

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

6:00 P.M. – 7:37 P.M.

REMOTE AND IN-PERSON

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COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER, COUNCILMEMBERS COX, STEADMAN, GREENSTEIN, KUNKEL, AND VAZQUEZ

STAFF PRESENT: R. WALK, S. EGGER, S. KELLEY-FONG, D. SCHNEIDER, T. WOO, R. ANDREWS, P. BROOKS, M. HOCH, T. O'NEAL, P. EDMONDS

Mayor Ryder amended the agenda to add an update on *Well Source 06 Property Acquisition*.

ACTION: APPROVE AMENDED WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND VAZQUEZ

ILA – REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL

STAFF: RICK WALK, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
RYAN ANDREWS, PLANNING MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Rick Walk, Interim City Manager, presented a proposed second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the Regional Housing Council.

On January 28, 2021, the original ILA was executed establishing the Regional Housing Council (RHC) with the primary purpose of leveraging resources and partnerships through policies and projects related to safe and affordable housing. The original ILA also dissolved the Health and Human Services Council and the Community Investment Partnership. The first amendment to the agreement was executed April 30, 2021, clarifying how jurisdictions will manage and make decisions concerning SHB 1406 funds.

The primary purpose of the second amendment is to recognize the consolidation of the Thurston County and Olympia Home Funds and to establish administrative procedures

to guide the Regional Housing Council (RHC) on the recommendations for use of the combined funds. The agreement also the Affordable Housing Advisory Board and the Homeless Services Advisory Board. The boards will be comprised of subject matter experts to make recommendations to the RHC on funding.

The proposed amended agreement also revises language in the ILA regarding the use of SHB 1406 funds. The RHC would make decisions regarding the distribution of funds for projects subject to the approval of the elective body of each RHC partner.

The ILA will be brought to a future Council meeting for action.

COMPOST PROCUREMENT (HB 1799 RESPONSE)

STAFF: MARCUS HOCH, PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT ANALYST

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Marcus Hoch, Public Works Management Analyst, presented a draft ordinance relating to Compost Procurement Policy for Public Capital Projects.

In 2022, Washington's Legislature passed House Bill 1799 (HB 1799) requiring diversion of organic materials away from landfill disposal and towards food rescue programs and organics management facilities. These actions are intended to help Washington achieve its 2030 goal to cut landfill-disposed organic material by 75%, compared to 2015 which in turn will reduce methane emissions associated with organic materials.

Washington's new organics management law requires state and local governments, businesses, and other organizations to reduce the number of organic materials disposed of in landfills and increase the demand for processed organic materials, like compost. The legislation also calls for an increase in edible food recovery and amends many laws affecting organics management.

Staff advised adopting a compost procurement ordinance is in alignment with state law. A compost procurement ordinance could be amended as necessary, or repealed and replaced, as needed at a later date.

UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

STAFF: PETER BROOKS, WATER RESOURCES MANAGER
TERI O'NEAL, SENIOR UTILITY ENGINEER
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Teri O'Neal, Senior Utility Engineer, presented on the following 2022 and 2023 Utility Capital Improvement Projects:

- Stormwater Design Manual
- Water Comprehensive Plan
- Wastewater Comprehensive Plan Update
- Reclaimed Water Comprehensive Plan
- Arc Flash Specifications
- Well Review & Analysis
- Well Program (Phase II)
- 2023 Overlay Utility Improvements
- 2023 Design Annual MH Rehab
- 2022/2023 Annual Water Valves
- 2022/2023 Annual Wastewater Valves
- Lift Station Awnings

Staff updated Council on previous projects in the following areas in the City:

- East of Carpenter Road – North of I-5
- East of Carpenter Road – South of I-5
- West of Carpenter Road – North of Lacey Blvd/Pacific Ave
- West of Carpenter Road – Between Lacey Blvd/Pacific Ave and Mullen/37th Ave SE
- West of Carpenter Road – South of Mullen/37th Ave SE

Peter Brooks, Water Resources Manager, noted that project delays have occurred due to supply disruptions and difficulty in hiring staff.

WELL SOURCE 06 PROPERTY ACQUISITION

STAFF: DAVE SCHNEIDER, CITY ATTORNEY
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Dave Schneider, City Attorney, provided information on Well Source 06. A new well is needed since this well is not producing sufficiently to perfect the water rights that the City has. Staff explored their options available and determined that the City will need to acquire property.

Two acquisitions will need to be completed. One will be for a temporary construction easement which would give the City authority to access the property and perform exploratory drilling to determine if the property is viable for a well. Assuming the City could acquire that easement and do the work, then determine that the property is viable. Then, the City would need to acquire the property to put the well on the property.

There is one parcel suitable for the exploratory drilling in the City. The City has had discussion with the property owner, through their attorney, which has been very amicable, but have not reached an agreement.

The property owner's daughter, Joey Gray, spoke on behalf of her mother. She briefly commented on the property, process, and discussions with the City Attorney.

Staff advised the City Council that a proposed ordinance may be brought forward at a future meeting to request Council to authorize an action on eminent domain.