

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Chambers
October 21, 2003

The regular session of the Olympia City Council convened at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2003. Those in attendance were Mayor Stan Biles, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Foutch, Curt Pavola, Laura Ware, Jeanette Hawkins, Doug Mah and Matthew Green.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Biles announced the meeting would begin with a point of personal privilege from Councilmember Foutch.

Councilmember Foutch described how *The Olympian* reported on his interview with the Editorial Board regarding his election campaign. During the interview, questions were addressed regarding the action taken by the Council concerning Councilmember Green. Councilmember Foutch said his intent was not to address the questions but he inadvertently was placed in a position of defending the Council's action. He acknowledged the Council had decided not to discuss the issue until the investigation was completed. Councilmember Foutch said he did not intend to discuss the issue, but as questions were raised, he attempted to make things better, but ended up making things worse. Councilmember Foutch apologized to the Council. Councilman Green said he appreciated Councilmember Foutch's intent and acknowledged *The Olympian's* desire to publish information.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

1. Item 2B was moved as 2A.
2. A Council discussion was added as 2B.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Introduction of New Urban Forestry Assistant Micki McNaughton

Development Engineering Supervisor Tom Hill introduced Micki McNaughton as the newest addition to the department. Ms. McNaughton previously was a consultant ecologist. Ms. McNaughton received her degree from Colorado State University in ecology and land rehabilitation.

Ms. McNaughton thanked the City Council for creating the program and described some of the accomplishments achieved in the program in recent months.

***Resolution Recognizing the Yellow Flag with Three Red Stripes
as a Symbol of Vietnamese-American Cultural Heritage***

Councilmember Mah read the resolution and asked the Council to recognize that the immigration experience of all races, cultures and ethnicities is different and unique and that there is a special relationship between Vietnam and United States.

Several members of the Vietnamese-American community thanked the Council for consideration of the resolution.

Councilmember Mah moved, second by Councilmember Hawkins, to approve the Resolution.

Councilmember Pavola addressed several questions about the City's current practice of displaying flags and expressed some concern with the proposed language within the resolution. City Manager Steve Hall addressed the questions and indicated the City doesn't currently endorse flags from other countries, unless the City forms a sister city relationship. Councilmember Pavola suggested revising the resolution and offered a friendly amendment for the following revision:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF OLYMPIA, that the City officially recognizes the yellow flag with the three red stripes as a symbol of the Vietnamese-American community in Olympia and supports the display of this flag by citizens in community events.

Makers of the motion agreed with the amendment.

The motion to approve the amended motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Biles recessed the meeting for a break.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Tom Howdeshell, 718 Sawyer Street SE, reported after the 2001 Nisqually earthquake, a jogger noticed a small area of sidewalk and road was shifting towards the gully on Capitol Way near Tasha Nicole's business. He asked whether the slippage stopped or if it was worsening due to the rain.

Mr. Jim Reeves, 109 7th Street, spoke of biblical predictions relating to the downturn in the economy, terrorism attacks, and civil war. Information suggests the federal government has placed a nuclear bomb in Mt. Rainier.

Ms. Jacelyn Dohm said she owns a small printing business on the west side of Olympia. The City wants a non-conforming permit for her garbage pick-up. She said she has addressed the issue with the utility department to no avail and is seeking the Council's help.

Mr. Jim Lazar, Consulting Economist, 1063 Capitol Way S, reported at recent Council meetings and at the open house for the conference center the City has contended the PFD sales tax diversion will support bonds. There is no written documentation to support the claim. Information that is available reveals the City would face a \$2.3 million deficit. Mr. Lazar cited several problems with the City's estimate. Mr. Lazar suggested the Council should develop a new estimate and make the analysis available to the public. He believes the public will be upset by being told the conference center will cost almost nothing and later create a drain on other City programs.

Mr. Jerry Parker, 2131 Lakemoor Dr SW, referred to the open house as an apparent attempt to tell taxpayers what they were going to buy with out the fuss of a public vote. He urged the Council to build on the foundation of the open house and provide the public with an open mind. Mr. Parker reviewed five of the questions that have been asked for the past 11 months. Currently, there is still no documentation that has been repeatedly requested. He suggested the Council cannot afford the loss of public confidence and respect for the Council and local government.

