



Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021

5:30 PM

Online and Via Phone

Register to Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YmwTH173TaePxyemRS8Ovg

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Clark Gilman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Yến Huỳnh, Councilmember Dani Madrone, Councilmember Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Renata Rollins

1.A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Fund Program Manager Cary Retlin gave an overview of the Thurston County site mitigation pilot project.

1.B APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2.A [21-0354](#) Special Recognition - West Bay Art Crossing Dedication

The recognition was received.

2.B [21-0353](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Olympia Bicycle Month

The recognition was received.

2.C [21-0373](#) Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Workers Memorial Week

The recognition was received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Rene Dars, Charlotte Verdini Elliot, Sarah Lawrence, Angel Gonzalez, Holly Chisa, Tammie Hetrick, Lin Nelson, and Nolan Hibbard-Pelly.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.A [21-0364](#) Approval of March 30, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

- 4.B [21-0367](#) Approval of 2021 Advisory Committee Work Plans

The decision was adopted.

- 4.C [21-0319](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Agreement Between the City of Olympia and the Family Support Center of South Sound for Completion of a Homeless Shelter

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.D [21-0346](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Amendment One to an Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Housing Council Regarding Use of Senate House Bill 1406 Funds

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.E [21-0356](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Project Funded Increase in City Staffing by One Quarter Full-Time-Equivalent to Support the Design and Re-construction of the Armory Creative Campus

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.F [21-0359](#) Approval of a Resolution Related to the Appointment of an Independent Salary Commission to Review City Council Compensation

The resolution was adopted.

- 4.G [21-0360](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Olympia, Lacey and Yelm for Implementing the Deschutes Water Rights Mitigation Strategy - Phase V

The resolution was adopted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Madrone moved, seconded by Councilmember Parshley, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Rollins

4. SECOND READINGS (Ordinances) - None

4. FIRST READINGS (Ordinances) - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None**6. OTHER BUSINESS****6.A** [21-0363](#) Approval of Poet Laureate for 2021-2023

Arts Program Manager Stephanie Johnson and Arts Commission Chair Frederick Dobler discussed proposed Poet Laureate Ashly McBunch and shared some of their work. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Parshley moved, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, to approve the proposed 2021-2023 Poet Laureate. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Rollins

6.B [21-0361](#) Briefing on the Social Justice and Equity Commission Public Engagement Process

Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Olivia Salazar de Breaux gave an update on the launch of the public engagement process to form the new Equity and Social Justice Commission including dates for community conversations, an updated process timeline, and communications plan. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

6.C [21-0345](#) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the 2021 Home Fund Capital Awards for Supportive Housing

Mr. Retlin presented the recommended 2021 Home Fund capital awards for the 2021 funding round for the Olympia Home Fund for affordable housing acquisition and construction.

The proposed awardees are:

Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) in order to construct 63 more units in phase 2 at 2828 Martin Way. Phase 1 is already under construction (65 apartments and 60 shelter beds). The total construction cost is \$18.6 million or \$291,600 per unit.

The Housing Authority of Thurston County in order to acquire a 58-unit motel in Tumwater and convert it to transitional housing. The total acquisition cost is \$3.3 million for 58 units for a per unit cost of \$58,719.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Parshley, approve the Home Fund Advisory Board's recommendation, authorize the

2021 Home Fund capital awards, and authorize staff to proceed to send conditional award letters for the 2021 funding round for the Olympia Home Fund for affordable housing acquisition and construction. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Rollins

- 6.D** [21-0362](#) Approval of an Ordinance Relating to Employment in Olympia; Establishing Labor Standards Requirements for Additional Compensation for Grocery Employees Working in Olympia; and Declaring an Emergency and Establishing an Immediate Effective Date

City Attorney Mark Barber gave an overview of the ordinance. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Parshley, to adopt an ordinance providing grocery workers with hazard pay, as defined within the ordinance, and for it to take immediate effect for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, and welfare. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Rollins

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Parshley, to amend the ordinance providing grocery workers with hazard pay, as defined within the ordinance, to take effect May 2, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Rollins

Councilmember Cooper moved, seconded by Councilmember Parshley, to amend the ordinance providing grocery workers with hazard pay to exclude fleet truck drivers and corporate staff employees from the definition of "grocery employee" in section 2 of the ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Gilman, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Huynh, Councilmember Madrone, Councilmember Parshley and Councilmember Rollins

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT - None

8. REPORTS AND REFERRALS

8.A COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Councilmembers reported on meetings and events attended.

Councilmember Rollins discussed reviving a referral from two years ago regarding creating a tenant displacement fund. The revived version would go to the Land Use and Environment Committee. Councilmembers Rollins, Madrone and Cooper will work together on this topic.

8.B CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND REFERRALS

City Manager Burney announced he will postpone the Police Chief recruitment process until the re-imagining public safety work has been completed. Interim Police Chief Aaron Jelcick will continue to lead the Department in the interim.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**9.A [21-0368](#) Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) - Real Estate Matter**

Mayor Selby recessed the meeting at 8:30 p.m. She asked the Council to reconvene in 5 minutes for an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b); RCW 110(1)(c) to discuss a real estate matter. She announced no decisions would be made, the meeting was expected to last no longer than 1 hour, and the Council would adjourn immediately following the Executive Session. The City Attorney was present at the Executive Session.

The executive session was held and no decisions were made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.