



Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall
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Tuesday, February 7, 2017

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Julie Hankins and Councilmember Jeannine Roe

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Jessica Bateman

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.A [17-0148](#) Process and Schedule to Consider City Council Compensation (10 minutes)

City Manager Steve Hall discussed options on how Councilmembers can move forward in considering a change in Council compensation. Mr. Hall pointed out the City Council has the authority to change the amount of the stipend for newly elected Councilmembers or it can appoint a salary commission to review the stipend for all current and future members.

Councilmembers discussed the issue and decided to bring forward referrals to the General Government and Finance Committees at the 7:00 p.m. Council business meeting.

The discussion was completed.

2.B [17-0105](#) Auto Industry Update and Strategy Briefing

Economic Development Director Renee Sunde gave an overview of the Olympia Auto Mall. She shared area sales tax revenue for 2016 in relation to auto sales, services and parts. Ms. Sunde discussed the strategy to support the Auto Mall, including understanding market trends, supporting retention of existing dealerships, supporting attraction of a new anchor tenant, strengthening operations and preventing sales leakage.

Ms. Sunde introduced Principal & National Director of the Avison Young Automotive Properties Group Jodi Meade. Ms. Meade gave statistics of auto sales in 2016 nationally and in Washington State.

Ms. Meade outlined automotive industry highlights including new brands and manufacturers, continued interest on alternate powered vehicles, continued demand

for ride share services, autonomous vehicles, dedicated travel lanes and building code requirements. She shared an overview of meetings held with local auto dealers to get a sense of where they are regarding needs, issues, concerns and ideas. Ms. Meade discussed partnering opportunities with the dealerships.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The briefing was received.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.