MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022, REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Present:
Mayor Andy Ryder
Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Ed Kunkel
Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Staff Present:
Scott Spence, City Manager
Robert Almada, Chief of Police
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture & Recreation Director
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Mary Ann Hardie, Human Resources Director
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager
Ashley Smith, Capital Project Engineer
Peri Edmonds, City Clerk

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ryder requested amending the agenda as follows:

1) Defer the Boards, Commissions and Committee reports to the next City Council meeting; and
2) Add a discussion about proclamations to the Mayor's Report.

Consent Agenda Items:

A. Council Worksession minutes of January 27, 2022.
B. Council Meeting minutes of February 3, 2022.
C. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for January 27, 2022, through February 10, 2022.

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

3. PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. **Lacey Youth Council Report:** Alanis Blackburn, Lacey Youth Councilmember, was unable to attend the Council meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Verbal Public Comments: The deadline to pre-register to speak was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

No verbal comments.

Written Public Comments: The deadline to submit written public comments was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the meeting; however, they are added to the official record.

One written public comment was received and made part of the meeting record.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PROCLAMATIONS

7. REFERRAL FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

A. **Multi-Family Parking Standards Amendments (LMC 16.72):** Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager, presented Ordinance 1614 to amend the parking standards for multi-family uses in Lacey Municipal Code 16.72.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1614 AMENDING THE PARKING STANDARDS FOR MULTI-FAMILY USES IN LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE 16.72. DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

B. **Electric Vehicle Parking Standards Amendments (LMC 16.73):** Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager, presented Ordinance 1615 to amend the parking standards for electric vehicles in Lacey Municipal Code 16.73.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1615 AMENDING THE PARKING STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE 16.73. COUNCILMEMBER COX SECONDED. MAYOR RYDER, AND COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND VAZQUEZ VOTED IN FAVOR. DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER, AND COUNCILMEMBERS, GREENSTEIN, KUNKEL, AND STEADMAN VOTED AGAINST. MOTION FAILED.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 1615 AMENDING PARKING STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE 16.73 WITH AN AMENDMENT TO TABLE 16T-86 TO CHANGE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND LODGING FROM 10% TO 5%. MAYOR RYDER SECONDED. MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER, AND COUNCILMEMBERS COX, STEADMAN, AND VAZQUEZ VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND KUNKEL VOTED AGAINST. MOTION CARRIED.

8. REFERRAL FROM HEARINGS EXAMINER

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. **Resolution 1115 – Investment Policy Amendments:** Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented Resolution 1115 relating to amending the May 2020 Investment Policy.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1115 AMENDING THE MAY 2020 INVESTMENT POLICY. DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Council Direction: Staff was directed to provide updates to the Finance & Economic Development Committee as needed.

10. ORDINANCES

A. **Ordinance 1614 – Multi-Family Parking Standards Amendments:** City Council took action on Ordinance 1614 under Agenda Item 7.A Referral from Planning Commission.

B. **Ordinance 1615 – Electric Vehicle Parking Standards Amendments:** City Council took action on Ordinance 1615 under Agenda Item 7.B Referral from Planning Commission.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. **Reappointment of Christ Leicht to the CAR-PFD Board:** Mayor Ryder recommended the reappointment of Chris Leicht, a district-wide appointee, to a fourth term on the CAR-PFD Board of Directors.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS LEICHT TO THE CAR-PFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

B. **Appointment of Alan Baum to the Planning Commission:** Mayor Ryder recommended the appointment of Alan Baum to an unexpired term on the Planning Commission.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ALAN BAUM TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. COUNCILMEMBER COX SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

C. **Requests for Special Proclamation or Recognition:** Mayor Ryder discussed special requests the Mayor's office receives for proclamations or recognitions. He recently received a request for a proclamation for a Lacey resident turning 100 years old. The current policy is not clear.

There was Council consensus to allow the Mayor to make ceremonial proclamations without bringing to the full City Council.

