



Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, April 24, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Renata Rollins

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.A [18-0419](#) Briefing on Olympia Municipal Community Court

Public Defense Coordinator Diane Whaley gave an overview of Community Court. Olympia's Community Court is one of 64 Community Courts in the State. The defendants are given an opportunity to connect with social service providers and are given conditions which are tailored to the individual for them to be successful. Social service providers are available immediately upon arraignment in order to get them stabilized.

Total funding to run Community Court for a year is \$125,000. This has been happening through a Federal grant from the Office of Court Innovation. This grant will run out at the end of the year. The program will be able to continue with funding from the recent Public Safety Levy. The funding will ensure the program continues and sustains providers, the provider building, the Community garden, and staffing.

Ms. Whaley also discussed the outreach being done to reach more participants. Judge Scott Ahlf gave an overview of the accomplishments of the Community Court. City Prosecutor Rocio Ferguson discussed several success stories that came out of Community Court.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The study session was completed.

2.B [18-0405](#) Briefing on the 2018 Legislative Session

Olympia's Legislative Liaisons Jennifer Ziegler and Debora Munguia gave an overview of the 2018 Legislative Session. They shared the outcomes of the General Fund Operating, Capital and Transportation budgets.

They reviewed the outcomes of Olympia's legislative priorities for 2018 along with additional areas of interest.

Ms. Ziegler and Ms. Munguia shared a look ahead along with next steps regarding changes to the 2019 Legislature, delegation meetings and developing the 2019 agenda.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The study session was completed.

2.C [18-0402](#) Briefing on the West Bay Park Restoration and Master Plan

Habitat Planner Jesse Barham gave an overview of the 2016 West Bay environmental assessment.

The City of Olympia, Port of Olympia, and the Squaxin Island Tribe worked together to complete an assessment of environmental conditions and restoration opportunities along the entire West Bay shoreline.

Mr. Barham shared the existing conditions along the West Bay shoreline and criteria used in the assessment. He discussed habitat and water quality opportunities including the Priest Point Park beach, salt marsh and mudflat.

Planning & Design Manager Laura Keehan gave an overview of the consultant team working on the project. She shared the overall schedule for the West Bay restoration & Park Master Plan, noting the process is about halfway through. Ms. Keehan discussed the public outreach which has occurred regarding the project thus far, which includes a public workshop and a survey.

Ms. Keehan reviewed the alternative design recommendations. She noted the consultant team is recommending alternative 2 as it has a very high ecological benefit, community support and lower cost.

She outlined the next steps which include continuing discussion with the Squaxin Island Tribe, moving forward with a detailed design & completion of Master Plan, pursuing grants, updating the Parks Plan and next phase of construction.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The study session was completed.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

3.A [18-0420](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i); Litigation and Potential Litigation

Mayor Selby recessed to Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter related to potential litigation. Mayor Selby announced no

decisions will be made, the meeting is expected to last no longer than 1 hour, and the Council will adjourn immediately following the Executive Session. The City Attorney was present at the Executive Session.

No decisions were made.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.