

LACEY CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL RETREAT
APRIL 23, 2021 1 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Andy Ryder, Cynthia Pratt, Carolyn Cox, Ed Kunkel, Malcolm Miller, Lenny Greenstein, Michael Steadman

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Spence, Shannon Kelley-Fong, Dave Schneider, Robert Almada, Mary Ann Hardie, Rick Walk, Scott Egger, Troy Woo, Jennifer Burbidge, Nicole Williams

GUESTS: Roy Heynderickx Ph.D., Andrew Moyer, Cecelia Loveless, Mike Raskin, Bill Valdez, Joel Rubin

MODERN ROUNDABOUT (7TH AVENUE) – PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Community Development Director Rick Walk gave a presentation on Lacey's Midtown District providing background and a planning history of Woodland District. Mr. Walk described the process and timeline that led to the Woodland District Strategic Plan and the actions taken to date. Mr. Walk highlighted the work that has been on-going and the great partnerships that have developed along the way with District stakeholders, Saint Martin's University and the City. The presentation concluded with a vision for the re-development potential of the district.

Mike Raskin, MJR Development gave a presentation titled Lacey Midtown an Innovation District a Partnership for Place Making. Mr. Raskin's presentation provided a look back at the area before the 2013 Woodland District Strategic Plan. He shared the goals and vision MJR had set for the district; create great people spaces, bring the best companies, bring in a State headquarters office, bring in technology and healthcare companies as well as residential. Mr. Raskin highlighted the unique set of assets the district has and that creating a pathway from the City to Saint Martin's University with the 7th Ave Roundabout would solidify Lacey Midtown as a place you want to be. Mr. Raskin stated his appreciation for the partnership with the City of Lacey, Saint Martin's University and The Hub.

Roy Heynderickx Ph.D., Saint Martin's University shared a presentation highlighting how the 7th Avenue Roundabout could create a space for students to experience the Midtown community. The Lacey MakerSpace was highlighted as a key element to creating an Innovation Hub in Midtown as well as the vision and investments currently going into their vision of the Lacey MakerSpace. Mr. Heynderickx closed by stating the University and Abbey were supportive of the vision of the Roundabout and are open to considering the land donation contingent upon that being the only cost for the University.

City Council had questions regarding next steps and costs. Scott Egger, Public Works Director advised there would be traffic analysis follow by a cost estimated. If approved, the project would take three plus years. City Council agreed with the general direction and asked for future updates.

LACEY POLICE STATION NEEDS - ASSESSMENT

City Manager Scott Spence provided an introduction to the space needs assessment for a new Lacey Police Station. Bill Valdez, KMB Architects, gave a presentation that highlighted future growth and how much space is needed along with the cost of a new public safety facility. Mr. Valdez and Lacey Police Chief Robert Almada discussed the current shortcomings of the current facility and agreed the space is not optimal for modern policing. Mr. Valdez advised that KMB and staff visited comparable police facilities that incorporated best practices and national standards as part of the needs assessment. Mr. Valdez presented the costs of recently built police stations. Construction costs for a new Lacey police station is estimated at approximately \$28 million in 2022 dollars. This number did not include land, soft costs, and furnishings and equipment for the proposal.

City Council asked Troy Woo Finance Director to provide the Council with the cost of the options to put the funding of a new Police Station to the Public.

City Manager Scott Spence advised the proposal would require a 2-3 year Community Engagement Process and further discussions with the Abbey for a potential land purchase to accommodate a building site adjacent to the current Lacey campus.

AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT (ARPA) 2021

Joel Rubin, CFM Advocates gave a presentation on The American Rescue Plan Act, which became law on March 11, 2021. Mr. Rubin explained that the ARPA is the largest relief package in the history of the United States \$1.9 trillion. Mr. Rubin gave background on eligible programs and projects eligible for funding under ARPA. The City of Lacey is estimated to receive \$11.45 million in ARPA funds.

City Council requested the City Manager Scott Spence draft a letter on their behalf requesting the Regional Housing Council members work to think strategically about leveraging the ARPA funds to address homelessness, specifically in the area of permanent supportive housing.

Adjourned at 3:04 pm