

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

7:00 P.M. – 8:38 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: A. RYDER, C. PRATT, J. HEARN, L. GREENSTEIN, M. STEADMAN,
C. COX, E. KUNKEL

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, J. BURBIDGE, S. EGGER, M. HARDIE, D. SCHNEIDER,
K. SEMKO, T. WOO, J. BRANDT, P. EDMONDS

City Manager Scott Spence requested adding Corporate Sponsorship and Naming Rights to the agenda.

ACTION: APPROVE AMENDED WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT AND
COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES

PRESENTER: BRIAN ENSLOW, ARBUTUS CONSULTING

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

2019 Legislative Agenda Accomplishments:

- Lacey Veterans Services Hub enhancement: \$2 million funded in the Capital Budget
- NEPA/SEPA review of the I-5 Corridor between Mounts Road and Tumwater: \$2.25 million funded in the Transportation Budget
- \$978,900 Heritage Capital Projects grant for the new Lacey Museum and Civic Center: Fully Funded.

2020 Session Context:

- 60-day session
- New house speaker, Rep. Laurie Jenkins (D., Tacoma)
- Strong Democratic Majorities
 - o Progressive Agenda (Capital Gains/Carbon/ORCA)
- Economic Uncertainty
 - o General Fund Revenue: National/Global Economy
 - o Transportation Funding

2020 Budget Outlooks:

Operating Budget

- \$52.1 Billion Operating Budget for 2019-2021
- Forecast up almost a billion since last session largely due to higher personal income and housing construction

Capital Budget

- Interest rates are down but overall cost of construction is up. Limited opportunities for member request

Transportation Budget

- Initiative I-976
 - o Total revenue loss to the state in the next six years - \$1,922,643,101
 - o Total revenue loss to local governments in the next 6 years is \$2,317,121,034
 - o Courts have enjoined local impacts
 - o Governor has put projects on hold

2020 City of Lacey Legislative Priorities:

- Annexation Reform
- Thurston County Food Bank – Capital Budget Request
- Continued focus on I-5 Corridor between Mounts Road and Tumwater
- Partner with the State to leverage funds that address mental health and substance abuse services
- AWC Agenda
 - o Housing/Homeless; MFTE, REET 3
 - o Tax Increment Financing
 - o Medication Assistant Treatment

INTERCITY TRANSIT

PRESENTERS: ANN FREEMAN-MANZANARES, GENERAL MANAGER
ERIC PHILLIPS, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Intercity Transit's Proposition 1 Service Enhancements include:

- Increase span of service
- Improved service frequency
- Expand service inside PTBA currently not served
- Annual operating budget set-asides to keep pace with traffic growth
- Bus Rapid Transit on primary corridors

- Enhanced commuter service (in service area and for Northbound markets)
- Enhance Capital Facilities Program
- Innovative service zones
- Explore alternative fare options

Intercity Transit faces community issues such as population growth, congestion, distance between home and work, and limited public transportation options. The following priorities were identified:

- Serve those without transit
- Get people to work, school, medical, etc.
- Serve new areas
- Reduce pollution
- Reduce congestions
- Save money for riders

Intercity Transit's community goal is to create a transformational system with a 5-year zero fare pilot project, which will begin in January 2020.

The new Youth Education Center recently opened in downtown Olympia across from the Olympia Transit Center. They have partnered with school districts and the parks and recreational agencies to help serve more youth.

Drivers and mechanics at Intercity Transit competed and won many awards in the bus and maintenance competitions at the State and International Rodeos.

Council invited Intercity Transit to a future Council meeting to recognize the competition awards received at the rodeos.

REGIONAL CLIMATE MITIGATION PLAN

STAFF: JESSICA BRANDT, ASSOCIATE PLANNER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

In April 2018, Council signed an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County, Olympia, and Tumwater to complete Phase 1 of a Regional Climate Mitigation Plan. Phase 1 focused on assessing existing policies and targets of each jurisdiction for gaps and consistencies, recommending a regional emissions target, identifying each jurisdictions implemented mitigations actions to date, and recommend a regional emissions reduction targets.

Recommended targets were adopted on July 12, 2019, and were identified to achieve a 45% reduction of 2015 greenhouse gas levels by 2030, and an 85% reduction of 2015 greenhouse gas levels by 2050.

Phase 1 produced a recommended scope of work for Phase 2, which included a public-engagement strategy, assessment of actions sufficient to reach shared emissions targets, and implementation strategies. On October 11, 2018, the Council approved the ILA for Phase 2. In February 2019, TRPC hired Cascadia Consulting, to assist with Phase 2.

The Phase 2 planning process includes:

1. Develop steering committee and charter (January 2019)
2. Develop stakeholder advisory committee (February – March 2019)
3. Engage the general public and develop potential actions list (July – Sept 2019)
4. Assess potential actions and develop scenarios (September – October 2019)
5. Develop plan and strategies (November – March 2020)
6. Engage the general public (March- May 2020)
7. Adopt plan and strategies (June 2020)

The early public engagement has been going very well. The goal was to ask the community what actions they think the cities and County should take to reduce carbon emissions. Through dozens of geographically spread out community events such as fairs and festivals, we have reached a large number of Thurston County Residents. The online survey received over 1200 responses during a five-week period in August and September. The early community engagement efforts focused on the typically hard to reach audiences, which the steering committee has identified as youth, lower income families and rural residents.

The steering committee and advisory committee have met multiple several times since February to develop a committee charter, goals, and a shared vision. Sector specific groups have met to develop a list of potential actions and will begin prioritizing them soon based on agreed upon criteria.

The next steps include developing the list of actions and prioritizing them, and will bring them back to the general public for discussion and review.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP & NAMING RIGHTS

STAFF: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff presented Council with the corporate sponsorship and naming rights to provide additional revenue opportunities to the parks system. Sponsorship levels identified by the consultant include:

Park Partners

- Year round
- All inclusive

Naming Rights (\$50,000 per year for a 10-year span)

- Regional Athletic Complex
- Rainier Vista Park

Title Sponsor

- Fireworks Spectacular
- Lacey in Tune
- Lacey Spring Fun Fair

Presenting Sponsor

- Cultural Celebration
- Movie Night
- STEM Fair
- Children's Day

The consultant recommended setting the naming rights at \$50,000 per year for a 10-year period.