

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

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Name of Agency	Puyallup City Council (Study Session)	Date of Meeting	8-29-17
Observer Reporting	Nancy Dahl	Length of Meeting	2 hr. 50 min.
Members Present	Member Shadko was excused		
Others Present			

Content: What issue was discussed? Was some action approved? What discussion related to League positions or priorities? If discussion related to League priorities, do you recommend League action? What documents were made available about these issues?

1. Lodging Tax Recommendations – City Manager, Kevin Yamamoto:
 Manager Yamamoto explained how some of the proceeds of the Lodging Tax are designated for special expenses, some public-generated and some council requests. He reported on staff’s recommendations for a vote. Most of the requests were approved. Requests for a community fireworks event and web site improvements for the Main Street Assoc. were tabled for further discussion. Council requested that next year the council get to see the list earlier.

2. Food Truck Policy Overview: Planning Dept., Katie Baker:
 The Food Truck Association has requested a temporary Mobile Food License with no background check for a short-term pilot program to test a plan to locate food trucks at Pioneer Park and at the Sound Transit station for longer than the standard 30-day limit. Their argument is that the standard Mobile License would be too expensive for a pilot program.

3. A review of Siting Analysis for Homeless-Serving Uses – Planning Commission Director, Tom Utterback:
 Mr. Utterback began his overview by showing what 250’, 500’ and 1000’ buffers look like on a map of the city to inform the council of the impact of buffers. The Planning Dept was directed to review locations within the city and out of the downtown area to locate day/night drop in centers. The buffers were explored to provide various levels of protection for sensitive populations like schools, libraries, parks, daycare centers, senior care and other residential areas. (This effort is primarily to find a new location for the New Hope Center.) Some conclusions:
 - Using zoning to determine locations does not allow evaluation on case-by-case basis—perhaps overlay system vs. buffers.
 - NW quadrant across and away from the river seems to be the only viable option
 - Need rule or code so that policy can be applied even-handedly
 - Zoning makes policy for property, not for people. Conditional Use Permit may be the best way to control “people” uses.
 - Better to fix problems within the organization to change behavior rather than push the problems to the fringe of the city

4. First Reading of amendment to Flood Damage Protection Code: City Manager Kevin Yamamoto:
 Manager Yamamoto explained that when the city passed the current code, it used the most stringent recommendations that were more designed to protect endangered species by controlling shallow flood areas (AO Zones). This code is impacting development in the Shaw Road area. Staff is recommending that the council amend the code to less stringent requirements to allow a proposed retail development to advance.

Public Meetings Announced: Where there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with the issue?

None

Process and Protocol:

Characteristic	Yes	No	Comments/Explanations
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Was material for the meeting made available to the public in advance?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
How did the group respond to your presence?	No special response		
Other factors worth noting:	None		

Reminder:

The purposes of the LWVT-PC Observer Corps are to:

1. Promote public interest in local government;
2. Be a presence to elected officials.
3. Alert the League Board to upcoming agenda items on which League has program positions to which League can speak.
4. Identify areas for future LWVT-PC study and action.

Observers play an important role as they learn about issues and processes and are in touch with what is happening in our community. A LWVT-PC Observer is impartial, silent and respectful. It is, however, appropriate to ask questions for clarification. Remember to wear your LWV badge.

Please attach the agenda and any other materials received at the meeting that you feel are important to your report. Please try to submit your report to LWVT-PC Observer Corps Chair, Paula Eismann, within one week of the meeting. Send information to Paula Eismann, peismann60@comcast.net, or c/o LWVT-PC Office; 621 Tacoma Ave. S., Ste. 202; Tacoma, WA 98402.