

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 3, 2023

11:00 A.M. – 11:16 A.M.

REMOTE AND IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

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COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS STEADMAN (CHAIR), KUNKEL, AND COX (REMOTE)

STAFF PRESENT: RICK WALK, SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, AND TABETHA RESTOULE

ACTION: APPROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND KUNKEL.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POLICY

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ACTION: FORWARD THE DRAFT LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POLICY TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

MOTION: MOTION MADE, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND STEADMAN. COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND STEADMAN VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER KUNKEL ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Land Acknowledgments are formal statements that recognize, pay tribute to, express gratitude and respect for, affirm the ongoing relationship between indigenous people and the land, and help raise awareness of the Indigenous histories, perspectives, and experiences – past, present, and future.

The City of Lacey (“City”) is located on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people, specifically the people of the Medicine Creek treaty (1854), including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and the Squaxin Island Tribe. The City works with the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe in government-to-government partnerships.

Staff reviewed the draft Land Acknowledgement Policy. The purpose of the Land Acknowledgment Policy is to establish a City of Lacey Land Acknowledgment and provide guidance for City of Lacey employees, volunteers, appointed officials, and elected officials on its use.