

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY,
JUNE 25, 2020, REMOTE ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT: A. Ryder, C. Pratt, L. Greenstein, C. Cox, E. Kunkel, M. Miller

COUNCIL EXCUSED: S. Steadman

STAFF PRESENT: S. Spence, J. Burbidge, S. Egger, D. Schneider, R. Walk, T. Woo, S. Schelling, K. Adams, P. Edmonds

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda Items:
A. Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2020.
B. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for June 4, 2020, through June 17, 2020.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND AGENDA. DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

REFERRAL FROM
HEARINGS EXAMINER: Sarah Schelling, Associate Planner, presented Council with Conditional Use Permit and Wetland Development Permit Applications for Hawks Prairie Sister Standpipe Reservoir Project #19-194.

Council discussed incorporating art on the City's public facilities. Council will discuss options at a future meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE HEARINGS EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND WETLAND DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR HAWKS PRAIRIE SISTER STANDPIPE RESERVOIR PROJECT #19-194. DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS:

Dave Schneider, City Attorney, presented Council with Resolution No. 1094 extending the provisions of Resolution No. 1085 declaring an emergency in the City of Lacey regarding the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Thurston County.

The proposed resolution extends the emergency declaration until July 24, 2020. Council discussed amending the resolution to extend the date to January 1, 2021. Council could terminate sooner or extend further by formal action.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1094, AS AMENDED, EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 1085 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF LACEY REGARDING COVID-19 UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2021. MAYOR RYDER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Staff will provide a monthly update to Council on the suspensions listed in Resolution 1094.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Kelly Adams, Management Analyst, presented Council with the Lacey Youth Council Policy. If approved, the policies will be incorporated into the Council Policies and Procedures Manual.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPROVE THE LACEY YOUTH COUNCIL POLICY COUNCILMEMBER COX SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Ryder recommended the appointment of Robin Vazquez as Planning Commissioner.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPOINT ROBIN VAZQUEZ AS PLANNING COMMISSIONER. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED.

Council agreed to postpone consideration of the appointment of Robin Vazquez until the July 2 Worksession to allow time for Council to review the application.

MOTION FAILED.

Council discussed amending the Council and Worksession meeting schedule, with consideration for public participation.

Staff will research the option of holding the meetings on Tuesdays, and moving the Council meetings to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday or Thursday, and Worksessions to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday or Thursday.

Staff will provide a recommendation for Council consideration at the July 2 Worksession.

The July 2, 2020, Worksession is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. The meeting could be held both in-person and remote if Governor Inslee does not extend Proclamation 20-28.5 regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

There was Council consensus to prepare for an in-person and remote meeting unless the Governor extends the proclamation. Council will notify staff whether they will attend in person.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Spence, City Manager, provided an update to the reopening of City facilities under the Governor's Phase 3 Safe Start Plan. City Hall will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for two weeks beginning Monday, June 29, 2020. Many City services will be provided by appointment only.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mayor's Forum

Mayor Ryder reported they have continued to meet remotely on the first Friday of every month.

Thurston Regional Planning Council

Mayor Ryder reported the board approved the funding recommendations for the 2022-2025 Federal Transportation Projects.

Transportation Policy Board

Mayor Ryder reported the board received many public comments opposing the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan.

Joint Animal Services Commission

Deputy Mayor Pratt reported on several items:

- Approved amended assessment for the budget
- Approved 2020 budget
- Update on reopening the facility
- Update on Reserve Policy

Regional Housing Council

Councilmember Cox reported an Interlocal Agreement is currently being drafted, and collaborating on housing policies and resources for low and moderate income housing.

Health & Human Services Commission

Councilmember Cox reported a partial list of 2021 funding recipients was approved.

Intercity Transit

Councilmember Cox noted bus service has resumed with service levels at approximately 35% of the normal volume.

TCOMM911

Councilmember Greenstein reported the board's discussions have focused on the new radio system.

Emergency Medical Services

Councilmember Greenstein reported most discussions have been centered on the budget.

Transportation Regional Planning Council

Councilmember Miller reported the legislature is looking for a site for a commercial airport, and a committee is reviewing the feasibility of Thurston County as a potential site.

Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking

Councilmember Miller reported the annual fundraising race has been converted to a virtual race.

Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau

Councilmember Kunkel reported the board has been focused on the budget.

Economic Development Council

Councilmember Kunkel noted the Council's primary focus has been to assist local businesses during the pandemic.

Mayor Ryder adjourned to a Worksession 5:40 p.m.

