic Development Council to discuss the \$15/hour minimum wage. He said Lacey and Tumwater should be invited to the meeting. He suggested the full Council discuss this at an upcoming Study Session.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

Mr. Hall noted the Artesian Commons park will be closed tomorrow to install benches.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.