

**CITY OF OLYMPIA
GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

Chair Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Chair Jeff Kingsbury, Councilmember Craig Ottavelli, and Councilmember Rhenda Strub

1. Approval of Minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Ottavelli, seconded by Councilmember Strub to approve the minutes of February 3, 2009 as presented. Unanimously approved.

2. Police Auditor Annual Report

Erin Nolan, Police Auditor; Cathie Butler, Executive

Ms. Nolan reviewed her 2009 report. She said that all of the investigations she reviewed were conducted in a complete, thorough, objective, and fair manner. She complimented the City's Professional Standards Lieutenant Ray Holmes. She noted that she had made some recommendations to the Police Chief regarding specific procedures.

The committee and Ms. Nolan discussed some of the circumstances surrounding the Olympia police response to an incident at The Evergreen State College which is located in unincorporated Thurston County. They discussed the rationale for and potential impact on Olympia of mutual aid agreements/responses.

Ms. Nolan ended her report by complimenting the City of Olympia on the quality of its police department.

Committee members discussed the 2009 Police Auditor contract and agreed to recommend extending a contract with Ms. Nolan through the remainder of 2009 for the same terms as 2008. They agreed that Ms. Nolan should continue to submit reports in the same format and frequency as 2008, and that the committee would meet with Ms. Nolan in December, 2009, to receive a year-end report. Chair Kingsbury said he would report to the full Council about the committee's discussion and recommendation at that evening's Council meeting. He asked staff to schedule action on the contract as a Consent Calendar item on the Council's next regular meeting. Committee members concurred.

3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan

Jonathon Turlove, Parks

Brenda Bulger, PRAC Chair; Tony Sermonti, Vice Chair

Committee members reviewed the proposed PRAC work plan and agreed to recommend that it move forward for approval by the full Council with the understanding that the PRAC Committee would be flexible and willing to adapt throughout the year to accommodate emerging

issues/priorities. Committee members mentioned their individual interest in a Dog Park, West Olympia plaza/park, Percival Landing, west bay park, and ArtsSpace. Chair Kingsbury noted that within the next few weeks the City Council will be prioritizing a number of initiatives identified at the Council's retreat and also the recommendations from the Parks Master Planning process. He urged committee members to attend the Council meeting on the City Priorities and the Parks Master Plan.

Chair Kingsbury asked staff to schedule action on the PRAC work plan as a Consent Calendar item on the Council's next regular meeting. Committee members concurred.

4. Community Development Block Grant Review and Recommendations

Anna Schlecht, Community Planning & Development

The Committee reviewed the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan. This review included all applications for funding, correspondence, public testimony from the February 10, 2009 public hearing and other public commentary received by the close of the public record on February 20, 2009.

Anna Schlecht, the City's Housing Program Manager, presented the staff report, which recommended maintaining a focused and consistent approach to housing, social service, and job creation. Ms. Schlecht stated that this will allow social service and microenterprise training agencies to remain stable whereas rotating the funding between groups could potentially destabilize their operations. Ms. Schlecht reiterated the value of leveraged funding and services that would be obtained through funding the identified agencies. Ms. Schlecht also reminded the Committee that the anticipated budget of \$650,000 was based on estimates of program income. If the City receives less new CDBG or less program income, the allocations should include an "expansion joint" in the amount budgeted for housing rehabilitation projects, which could then be adjusted accordingly.

The Committee discussed the potential of referring some of the applicants that provide transitional housing or homeless related services to the County's HOME program for consideration of 2163 funding.

After discussing priorities and the challenge facing agencies in these difficult economic times, if was moved by Committee member Ottavelli, seconded by Council member Strub, unanimously approved to make the following recommendations to the full City Council for allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds in fiscal year 2009:

- \$158,500 Rehabilitation Projects to be developed
- \$100,000 Homes First Acquisition and Rehabilitation project
- \$ 84,000 CYS Storm Sewer Project (Pear St. Project)
- \$ 30,000 Micro Enterprise- Enterprise for Equity
- \$ 97,500 or 15% cap - Social Services
 - \$10,000 CYS RISE Program
 - \$19,000 CYS Rosie's Place Program
 - \$19,500 Family Support Center
 - \$10,000 Out of the Woods Shelter
 - \$19,500 Safeplace Domestic Violence Shelter
 - \$19,500 Together Afterschool Program
- \$130,000 or 20% cap - General Administration
- \$ 50,000 - Direct Service Delivery Administration
- \$650,000 - Total B-2009 CDBG

Ms. Schlecht noted that these recommendations will be placed on the consent calendar for the City Council's March 24, 2009 meeting.

5. Competitive Process for Social Service Agency Contracts and Funding

Anna Schlecht, Community Planning & Development

Due to lack of time, Chair Kingsbury rescheduled discussion of this item to the committee's next regular meeting.

Chair Kingsbury adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.