



City of Longview

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Minutes - Special Meeting City Council

Mayor Dennis Weber
Council Member Ken Botero
Council Member Tom Hutchinson
Council Member Don Jensen
Council Member Chet Makinster
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink
Council Member Michael Wallin

Thursday, May 17, 2012

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a workshop session in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Offices at 360.442.5004 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Council Member Botero, Council Member Hutchinson, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Makinster, Mayor Pro Tem Melink and Council Member Wallin

Excused: 1 - Mayor Weber

Staff and others present:

City Manager Bob Gregory; Assistant City Manager/Parks Director David Campbell; City Attorney Public Works Director Jeff Cameron; City Engineer Craig Bozarth; Engineer Ivona Kinninmonth; Finance Director Kurt Sacha; Fire Chief Daryl McDaniel; Battalion Chief Phil Jurmu; Firefighter Kacy Clark; and Human Resources Director Keith Larson. Anthony Yi, Transpo consultant.

Ray Byers, Dorothy M. Grover, Lee Starr, Jennifer Leach, and Bill Hallanger wre

among those in the audience.

3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

4. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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CIVIC CENTER CIRCLE MODIFICATION OPTIONS

COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Improve transportation systems
Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City received a federal safety grant to improve motorist and pedestrian safety due to the crash history of the Civic Center Circle. Following a public outreach process combining master planning for R.A. Long Park and improvements to the Civic Center Circle, the city council adopted the R.A. Long Park Master Plan indentifying proposed improvements to the Civic Center Circle.

In September 2011, construction was completed for the modifications to the Civic Center Circle. Due to funding constraints, the first phase of improvements could not be fully implemented. For instance, much of the channelization was accomplished with thermoplastic striping rather than the concrete curbing called for in the master plan.

Since the Circle reopened to traffic, staff and the city council have received compliments and complaints about the modifications to the Circle. Based on the complaints, the city council directed staff to evaluate further modifications to the Circle, primarily focused on a desire to restore two lanes through the Circle for traffic on Washington Way. Attached is a presentation identifying some issues with the current configurations and providing three options if further modifications are desired.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Cost information is being developed and will be provided at the workshop.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discussion and direction to staff.

Attachments: [Civic Circle Review - Final 05.17.12.pdf](#)
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Following the presentation and discussion, Council consensus was to place Civic Circle modifications in the Capital Projects budget as a placeholder. No specific alternatives were decided upon. Options 1 - 2 - 3 cost approximately \$25,000; Options 4 - 5 cost approximately \$60,000 - \$85,000.

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FIRE/EMS UPDATE

Attachments: [Council Workshop May 2012](#)
 [2013 Standby Fees_LFD+C2FR Jointly](#)
 [Paramedic Program Phase Plan Costs 2-7-12 \(2\)](#)

Beginning at 7:07 p.m., Battalion Chief Phil Jurmu discussed risk management; education; engineering; enforcement; and emergency response.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.