Council Direction: Staff will bring the policy back to the General Government & Public Safety Committee for review to make any changes as necessary.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. **Contract Award – Arc Flash Hazard Assessment PW 2022-04:** Ashley Smith, Capital Projects Engineer, presented a request to award Lacey Contract PW 2022-04 to P2S, Inc. in the amount of $483,799.00 for the Arc Flash Hazard Assessment.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN MOVED TO AWARD PW 2022-04 IN THE AMOUNT OF $483,799.00 FOR ARC FLASH HAZARD ASSESSMENT to P2S, INC. COUNCILMEMBER VAZQUEZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

13. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. <u>Finance & Economic Development Committee</u> - **no report**
B. <u>General Government & Public Safety Committee</u> **– no report**
C. <u>Land Use Committee</u> – **no report**
D. <u>Transportation Committee</u> – **no report**

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. <u>Mayor Ryder</u>
   1. Mayor's Forum – **no report**
   2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee – **no report**
   3. Transportation Policy Board – **no report**

B. <u>Deputy Mayor Miller</u>
   1. Economic Development Council (EDC) – **no report**
   2. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) – **no report**
   3. Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking (TCCAT) – **no report**
   4. Thurston Thrives – **no report**

C. <u>Councilmember Cox</u>
   1. Climate Mitigation Steering Committee – **made report**

      Councilmember Cox reported the Climate Mitigation Steering Committee adopted a Legislative Agenda, which includes working towards electrification. Councilmember Cox asked Council if they would support a regional letter from the Steering Committee to the State Building Code Council to encourage moving quickly to require commercial buildings to heat buildings and water using electricity, and to not wait for the next code update cycle.

      There was Council consensus not to support the letter at this time.

   2. LOTT Clean Water Alliance – **no report**
   3. Regional Housing Council – **no report**

D. <u>Councilmember Greenstein</u>
   1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – **no report**
   2. TCOMM911 – **no report**

E. <u>Councilmember Steadman</u>
   1. Community Action Council – **no report**
   2. Nisqually River Council – **no report**
   3. Thurston County Law & Justice – **no report**

F. Councilmember Kunkel
   1. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM) – **no report**
   2. Lacey South Sound Chamber – **no report**
   3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) – **no report**
   4. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) – **no report**

G. Councilmember Vazquez
   1. Intercity Transit – **no report**
   2. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency – **no report**
   3. Thurston Regional Planning Council – **no report**

Mayor Ryder adjourned to a Worksession at 7:51 p.m. following a 5-minute recess.

16. ADJOURN TO WORKSESSION

A. **Community Workgroup Homeless Response Plan Update:** Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director, and the following members of the Community Workgroup on Homelessness and the Athena Group, provided Council with an update on the Homeless Response Plan.

Community Workgroup on Homelessness
Defrance Clarke
Scott Ellgen
Bob Kagy
Petty Madsen
Paul Perz
Bill Pierpoint
Edwin Pole
Jim Stanton
Madelin White

Athena Group
Meagan Picard
Paul Horton

In July 2020, the City Council appointed 30 Lacey community members to serve on the Workgroup. At this time, there are about 12-14 active members.

Members were asked to explore the experience of people facing homelessness in the community, examine current approaches, discuss issues, gauge community understanding and support for potential goals and strategies, and develop recommendations to Council. They have held fifteen (15) meetings and two (2) virtual open houses.

The Workgroup reported on the following six goals, supported strategies, and potential problems:

Goal 1: Housing & Shelter

Most Supported Strategies:	Convert structures; examine zoning/policy barriers; sober housing; micro villages
Problems Addressed:	Lack of affordable housing and shelter space drive local homelessness conditions.

Goal 2: Support Services

Most Supported Strategies:	LEAD Program; examine service pages
Problems Addressed:	Inadequacy of services needs more study; criminal justice system responses can make problems worse

Goal 3: Prevention & Early Intervention

Most Supported Strategies:	Mobile Outreach Team; housing assistance
Problems Addressed:	Higher system costs when people are unhoused longer-need to intervene when most effective

Goal 4: Coordination

Most Supported Strategies:	Staff coordinator position; regional coordination; data standardization
Problems Addressed:	Community wants to see progress; City capacity to respond effectively is limited

Goal 5: Information

Most Supported Strategies:	Share critical information
Problems Addressed:	Residents repeatedly stated need for info, though some concerned about propaganda

Goal 6: Community Impact Mitigation

Most Supported Strategies:	Current clean up; bathroom access
Problems Addressed:	Residents and businesses upset about trash, human waste, use of businesses' bathrooms

The Workgroup will provide a final recommendation at a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Ryder recommended conducting another community event to receive additional feedback from the community and provide information on what the City and Workgroup have accomplished.

At 9:37 p.m., Mayor Ryder announced a three minute recess.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **Real Estate Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**:

Mayor Ryder convened to an Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss a real estate acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The Mayor will reconvene at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor Ryder reconvened the regular meeting at 9:55 p.m. No action was taken.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the regular meeting at 9:55 p.m.

18. ADJOURN

Mayor Ryder adjourned the regular Council Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

MAYOR: ____________________________________

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: ___________________

DATE APPROVED: ____________________________