



City of Longview

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Minutes - Final - Not Approved City Council

*Mayor Don Jensen
Council Member Ken Botero
Council Member Tom Hutchinson
Council Member Chet Makinster
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink
Council Member Steve Moon
Council Member Michael Wallin*

Thursday, May 21, 2015

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 joint workshop session with the Longview School District Board in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, May 21, 2015, 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 was convened at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Don Jensen, Council Member Botero, Council Member Hutchinson, Council Member Makinster, Mayor Pro Tem Melink, Council Member Moon and Council Member Wallin

Staff present:

City Manager David Campbell; Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Kurt Sacha; City Attorney James McNamara; Director of Public Works Jeff Cameron; City Engineer Craig Bozarth; and City Traffic Engineer Manuel Abarca.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

[15-3844](#)

RECOMMENDATION TO RENAME 7TH AVE PARK IN HONOR OF

COUNCIL MEMBER TOM HUTCHINSON

Ken Botero introduced 7th Avenue Park and highlighted the accomplishments of Tom Hutchinson.

Ken Botero moved to direct staff to present to Park Board the renaming of 7th Avenue Park to Tom Hutchinson Soccer Complex. Councilmember Makinster seconded the motion.

Make every effort to bring Resolution forward Thursday, May 28, 2015, to name the northern portion of the 7th Avenue Park the "Tom Hutchinson Soccer Complex."

Pat Kubin expresses his gratitude of Tom's hard work and efforts. On behalf of the Longview Soccer Club, Seth Cockrill and Jeff Coleman recognized Tom for all his contributions to Jr. soccer.

Seth and Jeff presented a banner recognizing The Tom Hutchinson Soccer Complex at 7th Avenue Park.

Kelso resident Mr. Wood, fellow referee, expressed his gratitude for Tom's work.

Laurie thanked Tom for his work as well. Motion passes unanimously.

Jennifer Leach expressed her thanks on behalf of Longview School District for all Tom's contributions.

A motion was made by Council Member Ken Botero, seconded by Council Member Chet Makinster, that this matter be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Recess

A brief recess was taken at 6:18 p.m.

Workshop resumed at 6:27 p.m.

[15-3839](#)

SCHOOL ZONE ENHANCEMENTS UPDATE**COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Improve Transportation Systems

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

On February 6, 2014, the City Council held a workshop to review school zone safety enhancement recommendations made by the traffic engineering firm Kittelson & Associates. Staff will review the status of improvements, potential grant funding, and schedules for future improvements. Staff will also discuss the status of the warning lights at the pedestrian crossing at 15th Avenue and Commerce.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Direction to Staff

Attachments: [Work Shop School Zones Recommended Improvements](#)

Longview School Board members present: Jennifer Leach, Barb Westrick, C. J. Nickerson, J. D. Rossetti, and Longview Schools Superintendent Greg Kirsch.

Others in attendance: Todd Wilson, Brian Scersea, Gary Weber, Jim McNamara, Brooks Johnson, Ken Hermanson, Chris Fitch, Chris Smith, Dick Bullock, Mary Chennault, Robert Huhta.

City Manager Campbell introduced the agenda re: school zone safety improvements.

Director of Public Works Jeff Cameron introduces City Traffic Engineer Manuel Abarca. Manuel shares the laundry list of improvements. Directs audience to look at the summary. Items in green on the summary are either already complete or in process.

Items in yellow are those which we are seeking Council's approval on.

Manuel provides examples of the flashing beacons and speed feedback signs, and school zone legends and Rapid Rectangular Flashing beacon.

All school zone signs would be consistent among all schools.

Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon to be installed at CVG, Kessler and St. Helens schools.

Total to fund everything is \$1,007,900.

Recommended treatments estimate is \$533,800. Safe routes to school grant funds flashers.

Pedestrian safety grant funds Mark Morris signal. Both grants are restricted for their intended purpose.

Funding for grants is dependent upon legislative action.

Expect to receive word on grant funds sometime in June.

Signal would not impact traffic at 15th and Ocean Beach according to Manuel.

Pedestrian bridge would have to comply with ADA standards. Bridge would cost more than a signal.

Jennifer Leach – school board not interested in closing campus.

Pedestrian safety grant requires 10% of cost commitment – approximately \$30,000.

Longview School Board would seriously consider and likely support and contribute toward the \$30,000 City share for the project.

Longview School Board is supportive of MMHS signal.

Nickerson would like City to assist in funding for school guard crossing of MMHS signal if grant is not approved.

Chet Makinster could support MMHS signal if 15th Avenue speed could be increased from 20 MPH to 30 MPH

Goal is for consistency in school zones. All school zones shall have the same start and stop time frames.

Why no crosswalk markings for Kessler and Northlake? Manuel believes these are already done.

Mike Wallin: would like the flashing beacons and Rapid Rectangular Flashing beacons at all schools.

City Manager Dave Campbell: Additional funds requested – would like Council direction.

*Corrections to Matrix: ADD
MV to #6, Kessler and Northlake
#7, MV & Olympic
#9 or #10, Northlake
#11 St. Helens*

Mike Wallin: direct staff to proceed with all recommended improvements as corrected prior to 2015.

Evaluate further Item #8 report back by March 2016. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Moon.

Dick Bullock suggested adding wording to school zone speed limits – enforced 7 days a week/365 days a year.

No School zone sign at Broadway

Check the housekeeping items 20 MPH signs around Broadway.

Proceed with flashing beacons regardless of whether or not grant funding is obtained.

A motion was made by Council Member Michael Wallin, seconded by Council Member Steve Moon, to direct staff to proceed with all recommended treatments as corrected prior to the end of 2015 to be paid from the Traffic Safety Fund, with the exception of item #18, and to wait until results are received regarding our grant application before reconsidering item #18, and as a next step, to evaluate further item #8 and evaluate the concept of safe routes and report back by March 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop session was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.