Mr. John Marshall, 1039 East Bay Drive, addressed Mayor Biles about a conversation that was held in private, and wanted to apologize publicly.

Ms. Sarah Jewett spoke of attending *The Olympian* Editorial Board endorsement interview due to her candidacy for Mayor. She referred to Councilmember Foutch's comments earlier in the meeting. She was asked about emotions, feelings, and sensitive issues during the interview and expressed her opinion although she was not in attendance at the Council meeting when the incident took place. Ms. Jewett recommended the Council should work to resolve difficult issues and find solutions to economical problems. She thanked Councilmember Green for being in the line of fire and for standing up.

Ms. Phyllis Booth, 2509 Caitlin Ct SE, expressed concerns about the hotel/motel assessment and suggested the fee is a tax that should be used for public purposes. The Public Facilities District is really only a conduit to shuffle millions of dollars to private industry. This is also occurring in other cities and she suggested the City's work force will suffer the consequences.

Mr. Chris Hamm, 230 Percival NW, addressed issues about West Bay but was advised the item was on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Storm and Surface Water Plan

Public Works Project Coordinator Andy Haub briefed the Council on the draft Storm and Surface Water Plan. The plan addresses three basic utility responsibilities - flooding, water quality concerns, and leadership and education of habitat issues. Mr. Haub reviewed the public process, cost of the plan, and implementation of the plan. The 2004 focus will be on flooding problems and maintaining the ability to respond to long-term environmental conditions. The plan seeks to maintain the ability to respond to new issues. The effect of phased implementation is to defer some infrastructure replacement programs to future years. Staff recommends adoption of the plan concurrent with this year's budget and also encourages discussion of funding options for 2004.

Councilmember Pavola posed several questions about prioritization of funds and flooding. Mr. Haub replied flooding, as low priority, can be managed in other ways, such as stormwater ponds. However, water quality or aquatic habitat improvements are ranked higher. The focus is on flooding and not general applications.

Councilmember Mah referred to previous discussions about prioritizing basins and including options. Mr. Haub explained there are written prescription for each basin. For correcting problems and protecting habitat he referred to the table.

Mayor Biles opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

Mr. Bob Jacobs, 720 Governor Stevens Avenue SE, explained how his interest has increased over the years since serving on the Council. He reviewed previous drafts of the plan and provided written comments. He believes it is a very well written document. His focus is on water quality and habitat. Mr. Jacobs quoted page 3-2 of the comprehensive plan and believes reestablishing of predevelopment hydrology is what is needed to comply with the comprehensive plan and the needs of the citizens. Mr. Jacobs cited two disagreements about the proposal. He would like consideration of the marine environment and not just stream habitat. He also expressed concerns about housing density and the State

Growth Management Act, while still protecting the environment. He would appreciate incorporating some of his concerns.

Mr. Tom Howdeshell, 718 Sawyer St SE, asked a question about recent changes within the Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Administration, and the Clean Water Act.

Mr. Tom Conner, 719 Thomas St NW, posed two questions. He asked whether the Council will accept written comments after the public hearing. Mayor Biles explained the public hearing would close after public testimony with the Council most likely rendering a decision. Mr. Conner said he would appreciate time to provide written comments. He asked if there were proposals in the plan for a model project and if so, was funding available. Councilmember Foutch clarified "communities" was a reference to neighborhoods. Mr. Conner expressed concerns if the intent of the goal is to go beyond homes or block level and whether accompanying funding would come from state or the federal government for a model program.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Biles closed the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Haub addressed Mr. Jacob's questions.

Mayor Biles recommended the Council defer action until the November 3 meeting. The Council agreed to defer action.

Councilmember Pavola suggested it would be helpful to review public comments earlier and suggested a public comment deadline of noon, October 29. The Council agreed.

Mr. Haub reported the plan is for a 10-year period.

Mr. Bob Sterbank, City Attorney, supplemented Mr. Haub's answer concerning EPA and what happens if the federal government lessens the Clean Water Act requirements. The City's Storm Water Program is in compliance with the Department of Ecology, which requires certain obligations under the Clean Water Act. If the federal government reduces requirements, it would be very likely that DOE would also. Since stormwater is part of the City's Plan there would be no affect unless the Council made changes to City's plan

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Stanley Stahl, 120 State Avenue NE, cited an internet link he sent to the Council for a New York Times article. He referred to the fiasco in Spokane of using public funds for private benefit. For more similarities, look at the sweetheart lease between the Port and the Russian shipping company, which points to use of public money for private concerns.

