



# Meeting Minutes

## General Government Committee

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Wednesday, February 22, 2017

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 4:30 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 [17-0199](#) Approval of the February 3, 2017 General Government Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

5. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- 5.A [17-0185](#) Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) Board Update

Downtown Liaison Mark Rentfrow and PBIA Board Chair Mary Corso reviewed the status of the 2017 PBIA budget items.

Ms. Corso discussed the establishment of a communications committee to better work with the Olympia Downtown Association and the Visitors and Convention Bureau. She gave an update on various projects the PBIA is working on to include development of a welcome packet for new downtown residents, Twinkle fest starting earlier this year, and the Girls Night Out event being extended to two days.

Ms. Corso also noted the PBIA will begin meeting with Lakefair organizers to begin a dialogue.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

**The report was received.**

- 5.B [17-0186](#) Briefing on Public Safety Funding Needs

Police Chief Ronnie Roberts discussed engaging and listening to the community to hear their expectations and needs from the Police Department.

Chief Roberts shared the needs for downtown including day and evening walking patrol, a mental health response team and community court. He also discussed additional code enforcement officers and community liaisons to meet the needs of neighborhoods.

Chief Roberts discussed planning to shape the future of policing in Olympia. These needs include a policy manager for contemporary standards, an enhanced training program and strengthening recruitment efforts to increase diverse applicants.

Committee members discussed the issues and asked clarifying questions.

**The information was received.**

- 5.D**     [17-0191](#)            Discuss Advisory Committee Applications and Preparation for Interviews

Committee members discussed the screening and interview process for advisory committee applicants. They considered dates and time for interviews and other logistics.

**The discussion was completed.**

- 5.C**     [17-0192](#)            Preparation for Annual Meeting with Advisory Committee Chairs

Committee members discussed the March 22 meeting with advisory committee chairs. The discussion included logistics, invitees, topics for discussion and ways to engage the chairs and make them feel valued. They noted there should be an offering of Jurassic Parliament training to advisory committees in the near future.

**The discussion was completed.**

- 6.        REPORTS AND UPDATES - None**

- 7.        ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.