

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY,
APRIL 15, 2021, REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Deputy Mayor Pratt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT: C. Pratt, L. Greenstein, C. Cox, M. Miller, M. Steadman

COUNCIL EXCUSED: A. Ryder, E. Kunkel, M. Steadman (excused at 4:16 pm)

STAFF PRESENT: S. Spence, R. Almada, J. Burbidge, S. Egger, M. Hardie, S. Kelley-Fong, D. Schneider, R. Walk, T. Woo, P. Edmonds

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda Items:
A. Council Worksession minutes of March 11, 2021.
B. Council Worksession minutes of March 25, 2021.
C. Council meeting minutes of April 1, 2021.
D. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for March 24, 2021, through April 8, 2021.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Persons wishing to provide public comment on items not on the agenda must pre-register to speak. Registration closed at 3:00 p.m. today.

Courtney Fisher, a Lacey Fred Meyer employee, spoke in favor of hazard pay for grocery employees.

Deputy Mayor Pratt proposed, and Council agreed, to add the hazard pay discussion to the April 22, 2021, Worksession agenda.

Public comments may also be submitted by email by 12:00 p.m. today. Comments will be provided to the City Council electronically prior to the meeting. Comments will not be addressed during the meeting; however, comments received will be added to the official record.

Three written public comments were received and will be made part of the official record.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Mayor Pratt recommended the appointment of Councilmember Steadman to the Nisqually River Council.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN TO THE NISQUALLY RIVER COUNCIL. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Scott Spence, City Manager, presented an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Regional Housing Council.

Over the last several months, the collective efforts of Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, worked to form a new partnership to replace Health and Human Services Council (HHSC). This effort proposes to create the Regional Housing Council (RHC) as the primary advisory body to help guide and direct public funds to address social services and housing needs within the Thurston Region. A new interlocal agreement (ILA) formalizes this new direction. The ILA has been modified to include acknowledgement that

2060 funds will continue to be used as match to the HOME funds as requested by City Council.

The Regional Housing Council will comprise of elected representatives and senior staff from Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Yelm. Councilmember Cox and Councilmember Greenstein (alternate) will represent the City of Lacey on the RHC. Scott Spence, City Manager, and Rick Walk, Director of Community & Economic Development, provide staff support.

At the Council meeting on August 27, 2020, the City Council approved the Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement. At that time the ILA included the communities of Tenino, Rainier, and Bucoda. Subsequent to the City Council's passage of the ILA, Tenino, Rainier, and Bucoda informed Thurston County that they would not be participating. As a result, the original ILA was never ratified, and a new ILA was brought forward to City Council, excluding the three communities, to formalize the Regional Housing Council (RHC). City Council approved the new ILA at its January 7, 2021, meeting. The proposed amended ILA clarifies the RHC's role in the decision making process for funds authorized by SHB 1406 and collected by the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, Yelm, and Thurston County

The RHC will be a regional forum to discuss and coordinate actions related to housing and homelessness, and to leverage resources and partnerships through policies and projects that promote equitable access to safe and affordable housing. They will make recommendations related to funding a regional response to homelessness and affordable housing through existing and future Federal, State, and local funding programs.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AMENDED REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Scott Spence, City Manager, reported to Council that the following amended interlocal agreement was signed pursuant to Resolution 1067 and the Interlocal Agreements Approval Process Policy

- Amended Interlocal Agreement for Deschutes Water Rights Mitigation Strategy

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Relations & Public Affairs Committee

Councilmember Steadman reported the Committee met on April 5 to discuss a new naming policy relating to the recent inquiry by the Johnson family, and reviewed the Lacey Public Arts Policy.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS
AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Deputy Mayor Pratt reported on the following items:

- Discussed refunding the 2011 bonds
- Cyber security
- Permanent security issues at Budd Inlet Treatment Facility
- Mechanical Improvements Construction Contract
- Air quality summary

Intercity Transit

Councilmember Cox reported on the following items:

- Transportation is being provided to the public to get the COVID vaccine
- Lease extension for Walk-n-Roll program space
- Increase in ridership

TComm911

Councilmember Greenstein reported on the following items:

- Positive financial report
- Intergovernmental Agreement review process

Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

Councilmember Miller reported on the following items:

- Recap of census data
- Studies are being conducted for freights, goods, mobility of service in region

Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking

Councilmember Miller announced the annual 5K Race Against Trafficking will be held virtually April 24-May 8, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Pratt adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____