City of Lacey, Washington
Lacey City Council Worksession Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2024	6:00 PM	Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Malcolm 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

Staff Present
Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Jamie Oakland, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgment

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

5. Agenda Items

A. **Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) Phase 3 Design Concept and Financing**
Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Jamie Oakland, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Director Burbidge presented options for expansion of the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC), including capital and maintenance and operations cost estimates. Staff's recommended option would install baseball fields west of Marvin Road and improve Soccer Fields 1 and 2 with bleachers, artificial turf, and lighting upgrades. Director Woo provided preliminary 2023 operating revenue and expenditures for the RAC and projected revenue and expenditures over several years. Public Facilities District sales tax projections over several years were presented.

Ryan Perkins of the Oly Soccer Foundation was in the audience and requested permission to speak. Deputy Mayor Miller invited Perkins, without objection, to join the conversation. Perkins commented on the amenities needed to make Soccer Field 1 attractive for championship use.

Council resumed consideration of agenda item 5a. Councilmembers provided general opinions by way of an electronic poll on whether staff should move forward with the recommended option, whether other revenue sources should be sought, and what proportion of Public Facilities District funds should be spent on capital versus maintenance, operations, and lifecycle replacement costs.

B. **Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP) and Formation of Parks Improvement Funding Work Group**
Jennifer Burbidge, Director of Parks
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Jamie Oakland, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Director Burbidge summarized current operations of the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department and locations of recreation facilities and parks. Maintenance Supervisor Oakland described park maintenance activities and current conditions of park facilities. Director Woo presented preliminary 2023 operating expenditures and revenue. Burbidge described 2021-2022 community

outreach efforts, the resulting Parks Comprehensive Plan, and the need for an ad hoc advisory Parks Improvement Work Group. Burbidge presented a list of potential new capital projects with cost estimates from the Parks Capital Improvement Program and noted available and possible funding options. Woo summarized the impacts of incurring voter-approved debt through general obligation bonds. Olympia's and Tumwater's metropolitan park district (MPD) levy rates were presented and potential revenue and household impact of a Lacey MPD was described. Burbidge outlined next steps for the formation of a Parks Improvement Funding Work Group to identify improvement priorities, associated costs, and a funding strategy.

6. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes approved May 7, 2024.