Mr. Walt Jorgensen, 3439 14th Avenue NW, referred to privacy meetings, secrecy, and refusing to allow the public to attend meetings in Spokane regarding the conference center. Three Council members in Spokane and one PFD member have suggested full meetings to examine conference center proceedings. Mr. Jorgensen cited the open meetings act and noted his recent attempt to videotape the open house was denied until after a meeting between attorneys. He complained about undisclosed information and closed meetings. After Mr. Lazar's presentation, some light has been cast on the subject. Mr. Lazar's information can be found at www.letusvote.net.

Mr. Ken Filak said he found it interesting that information about the Spokane project cited by

previous speakers was the same success story quoted by the Olympia City Council. Mr. Filak expressed his feelings about false assumptions and information regarding the entire project. The only real fact revealed was the tax burden. The City will experience lower levels of service and there will be a drain on the general fund.

Ms. Elenor Price said she has been a citizen of Olympia for almost 40 years. She referred to the recent hiring of an urban forestry assistant and assumes the City is funding the position. She noted the City has an Environmental Advisory Committee, which has never been funded. She described the mission of the committee. Without funding, the committee cannot be active. She asked the Council to consider funding the committee.

Mr. Jeffery Dennison, PO Box 922, addressed Councilmember Foutch in regards to a personal accusation of profiting from Council decisions. The specific question was in regards to the reading of Article 11 Section 14. The making of profit or using the same for any purpose not authorized by law by any officer having possession or control thereof shall be punished as prescribed by law. He asked if Councilmember Foutch has read the State Constitution. Councilmember Foutch replied he has not. Mr. Dennison indicated the law provides restricted powers. Mr. Dennison said he has filed a bar complaint against City Attorney Sterbank for misrepresenting the law to the Council and public regarding the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The City cannot spend public money on a conference center before following SEPA. The City is responsible as the lead agency. Environmental review must include all related aspects and done before funding. The public places its trust in the Council and if violated, the Council will not gain back the trust.

Councilmember Pavola addressed the garbage issue and suggested there should be a level of administrative flexibility. The issue was referred to staff.

Mr. Hall was advised to consider the information provided by Mr. Jim Lazar and include it in the final analysis.

Mr. Hall advised the Council the Environmental Committee was abolished some time ago. The activities are currently funded in other City programs. He noted it appears the message was not properly conveyed and will ensure the matter is addressed.

Councilmember Ware said she would like to see conference center projections re-calculated and compared to the information provided by Mr. Lazar. Mr. Hall described the communications that have occurred between Mr. Lazar and himself about the conference center that had created some misunderstanding with respect to the issues.

Councilmember Hawkins referred to Ms. Price's comments and advised staff the committee members should have received a letter stating there would be no more funding.

Councilmember Green requested an update from staff on the conference center contracts and hotel petition. Mr. Hall explained staff is waiting to receive the hotel petition, is working on resolution of some parking arrangements, and two financial issues with VIP's is still being negotiated. These issues need to be resolved before acting on the purchase and sale agreement.

Councilmember Ware inquired about the time frame for the hotel petition. Mr. Hall said he believes the petition is being modeled after the Spokane agreement, where hoteliers opposed the tax. The City is waiting to receive the draft of the petition.

Councilmember Pavola shared the Spokane agreement was a lengthy process and cost nearly \$30,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of September 15, 2003 Council Meeting
- B. Minutes of September 15, 2003 Study Session - ***Amended***

SECOND READINGS (Ordinances and Budget Resolutions)

- C. Ordinance Amending Mayor and Councilmember Salaries

FIRST READINGS (Ordinances and Budget Resolutions)

- D. An Ordinance Rescinding Chapter 2.58 of the Municipal code, Titled Urban Forestry Advisory Board
- E. Appropriations Ordinance in the Amount of \$56,696 to Amend the 2003 budget for The Washington Center

FINAL ACTIONS

- F. Approval of Bid Award for Downtown Crossings Pedestrian Improvements
- G. West Bay Trail Alignment and Park Site Selection – ***Pulled, Amended & Passed***
- H. Conclusions of Law and Order Affirming Findings and Decision of the Hearing Examiner Denying Amendment of the conditional Use Permit for the Capitol House Apartments

Councilmember Mah moved, seconded by Councilmember Foutch, to approve the consent calendar as submitted.

