

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 4, 2021, REMOTE ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT: A. Ryder, C. Pratt, L. Greenstein, C. Cox, S. Steadman, E. Kunkel, M. Miller

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda Items:
A. Council Worksession minutes of January 24, 2021.
B. Council Meeting minutes of January 21, 2021
C. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for January 15, 2021, through January 28, 2021.

Mayor Ryder requested amending the agenda to add the African American History Month Proclamation.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER COX 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.

No one registered to provide public comment.

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.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed February 2021 as African American History Month in the City of Lacey.

ORDINANCES:

Steve Kirkman, Public Affairs Manager, presented Ordinance 1583 approving a non-exclusive 10-year Franchise Agreement between the City of Lacey and Comcast Cable Communications Management authorizing Comcast to operate a cable franchise within the City of Lacey.

On January 21, 2021, the Lacey City Council held a public on the proposed franchise. Ken Fellman of Kissinger and Fellman, and Hans Hechtman, Senior Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Comcast, provided information and responded to questions from the City Council. Deborah Vinsel, CEO of Thurston Community Media, commented in support of the proposed cable franchise. No other public comments were made during the hearing or received via other means by the City.

The proposed franchise maintains the standards and practices necessary to protect the City's public right-of-way. It maintains the 5% franchise fee the City customarily charges Comcast for use of the right-of-way. It maintains the PEG increase and enables the City to increase PEG fees by up to sixty-seven percent, from thirty cents (\$0.30) per subscriber per month to up to fifty cents (\$0.50), resulting in potential PEG fee revenues of up to \$62,000 annually. It also allows the City, upon request, to have Comcast provide HD channels for PEG operations.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 1583 APPROVING A NON-EXCLUSIVE 10-YEAR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LACEY AND COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC, AUTHORIZING COMCAST TO OPERATE A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF LACEY. COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Keith Flewelling, Executive Director of TCOMM911, and Wendy Hill, Deputy Director, presented the amended TCOMM Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

The IGA was established in 1995. All parties to the agreement benefit both in terms of efficiency and economy from a consolidated communications system providing service to Thurston County and the cities, fire protection districts and regional fire authorities within Thurston County.

In May 2018, the TCOMM Administration Board set a goal for the Executive Director of TCOMM to review the agency bylaws and IGA to address the ability of the agency to incur debt for the purpose of purchasing a new radio system. A working group was established comprised of members from both TCOMM

Administration and Operations Board. In November 2019, TCOMM proposed an Emergency Communications Sales/Use Tax Measure that would fund replacements and upgrades for Thurston County's primary emergency communication system. The voters approved the measure by 73%.

Due to suggested changes from the working group to the original IGA, TCOMM is requesting review and approval of the amended IGA from each member.

The General Government and Public Safety Committee reviewed the amended IGA at its January 26, 2021, meeting and recommended approval to the full Council.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED TCOMM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN. COUNCILMEMBER KUNKEL SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Scott Spence, City Manager, reported to Council the Centennial Maintenance and Operations Interlocal Agreement was approved and signed pursuant to Resolution 1067 and the Interlocal Agreements Approval Process Policy

Scott Spence, City Manager, introduced Shannon Kelley-Fong as the Assistant City Manager.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

General Government & Public Safety Committee
Deputy Mayor Pratt reported the Committee met on January 26, 2021, and received an update on the Timberland Regional Library, discussed the amended TCOMM Intergovernmental Agreement, and adoption of the 2018 International Building Codes.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: JASCOM

Deputy Mayor Pratt reported on the following items:

- Election of Olympia Councilmember Parshley as Chair, and Deputy Mayor Pratt as Vice-Chair
- Modified operations schedule due to the pandemic
- Pet Point Program Task Force
- Possible agreement with City of Yelm
- Portable medical and surgical area

Intercity Transit

Councilmember Cox reported on the following items:

- Election of Councilmember Cox as Chair, and Olympia Councilmember Gilman as Vice-Chair
- 2021 Procurement Work Plan

Councilmember Cox announced a week-long series of activities sponsored by Interfaith Works.

TCOMM911

Councilmember Greenstein reported on the following items:

- New FD3 Commissioner Melissa Gamble
- Prevailed on L&I complaint
- Lewis County's possible regionalization of services
- Contract negotiations for a new Executive Director

Thurston Thrives

Councilmember Miller reported on a presentation by Doug Mah on disadvantaged communities, and discussed the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan.

Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater VCB

Councilmember Kunkel reported the language in HB 1069, which would have diverted lodging tax funds to the State's General Fund, has been removed. He also shared a new CEO should be announced in March.

South Sound Chamber

Councilmember Kunkel reported on a presentation received on the NTPS Family and Youth Resource Center.

EDC

Councilmember Kunkel reported on the 2021 Budget and 2022 Work Plan.

SWAC

Councilmember Kunkel reported on several items:

- Recycling Program
- Environmental Health, Education and Prevention Program
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Program

Mayor Ryder announced the City is actively recruiting for seven positions and one youth position for the new Commission on Equity.

Councilmembers Kunkel and Steadman updated Council on the Gold Star Memorial.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____