



City of Longview

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Minutes - Final

City Council

Mayor Don Jensen
Council Member Ken Botero
Council Member Chet Makinster
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Melink
Council Member Steve Moon
Council Member Scott Vydra
Council Member Michael Wallin

Thursday, December 3, 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 workshop session in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, December 3, 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

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager David Campbell; City Attorney James McNamara, and City Clerk Kaylee Cody.

Also present: Kurt Sacha, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; John Brickey, Director of Community Development; Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director; Phil Jurmu, Fire Chief; and Chris Smith, Human Resources Director.

GUESTS

Guests at the workshop included Mark Brown, state lobbyist, and Joel Rubin, federal lobbyist, as well as representatives from the offices of Senator Maria Cantwell and

Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler.

3. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

4. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

[15-4110](#)

2016 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Presentation by Joel Rubin of the proposed 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda for the December 3rd workshop.

Attachments: [2016 LONGVIEW FEDERAL AGENDA](#)

City Manager Campbell introduced Joel Rubin, federal lobbyist for the City of Longview, to present the proposed 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Mr. Rubin presented a slideshow highlighting the policy successes between 2007 and 2014, including \$1 million for the water treatment facility; \$450,000 for COPS Meth Project; \$663,984 for COPS hiring (three officers over three years); \$1.4 million EDA Grant for Weber Avenue/Mint Farm; \$17.8 million in clean water and drinking water stimulus loans; \$575,834 for firefighters (four positions over four years); stormwater fee legislation (\$4,800 per year); \$1.12 million biodiesel bus acquisition; \$800,000 for regional 911 computer aided dispatch; and \$373,500 for biodiesel bus acquisition.

Mr. Rubin also provided an update of 2015 policy provisions, including the protection of CDBG/HOME for small entitlement cities; an increase in police equipment funding; the maintenance of funding for assistance to firefighters; Lake Sacajawea permitting/flushing; internet sales tax bill; the elimination of sequestration for two years (FY16 and FY17); and funding for CDBG, HOME and TIGER. Mr. Rubin also provided a recap of 2015 and a timeline for 2016.

Council discussed the major transportation related policy successes of 2015, such as the SR432/SR433 Highway and Rail Corridor Capacity and Safety Improvements (Oregon Way and Industrial Way intersection).

Council agreed to add language to the federal agenda to address crude oil by rail concerns, as there is a proposal for a mini oil refinery to be located at the Port of Longview. Fire Chief Jurmu emphasized that a focus on prevention rather than containment is key to protecting the community; once a disaster has occurred, there is little that can be done by firefighters other than to contain the fire.

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2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Presentation by Mark Brown of the proposed 2016-17 State Legislative Agenda for the December 3rd workshop.

Attachments: [Longview Final Proposed 2016 leg agenda](#)
 [AWC 2016 Leg Priorities](#)

City Manager David Campbell introduced Mark Brown, state lobbyist for the City of Longview, to present the 2016 State Legislative Agenda.

Mr. Brown highlighted the legislative goals accomplished during the 2015 legislative session and explained that the 2016 session will be much shorter due to 2016 being an election year for many of the state legislators. Mr. Brown also described some of the issues he expects to come up as hot topics during legislative session.

Council discussed the items they would like added to the legislative agenda prior to final approval.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council discussed the topics they would each like to address at the upcoming legislative dinner.

The 2016 Citizens Summit will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21. Council discussed procedural changes made to the Citizens Summit format, such as how many tables there would be. Council also discussed what topics they would like discussed at the Citizens Summit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2015