

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 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 (Council Chambers), C. Pratt,
L. Greenstein, C. Cox, S. Steadman E. Kunkel,
M. Miller (remote attendance)

STAFF PRESENT:

S. Spence, J. Burbidge, S. Egger, D. Schneider,
R. Almada, R. Walk, T. Woo, P. Edmonds (remote attendance)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Council worksession minutes of April 9, 2020
- B. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for April 2, 2020, through April 15, 2020

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Ryder opened a public hearing at 4:19 p.m. to consider proposals from local housing, community development, and social service agencies that have applied for funding from the Thurston Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program,

and receive comments from low- and moderate-income Lacey residents on how the proposals would address local community development and housing needs.

Approximately \$1,063,647 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Funding is available through the Thurston County CDBG Urban County Partnership, established by Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, Tenino, Rainier, and Bucoda in 2012. The partnership's funding rotates every 3 years among Thurston County (including south county communities), Lacey, and Tumwater. CDBG is a federally-funded program overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is administered locally by Washington State Department of Commerce.

The City published a request for project proposals on February 21, 2020. Additionally, the request for proposals was sent to approximately 60 community development and social service organizations in greater Thurston County. The proposal deadline was April 3, 2020.

Council can select a project or projects at the close of this public hearing, or hold for further discussion at the May 14, 2020, Council meeting.

Lacey's projects will be submitted for HUD approval in mid-July 2020. Letters of award will be sent to successful applicants on or around September 1, 2020. Funded projects must be completed by December 31, 2021.

The following applicants presented funding requests:

1. Boys and Girls Club of Thurston County Proposal: Homeless Youth Assistance Program (\$45,572.59)
2. Child Care Action Council Proposal: Early Learning Programs Targeting Low-Income Families (\$20,000)

3. City of Lacey Proposal: Lacey Veterans Services Hub Expansion Project (\$500,000)
4. Garden Raised Bounty (GRUB) Proposal: Victory Farm Benefitting Veterans and Low-Income Families (\$15,000)
5. Homes First Proposal: Affordable Rental Homes for Lacey (\$250,000)
6. South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity Proposal: Critical Home Repairs Program (\$55,000)
7. Thurston County Food Bank Proposal: Lacey Food Bank (\$350,000)

Mayor Ryder closed the public hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Council agreed to continue discussion of the CDBG funding applications at the May 14, 2020, City Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Scott Spence, City Manager, presented Council with Resolution No. 1088 to extend 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.

On March 19, 2020, the Lacey City Council passed Resolution No. 1085 finding the COVID-19 outbreak to constitute an emergency. The provisions of Resolution 1085 allow the City to request available state and federal assistance in response to the COVID-19 health emergency, and waive specific bidding requirements in order to enter into contract in the most efficient manner in response to the emergency. The provisions of Resolution 1085 are set to expire on April 28, 2020, unless further extended.

On March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee imposed a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order requiring every

Washingtonian to stay home unless they are engaged in an essential activity and banning all gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes and ordering all businesses to close unless they are designated as an essential business. Governor Inslee's order is in effect until at least May 4, 2020.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTIEN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1088 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. COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION APPROVED

Councilmember Steadman experienced technical issues during Council's vote on Resolution 1088, which prevented his vote from being seen or heard. He later confirmed with the City Clerk that he voted to approve the motion.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Spence, City Manager, presented the COVID-19 budget strategy, including total revenue loss, budget reductions, and an update on lodging tax funds.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

Written Public Comment - 04.23.2020 Council Meeting

From: [Peri Edmonds](#)
To: [Peri Edmonds](#)
Subject: FW: Stay Home, Stay Safe
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:01:16 PM

From: Jenny Bauersfeld
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:43 PM
To: 'lizrdlovr@hotmail.com' <lizrdlovr@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Stay Home, Stay Safe

Hello Genevieve,

My sincerest apologies for the delay in responding to your email below. These are most certainly unprecedented and trying times for our community right now, including our homeless population, so thank you for your question and concern.

The City is continuing to support our local partners and organizations who are putting resources towards helping those in need during this time, such as the United Way's Thurston County COVID-19 Response Fund. There are also shelters that are open and available for men and women, if any of the area's homeless population wishes to utilize them. Additionally, Lacey has an Outreach Coordinator on staff to work with our houseless residents, and while his person to person contact is limited during this time, he is still available as a resource as needed.

Thank you again for reaching out. Unfortunately, there is no easy answer to your question, but we are continuing to do our best to support all of our residents during this time! I hope this find you and your family healthy and safe.

Be well,
Jenny



-----Original Message-----

From: Mike and Genevieve <lizrdlovr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:39 PM
To: PublicComment <PublicComment@ci.lacey.wa.us>
Subject: Stay Home, Stay Safe

[Warning! External Email]

Where does the city want homeless people to be during this stay home order?
Genevieve

Sent from my iPad