



City of Lacey, Washington

Lacey City Council Worksession Amended Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Malcomb Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder

Commission on Equity Present

Chair Annie Clay
Vice Chair Kim Sauer
Commissioner Clifton Brown
Commissioner Jonathan Hegwood

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Ed Andrews, Water Maintenance Supervisor
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

We, the City of Lacey, are on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge, and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as it has today. We recommend that community members read the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854.

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Amended* Agenda

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve the agenda as amended to postpone item 5d to a future meeting.

Councilmember Vazquez seconded. Motion carried.

5. Agenda Items

A. Commission on Equity Work Plan

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kim Sauer, Vice Chair

Assistant City Manager Shannon Kelley-Fong and Commission Vice Chair Kim Sauer presented the Commission on Equity 2024 work plan. Work completed in 2023 was reviewed, including policy initiatives and community engagement forums. Projects and activities planned for 2024 were summarized, including finalizing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan, identification of inequities and opportunities for change, and continued community engagement. The commission's work plan will be scheduled for approval by the City Council on a future regular meeting agenda.

B. 4th Quarter Investment Report

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Finance Director Troy Woo presented the fourth quarter investment report and overview of the city's investment policy. The city's net total return in its core fund portfolio slightly outperformed its benchmark at 2.76 percent, and yield in the total portfolio increased from 2.994 percent to 3.243 percent. Investment strategy going forward is expected to maximize yield through investment duration and prudent diversification, including highly selective corporate investment.

C. Property Acquisition Update: Well Source 7

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

City Attorney Dave Schneider and Water Maintenance Supervisor Ed Andrews presented an update on the Well Source 7 Property Acquisition. Well 7 is located near Pacific Avenue east of St. Martin's University. It was built in 1976 and is the city's largest producer of well water. Since 2019, the well's capacity has dropped significantly. Factors affecting location



of a replacement well and alternatives considered were described. The current, preferred alternative requires acquisition of two properties adjacent to the existing well and associated water treatment facility. City Attorney Schneider summarized the acquisition process, which could include execution of a possession and use agreement or an ordinance exercising eminent domain. Acquisition may take a couple of years, and the need for a new well is pressing.

D. State Legislative Update

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

*Amended Agenda: Item rescheduled for a future meeting

Agenda item 5d was removed from the agenda at the time of agenda approval.

6. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