Councilmember Pavola pulled item 4 (G).

Councilmember Hawkins requested a couple of corrections to item 4 (B), Study Session minutes of September 15. The first correction on page 11, paragraph 8, first sentence, should be corrected to read, "Councilmember Hawkins said it will also be important to begin discussions with the county or the land trust to acquire land ***in the Green Cove Creek Basin*** (not around basins) before development begins in ***that*** (not those) area". Councilmembers concurred. Councilmember Hawkins noted a second correction on page 2, paragraph 9, in the first sentence to read, "Councilmember Hawkins suggested providing an example ***of a*** downtown ***zone*** that has achieved 85% occupancy." Councilmembers concurred with the change.

The motion carried unanimously to approve the amended consent calendar.

West Bay Trail Alignment and Park Site Selection

Councilmember Pavola referred to some missing items in the staff report from earlier discussions regarding the West Bay trail alignment and park site selection. The first issue was about approaching the Port and going forward. The second concerned Council approaching the county about park conservation futures. He asked if there had been any resolution.

The Council discussed the earlier conversations and generally agreed the Council concurred to work together with the Port and determine the next steps.

Mr. Dave Okerlund, Project Manager, reported it would take 90 days to complete assessments and appraisals. He is working quickly to accomplish both. The county commissioners are aware of the 90 days. He recommended the Council send a letter requesting a 90-day extension to complete the assessment. Councilmember Hawkins asked if the structural analysis could be completed in 90 days. Mr. Okerlund indicated it would be unlikely.

Ms. Chris Hamm thanked Council and staff for their work. She noted her concern with obtaining permission from the Port to move forward. Ms. Hamm informed the Council there are many people who are interested and concerned. The comprehensive plan included two land use designations when Solid Wood vacated.

Mayor Biles indicated there were mixed messages about the Port's plans for the property. It is unclear whether the property is for sale at this point. He suggested a letter might prompt the Port to provide an official position on the issue. Councilmember Pavola said he also believed the Port Commissions said the focus was on different utilization of the Port property on the Peninsula. That was their key goal. Both Solid Wood and the Hardel parcels would benefit from development.

Councilmember Mah suggested it was time to make a decision. It appears the Port and the county are willing to work to resolve the issue if Olympia determines its position. Olympia needs to take the lead. He suggested turning the basic elements of the resolution into an offer.

Councilmember Foutch clarified what will be conveyed to the Port is the City's interest in the Solid Wood property for a City-owned park that would not be shared with commercial development.

Councilmember Pavola moved, seconded by Councilmember Ware, to accept staff's recommendation and expand it to include a letter on behalf of the Council from the Mayor to the Port Commission stating the City's interest in another extension to work with them over the next 90 days to conduct investigations to determine how to partner for the City to acquire the Port property for park development and eventually the Port acquiring additional property along West Bay Drive for its uses. Further, the Council requests staff work to secure structural analysis for the two railroad trestle structures and the Frank's Landing pier structure, and requests staff secure Level II site assessments and appraisals for both the Port of Olympia and Hardel sites and report back to the Council with the findings as soon as the information is available.

Mayor Biles suggested a friendly amendment to the motion to include a letter from the Mayor to the Board of County Commissioners expressing City's desire to partner with them through the use of county conservation futures for the possible acquisition of the sight. Councilmembers Pavola and Ware concurred with the friendly amendment.

Councilmember Green agreed with the proposed direction. It will be important to identify the direction the City is heading, even if the details have not been resolved. He indicated he would prefer the City consider funding sources for the park.

Councilmember Mah said he would support the amended motion if funding alternatives are considered outside of the ballot issue. He suggested purchasing the property from alternative funding sources and retaining the ballot measure for development costs for the property. He suggested staff could

identify funding sources as part of the 2004 budget process. Councilmember Hawkins noted staff has been working on funding options for the property along West Bay. She suggested staff develop some ideas within the next 90 days and bring back to either the Council or Council committee for further exploration and discussion.