WORKSESSION

Community Based Committee on Homelessness Selection

Council discussed different methods to select the 30-member committee. Six members will be selected to represent the business community, homeowners association, faith-based community, non-profit agency, and the homeless population. Council will make the final selection of committee members at the July 2, 2020, Worksession.

Councilmembers will each create a list of their top 30 applicants and provide to staff by June 30 at 5:00 p.m. Staff will create a summary for Council review and consideration at the July 2 Worksession.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

Written Public Comment - 06.25.2020 Council Meeting

From: [Bonnie Frey](#)
To: [PublicComment](#)
Subject: Councilman Kunkel
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:13:43 PM

[Warning! External Email]

I am very dismayed at the language of Mr. Kunkel, and his suggestion that arming our neighborhoods is a good thing. This is not the time for name calling and repugnant positions on the terrible state that our country has sadly come to - systemic racism is real, and Mr. Kunkel should step down - NOW!

I would like this to be put on record as an official request for the dismissal of Mr. Kunkel as a city councilman.

Thank you,

Bonnie Frey

From: [Diane Bartlett](#)
To: [PublicComment](#)
Subject: Kunkle has to go
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 7:24:28 PM



As a resident of Lacey I say we WILL NOT TOLERATE any form of bigotry. Kunkle has to go.

Mrs. Diane Bartlett
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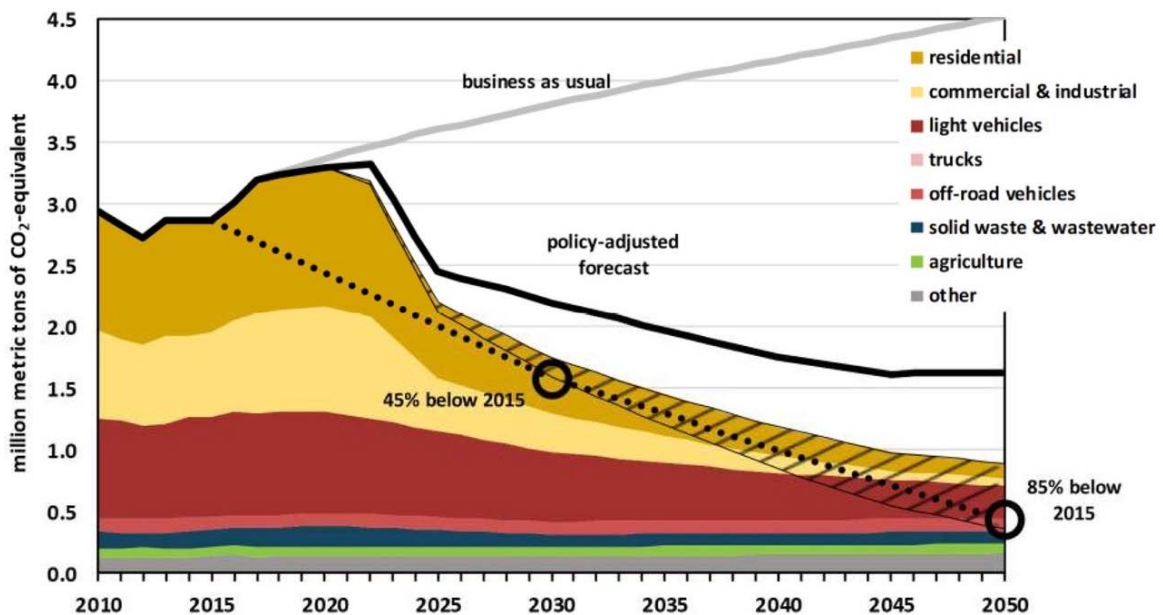
black lives matter.

From: [Wayne Olsen](#)
To: [PublicComment](#)
Subject: Urgency of Implementing Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP)
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:49:01 AM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-1.png](#)

