



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Peltier called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in Council Chambers.

Mayor Tollefson, Deputy Mayor Peltier and Councilmembers Blossom, Medina, Roth, Scott and Townsend were present.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION/CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Tollefson suggested that public comment be taken with each item and not at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Tollefson moved and Councilmember Roth seconded to accept the agenda as modified. The motion carried unanimously. There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public comment at the beginning of the meeting was removed from the agenda and offered at the time of each agenda item.

4. PRESENTATION(S)

A. Presentation on Cultural Access Washington, AB 17-075 – Councilmember Roth 7:04 PM

Mary Myer and Laurie Miller provided a presentation on the Cultural Access Washington program. Council's consensus was to discuss this item further at a future meeting.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Police and Municipal Court Building – Site Selection and Next Steps, AB 14-008 – Public Works 7:23 PM

Public Works Director Loveless introduced Matthew Coates and Bob Hutchinson, from Coates Design, and Jim MacClaren from MWL Architects. Matthew Coates provided an update on the site selection for the Police and Municipal Court Building. Jim MacClaren provided additional information on the three sites that scored the best in the analysis: the existing Police Station site, Vineyard Lane, and the New Brooklyn site. Bob Hutchinson provided a proposed project schedule. Council discussed the sites.

MOTION: I move that we remove Vineyard Lane from consideration.

Townsend/Tollefson: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Council's consensus was to also eliminate the three sites that didn't pass the initial screen.

Public Comment

Brandon Fouts questioned the survey process.

Don Johnson spoke about the access problems at Vineyard Lane.

Linda Sohlberg asked the City to respect the setback on the New Brooklyn site and raised concerns about site coverage.

Mitch Wilk thanked Council for their responsiveness to the Vineyard Lane neighborhood's concerns.

Debra Lester asked about payment for the project and cost.

Patti Dusbabek spoke against replacing the police station.

Judy Simpson asked Council to consider only a new police station and not the court facility.

MOTION: I move the City Council approve moving forward with additional site assessment and studies for the New Brooklyn Road site. 8:05 PM

Blossom/Townsend: Following the vote on the amendment below, the motion carried 6-1 with Deputy Mayor Peltier voting against.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

I move that we advance both sites for site evaluation with an indication that Council prefers the New Brooklyn site, at this time.

Scott/Peltier: The amendment failed 5-2 with Councilmember Scott and Deputy Mayor Peltier voting in favor.

B. Consider Establishing Combined Infrastructure Task Force, AB 17-083 – Mayor Tollefson 8:20 PM

Mayor Tollefson introduced the topic, and Council discussed the establishment of a task force.

MOTION: I move that the City Council approve the 2018 Infrastructure Ballot Measure Task Force proposal.

Tollefson/Scott: The motion carried 5-2 with Deputy Mayor Peltier and Councilmember Townsend voting against.

Public Comment

Patti Dusbabek spoke against the process in setting up task forces.

Debra Lester expressed concerns about the tax burden.

Brandon Fouts spoke against the public comment procedure at Council meetings.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Quarter I 2017 Financial Report, AB 17-084 – Finance 8:30 PM

Finance Director Schroer provided the Quarter I 2017 Financial Report and addressed Council's questions. City Manager Schulze commented on the strength of the City's finances.

B. Ordinance No. 2017-10, Relating to Quarter I 2017 Budget Amendments, AB 17-072 – Finance 8:43 PM

Finance Director Schroer introduced the ordinance amending the 2017 budget. Councilmember Medina asked for additional information on the impact of the budget amendments.

MOTION: I move that the City Council forward to the May 23 unfinished business agenda Ordinance No. 2017-10, amending the City's 2017 Budget.

Medina/Blossom: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

C. Ordinance No. 2017-11, Relating to 2016 Budget Carryovers, AB 17-073 – Finance 8:51 PM

Finance Director Schroer introduced the ordinance which covers ongoing projects from 2016.

MOTION: I move that the City Council forward to the May 23 consent agenda Ordinance No. 2017-11, amending the 2017 City Budget to include carryover items for work funded in 2016 but to be performed in 2017.

Scott/Roth: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

D. Professional Services Agreement for Phase 3 Design of the Sound to Olympics Trail (Bridge), AB 17-077 – Public Works 8:54 PM

Public Works Director Loveless provided a presentation on the project and addressed Council's questions.

Public Comment

Brandon Fouts spoke against the bridge.

Don Johnson spoke in favor of placing the bridge at High School Road.

Kiman Lucas spoke against the bridge and the Sound to Olympics Trail staging area.

Linda Sohlberg spoke against the bridge.

Ted Jones spoke in favor of the bridge.

Olaf Ribeiro spoke in favor of retaining trees.

Roy Dealing spoke in favor of additional outreach to the neighborhood.

Charles Schmid asked to remove the trail on the Western side.

Dick Llorens expressed concerns about the bridge.

Debra Lester asked to look at reducing the cost of the bridge.

John Perkins spoke against the Sound to Olympic Trail project.

Scott Hedrick spoke about balancing safety and environmental concerns.

Patti Dusbabek spoke against development.

Eve Johnson spoke about safety concerns and the benefits of the trail and against the bridge.

Don Willott spoke in favor preserving vegetation along the highway and moving forward with the bridge to preserve connectivity.

Kathleen Llorens spoke against the bridge.

Council discussed the project.

MOTION: I move that the Council direct the Planning [corrected to Public Works] Director to split the contract into phases and bring it back for consideration, if possible, at the next Study Session.

Tollefson/Roth: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

E. City Tree Trimming Practices, AB 17-074 – Public Works

This agenda item was moved to the next City Council meeting.

F. Consider Creation of Affordable Housing Task Force, AB 17-087 – Mayor Tollefson

This agenda item was moved to the next City Council meeting.

8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - 10:13 PM

Deputy Mayor Peltier asked if Council wanted to re-visit having interactive comment during Study Sessions. Council discussed the topic and concerns about meeting protocol.

Councilmember Roth stated that the memorandum delivered to Council tonight on the Sound to Olympic Trail staging area was not from the entire neighborhood.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Peltier adjourned the meeting at 10:23 PM.

Val Tollefson, Mayor

Christine Brown, City Clerk