

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020, IN LACEY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND REMOTE ACCESS

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, L. Greenstein, M. Miller, E. Kunkel (in
person); C. Pratt, C. Cox, S. Steadman (remote
access)

STAFF PRESENT: S. Spence, D. Schneider, R. Walk, (in person)
P. Edmonds (remote access)

Mayor Ryder requested amending the agenda to
add a request by Thurston County United Way.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Council worksession minutes of March 5, 2020
- B. Council meeting minutes of March 12, 2020
- C. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages
and transfers for March 5, 2020, through
March 19, 2020

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director, presented Council Resolution 1086 establishing a business support program in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The COVID-19 pandemic has immediately slowed down and/or closed business activities, and has made a sudden impact on the ability of businesses to retain employees, pay rent, loans, and obligations. The City's Strategic Investment Fund was created for economic investment. An allocation of \$1 million of the reserve would help address the economic impacts and recovery associated with COVID-19.

A partnership will be created with the Thurston Economic Development Council's Center for Business & Innovation in order to administer the small business stabilization program. Grants would be provided up to a maximum of \$10,000 for a Lacey business.

Council discussed amending Resolution 1086, Section 4, to remove "City Manager" and add "City Council," and amend Exhibit A, Criteria 2, to change 5 FTEs to 25 FTEs or fewer, with priority to be given to businesses with 10 FTEs or fewer.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1086 ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AS AMENDED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Schneider, City Attorney, presented Council with Resolution No. 1087 providing temporary procedures in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The COVID-19 has become a critical public health safety concern. Governor Inslee's March 23, 2020, "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order requires every Washingtonian to stay home unless they are engaged in an essential activity.

The restrictions require change to the process in which the City normally conducts business. Additionally, these restrictions are causing significant negative economic effects to the citizens and business community of Lacey. It was recommended to change certain City policies and code for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1087 PROVIDING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). COUNCILMEMBER COX SECONDED.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE SUSPENSION OF LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE 8.06 UNTIL EXPIRATION OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION. COUNCILMEMBER MILLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Spence, City Manager, presented Council with a request from United Way of Thurston County for \$50,000 for the Thurston County COVID-19 Response Fund.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE \$50,000 TO UNITED WAY OF THURSON COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19. COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Scott Spence, City Manager, updated Council on COVID-19, and thanked City staff for their continued efforts to provide services to the public.

Scott Spence, City Manager, updated Council on the following intergovernmental agreements he recently signed:

- Joint Regulation of Transportation Network Companies with cities of Olympia, Tumwater, and Yelm
- Mutual Law Enforcement Aid and/or SWAT Deployment with cities of Olympia, Tumwater, and Yelm
- Advanced Technology Information Management System with Thurston County

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____