Mayor Biles restated the motion as four main actions:

1. Direct staff to conduct a structural analysis of the two railroad trestles and Frank's Landing Pier structure.
2. Direct staff to secure a Level II sight assessments and appraisals for both Port of Olympia and the Hardel properties and return to the Council as soon as feasible.
3. The Council authorizes the Mayor to send a letter to the Port of Olympia expressing interest in acquisition of its property on West Bay Drive and a desire to extend work in partnership with the Port for the next 90 days to continue research and information gathering and to work in partnership to evaluate the Hardel property for possible future Port acquisition.
4. The Council authorizes a letter from the Mayor to the Board of County Commissioners seeking to build a financial partnership with the County through utilization of county conservation futures funds for a portion of the acquisition cost.

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS / LAND USE APPEALS

Meeting with Annexation Petitioners for the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Annexation

Senior Planner Todd Stamm provided a review of the annexation process. The annexation process includes three steps.

- (1) Letter of intent from landowner presented to the Council for a 60-day review. The Council meets with landowner and outlines requirements of the landowner.
- (2) If Council approves the petition, the City provides factual information and landowner obtains signatures for petition. If signatures are obtained, the petitioner returns to the Council
- (3) The Council decides if property should be annexed.

Mr. Stamm explained the Land Use Committee reviewed the request for recommendation on the annexation boundary. Following the committee's meeting, the City sent notices to all affected property owners about the proposed annexation petition.

Following the meeting, last week, a notice was sent to property owners advising them of the City Council meeting to consider the annexation boundary. He advised the Council of petition waivers the City has for some of the properties as condition of a former utility provision requiring property owners living in the urban growth area to sign annexation waivers when connecting to City utilities. Mr. Stamm explained the requirements for a successful annexation.

Mr. Stamm outlined the location of the proposed annexation (area 1) and pointed out areas 2 and 3, which staff proposes including in the annexation petition. Area 2 is single property owner of a medical office and has given POA for annexation of the land. Area 3 includes mixed parcels consisting of vacant land and several residential homes. Staff believes it would be impractical to annex only one side of the road and is recommending annexing areas 1, 2, and 3. The Land Use Committee concurred with staff's

recommendation. Mr. Stamm noted one issue overlooked in the staff report concerns zoning. Zoning has already been established. Annexation will supersede previous annexation of a much smaller area, from a few years ago. Staff recommends a one-year time limit for the petition.

Mayor Biles questioned the action requested of the Council. Mr. Stamm responded the annexation action will be outlined in a staff report drafted by the City Attorney. The action before the Council at this time is to establish the annexation boundary. There are some questions about signatures and staff needs a decision on the time frame for the petition.

Councilmember Ware asked about the impact of the annexation to the Yauger Way exit from Highway 101. Mr. Stamm replied the annexation would simplify future extensions of the roadway as the area would be within the City limits. Project construction is much easier to coordinate if the project area is located within the entire City limits.

Mayor Biles mentioned a few years ago there were many complaints about a church expansion resulting in land use appeals. Most of the complaints were resolved. He asked if sufficient provisions were in place to avoid a similar situation in the future after the area has been annexed. Mr. Stamm indicated the zoning is Medical Service and not single-family. The property is zoned for institutional sized development.

Councilmember Foutch inquired about the requirement to provide property owners with information about City services, taxes, and other impacts to property owners. Mr. Stamm confirmed the information was being developed for property owners.

Mr. Sandy Mackie, counsel for the Church of Living Waters, referred to the Mayor's reference of previous problems involving an expansion of a church within a residential neighborhood. He noted the current request is a different situation under different conditions. Additionally, there has been a substantial amount of work completed over the past three years. He said he is looking forward to working with the City for the first annexation into the City under the new annexation legislation.

Mr. Richard Johnson, 3506 7th Avenue SW, reported he owns and resides on a small parcel within area 3. He said he doesn't see any benefit in annexing to the City and foresees the loss of some property and LID costs that will not benefit him but only the church. He asked whether the City will force him to abandon his well and septic system and require connection to City utilities. Mr. Johnson expressed concerns about increased property taxes if annexed into the City.

