

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

6:00 P.M. – 7:59 P.M.

REMOTE AND IN-PERSON

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COUNCIL PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER, COUNCILMEMBERS COX (REMOTE), GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN (REMOTE), KUNKEL, AND VAZQUEZ

COUNCIL EXCUSED: MAYOR RYDER

STAFF PRESENT: R. WALK, R. ALMADA, S. KELLEY-FONG, T. WOO, R. HOLLIS, A. SMITH, J. SWIDECKI, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND VAZQUEZ

2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PRESENTATIONS

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, presented on the 2023 Community Development Block Grant proposals.

The Thurston County CDBG Urban County Consortium ("TC CDBG Consortium") received a total of \$1,206,086 in CDBG funding for 2023. After accounting for Thurston County program administration costs (20%, \$241,217), there remains a total of \$1,054,198 in CDBG funding available for the City to allocate. This total includes \$89,328 in remaining administrative costs for FY 2021. Of this total, the maximum amount that can be allocated to public services is \$180,913, and the minimum that can be allocated to capital projects is \$873,285.

The City received a total of twelve (12) proposals totaling \$2,162,993. Six (6) of the applications were for Public Services with requests totaling \$507,195. The remaining six (6) applications were for Capital Projects with requests totaling \$1,571,798.

At the January 12, 2023, Worksession, the City Council established the following 2023 CDBG funding priorities:

Public Services:

- Attempt to allocate the maximum of 15%
- Fund organizations in or serving Lacey residents

Prioritize Projects Focused On:

- Affordable Housing
- Social Services
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure

During the April 13, 2023, Worksession, Council directed staff to move forward with funding the following public services in full:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Thurston County - Lacey Club Scholarships
Requested Amount: \$50,000

Catholic Community Services SW - The Community Kitchen
Requested Amount: \$11,355

Communication Action Council of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties -
Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center
Requested Amount: \$60,000

Senior Services for South Sound - Home Share Program
Requested Amount: \$21,000

Council supported the remaining \$38,588 be allocated to capital projects. Council directed staff to invite the capital project applicants to present additional background and information on their funding requests. Representatives for the following organizations provided additional information to Council regarding their proposals:

- Options for Supported Housing
- Homes First
- Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI)
- Rebuilding Together Thurston County
- South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity

Staff advised this item will return to Council in May 2023 to determine funding recommendations and next steps.

FUTURE POLICE STATION UPDATE

PRESENTERS: ROBERT ALMADA, CHIEF OF POLICE
ROBERT HOLLIS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
ASHLEY SMITH, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
JOHN SWIDECKI, CAPITAL PROJECTS ENGINEER
BRYAN BELEY, KMB ARCHITECTS
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff and consultants with KMB Architects provided an overview of the 60% Design for the Lacey Future Police Station. The presentation covered the following topics in detail:

- Existing and Future Site
- Site Plan
- Floor Plans (Lower and Upper Levels)
- Exterior Concept Visualizations
- Construction Cost Estimate
- Cost Escalation
- Updated Project Schedule

The Cost Escalation and Updated Project Schedule were highlighted further, leading into the next scheduled agenda topic on funding.

FUNDING STRATEGY

STAFF: RICK WALK, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
TROY WOO, FINANCE DIRECTOR
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Troy Woo, Finance Director, provided an overview of the funding strategy regarding the future Lacey Police Station.

The presentation outlined the following:

- Evolving Police Station Funding Strategies
- Proposed Police Station Strategy
- General Fund Preliminary 2022 Year-End Savings
- Other Commitments and Priorities

Staff reviewed in detail the comparisons with previous and current funding strategies, as well as an updated funding strategy proposal to cover the increased costs. Council expressed support with the proposed direction.