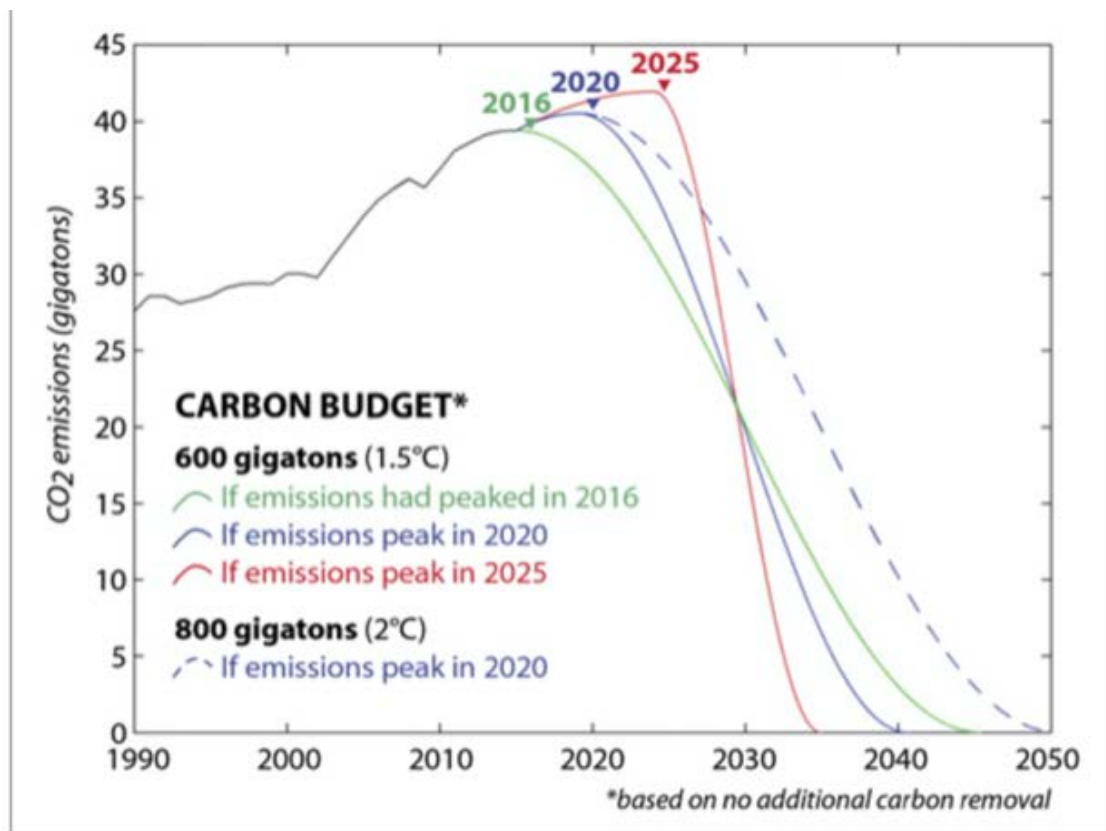


Mayor Ryder, Deputy Mayor Pratt, and Council Members,

At the last TCMP Steering Committee meeting, members were presented the stark reality that 71 action items would need to be aggressively implemented instead of just the top 50 in order to have any chance of Thurston County reaching its stated goal of reducing carbon emissions 45% by the year 2030 and 85% by 2050. The graphic below illustrates the county's goals, as well as an estimate of a path to achieve the goals if all 71 actions are vigorously implemented. The hatched area indicates a "generous" amount of CO₂ sequestered from the atmosphere by reforestation and afforestation.



In this period of unknown COVID-19 budget demands, I can understand if you have reluctance to commit funds this next budget year to implement some of the proposed TCMP action items. Actually, many of the action items will probably not require any additional city funds. But delaying TCMP action would truly be penny-wise, but pound foolish. These goals, needed to be implemented at the local government levels world-wide, are nearly identical to international goals agreed to by 194 nations in order to keep average global temperature increases well below 2.0C, or less than 4.0F, as illustrated on the next world-wide graph:



SOURCE: Stefan Rahmstorf, 2017

InsideClimate News

As illustrated above, the longer we delay aggressive action, the more rapidly we will ultimately need to reduce emissions to reach our goal. The more CO₂ we emit into the atmosphere, the higher our global temperature will reach, and the temperature will not stabilize at the higher level until well after we achieve net-zero emissions.

1.5C or 2.0C doesn't sound like much, but it makes the difference between several low-lying island nations ceasing to exist due to sea level rise, as well as some of south Florida, many East Coast harbor areas, and even nuisance high-tide flooding in downtown Olympia. Scientists expect the worst of climate change effects will start to kick in if temperatures increase more than 2C,... the litany of costly and deadly effects that I'm sure you have heard before.

I strongly urge that you fully adopt and implement all actions within the TCMP.

If you have questions about any of the climate science upon which these projections are based, I would be pleased to provide assistance and/or briefing at a work session or one-on-one meeting. After a 30 year career as a Navy oceanographer and meteorologist, I taught oceanography and atmospheric science courses including climate change at Pierce College for 9 years. Since returning to Thurston County last year, I have become a volunteer with Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT), Climate Reality Project, and the Panorama Green Team.

Very respectfully,
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