Mr. Stamm responded to the questions and advised Mr. Johnson answers to his questions would be provided in the informational packet staff is developing that will be provided to property owners prior to being asked to sign the petition. He noted taxes vary little between the City and the county. The City's practice and policy requiring connection to utilities does not require connection if the existing system is operational and functioning properly. Widening of roadways and loss of property due to right-of-way expansions are similar practices undertaken by both the county and City. Additionally, taxpayers must vote to approve a LID. Mr. Stamm mentioned the benefits a property owner gains when annexed into the City such as removal of the utility surcharge that is paid by county residents. There are also the benefits of quicker emergency response and lower insurance rates for being in the City.

Councilmember Green moved, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins, to approve staff recommendation which incorporates the boundaries as recommended by the Land Use Committee of parcels 1, 2, and 3, as referenced in visual materials as well as in the staff report and allow the

process to move on to subsequent stages. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Intergovernmental Assignments

Councilmember Mah reported Intercity Transit (I.T.) is recruiting to fill a Citizen Representative position on the Authority Board to replace Tom Hanson who is resigning at the end of December. He advised interested citizens to contact Intercity Transit to obtain an application. The Authority will be voting on an expenditure of \$2.5 million for 12 new vehicles. The new equipment will enable I.T. to increase service as a result of the successful sales tax ballot measure. I.T. will begin the second phase of restoring service, which is three-step phase. Federal matching has not been received and I.T. staff recommends purchasing the buses using local funds.

Councilmember Ware asked what type of fuel the buses would use. Councilmember Mah replied the vehicles would be using bio-diesel fuel.

Councilmember Mah reported the I.T. Citizens Work Group and the Authority would be meeting jointly to discuss several issues. Discussions are planned for Dial-A-Lift boundary and youth passes.

Councilmember Hawkins reported she attended the Housing Task Force meeting on October 19. A homeless count is underway by various agencies to provide a description of what kind of homelessness exists and where homeless individuals are receiving food. Smaller communities are also involved in count. The state requires a county-by-county count. The Housing Authority is conducting its annual planning process for its five-year plan. The process incorporates a public and jurisdictional review and outreach. The housing subcommittee indicated there are an increased number of people being turned away from services. Agencies have been asked to track the figures. The goal is identify how an individual can seek assistance from other agencies. A local group has expressed interest in establishing a temporary rest shelter for those with medical problems and/or who need temporary shelter for medical reasons. Redevelopment of the Forest Glen site will be renovated in increments of 20 units at a time. The housing will be market-rate housing and not subsidized. Bread and Roses will be developing a feasibility study for both a kitchen and drop-in center on A Street. There was discussion about a furniture bank, but current space is lacking for the storage of donated furniture.

Councilmember Foutch announced the Sister City delegation from Yashiro, Japan arrived for a visit. The delegates arrived October 17 and attended a welcome reception. They have begun to tour local sites and were hosted at Johnny Lewis' home on Cooper Point, Sunday, October 19. Delegates toured the new bridge on Monday, October 20 along with a tour of Olympia High School and lunch at the Olympia Senior Center. The delegates left for visits to Las Vegas, Monument Valley, Utah and the Grand Canyon.

Councilmember Pavola distributed new brochures produced by the Visitor and Convention Bureau that showcase Thurston County and local communities. The brochures include a map of the community and features information about the three cities – Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater. The brochures will be distributed throughout the community and will be updated annually.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hall reported the City received the second settlement check for the Forest Glen settlement.

Attorneys for the owner will appear in court October 23 and will enter an “Alford” plea. He noted the action will finally bring resolution to a long, ongoing, and difficult problem. Staff is scheduling a celebration for Council and staff to commemorate all the difficult and long hours devoting to resolving the issues and protecting the interests of low-income residents. A second celebration will also be held for community participation.

Mr. Hall mentioned the severity of the storm of 1990 and how times have changed for the City’s stormwater utility. Flooding issues have been reduced significantly, which is a big accomplishment. During the recent storm activity, the City did not experience any significant flooding problems.

Councilmember Ware requested an update on the Council investigation. Mr. Sterbank advised the Council he would inform them when he receives information on the timeline to receive the report.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 p.m. for an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) – real estate matter. No action will be taken and the meeting will be adjourned.

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