

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

DECEMBER 10, 2020

4:00 P.M. – 6:05 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, COUNCILMEMBERS
GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN (BY PHONE), COX, KUNKEL, MILLER

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, J. BURBIDGE, S. EGGER, M. HARDIE, D. SCHNEIDER,
R. WALK, T. WOO, R. ANDREWS, J. BRANDT, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

STAFF: BRIAN ENSLOW, ARBUTUS CONSULTING

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Brian Enslow, with Arbutus Consulting presented an overview of Election results, as well as detailed legislative priorities. Session is anticipated to be 100% virtual due to COVID-19 cases continuing to rise. Members have been asked to limit policy bills with a narrow scope of issues given serious consideration.

State Revenue Collections

- Continue to outpace projections
- U.S. employment increased by 638,000 jobs in October; the unemployment rate declined to 6.9%.
- U.S. residential construction activity is well above year-ago levels.
- Major General Fund-State (GF-S) revenue collections for the October 11 – November 10, 2020 collection period came in \$247.8 million, (14.0%) higher than the September forecast.

Investing in the I-5 Corridor: Tumwater to Mounts Road

- The 2020 WSDOT study identified \$204M worth of investments that will improve the performance of the transportation system.

- \$7.5M is needed in 2021-23 for preliminary design and environmental review to address the current design of I-5 that is limiting salmon habitat, creating a flood risk and is a major bottleneck through the region.
- The estimated construction cost to fully address the problem is \$4.2B
- Cost shared with the South Sound Military Community Partnership (SSMCP) and Thurston County Shared Legislative Agenda.

Heritage Capital Grant for the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center

- A new Lacey Museum and Cultural Center has been a long-term goal of the City, and have been in development with extensive public input.
- The campus will include a train themed playground, indoor and outdoor community event space and a classroom.
- The City applied for a Heritage Capital Project Grant in 2020 totaling \$607,709. Funds are used to prepare the site to a predevelopment stage for eventual construction.

State Leadership on Homelessness Crisis

The City of Lacey seeks leadership from the State of Washington to provide a unified set of strategies and tools to navigate this crisis and support our unsheltered community.

Eliminate the Local Revitalization Financing Sunset

The Local Revitalization financing program allows matched investment from the State of up to \$500,000 based on private sector improvements in a designated investment area.

The City of Lacey seeks an extension or the removal of the imposed deadline to help create an environment for future economic investment that will benefit both the City and the State; otherwise, the authority will lapse in 2022.

AWC Priority Issues

- Maintain existing state shared revenue and oppose further reduction.
- Seek flexibility in existing sources of state funding, such as the Municipal Criminal Justice Account.
- Support a Transportation revenue package that addresses local transportation needs.
- Develop additional resources to address housing instability including rent assistance and foreclosure prevention.
- Statewide Policing Reforms, including but not limited to:
 - o Support a statewide stand for use of force.

- o Establish a duty to intervene.
- o Seeking to include use of forces as a grounds for decertification.
- o Provide support to our officers well being.

Expected Statewide Priority Issues

- Statewide Police Reforms
- Carbon/Climate Change
- Revenue Adds/Reforms
- Transportation and Infrastructure Programs
- COVID – Public Health Funding, Business Liability

Next Steps

- Pre session legislative delegation lunch (working on scheduling)
- Secure “sponsors” for capital and transportation requests
- House and Senate Assembly Days:
 - o November 30 & December 1, 2020
- First day of the 2021 session:
 - o January 11, 2021
- AWC Action Days:
 - o February 10 & 11, 2021
- Scheduled last day of the 2021 session:
 - o April 25, 2021

THURSTON COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
 JESSICA BRANDT, ASSOCIATE PLANNER
 ALLISON OSTERBERG, SENIOR PLANNER, THURSTON REGIONAL
 PLANNING COUNCIL

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff briefed Council on the Thurston County Climate Action Plan, to include the planning process, summarize public feedback, highlight the draft actions, and discuss next steps in the adoption process.

The Draft Plan public review period ran from September 17, 2020, through October 16, 2020, and included the following opportunities to learn about and comment on the Draft Plan:

- Online open house and feedback survey
- Two virtual community meetings

- Public comment dedicated email address

Staff provided an overview of the public feedback. A summary of the public comment received can also be found on the Thurston Regional Planning Council website (Attachment 3).

The next steps in the climate mitigation planning process include:

- Steering Committee approval December 10, 2020
- Individual jurisdiction review and approval of the Draft Plan
- Local and regional implementation (Phase 3)

Deputy Mayor Pratt and Councilmember Cox shared additional details regarding the interlocal agreement negotiations.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON LMC 16.39 LI-C ZONING TEXT
AMENDMENT APPLICATION: PROJECT NO. 19-367; APPLICANT: HBBP LLC**

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
RYAN ANDREWS, PLANNING MANAGER
GEORGE SMITH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The City of Lacey received a private application request related to LMC 16.39 in the Light Industrial-Commercial zoning chapter. The applicant requested to increase the maximum square footage requirement from 200,000 to 500,000 square feet.

Staff provided an overview of the Planning Commission recommendation on LMC 16.39 LI-C Zoning Text Amendment, as well as reviewed the steps taken prior to being considered by the Planning Commission.

The Lacey Planning Commission recommends to the Lacey City Council the approval of the application to amend Chapter 16.39 of the Lacey Municipal Code to allow buildings between 200,000 square feet and 500,000 and establish standards applying to these uses within the Light Industrial-Commercial zone. The detailed standards were provided to Council and are documented within the agenda packet.

The City Council will formally consider the Planning Commission's recommendation by ordinance at a future regular meeting.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY EXTENSION

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER
DAVE SCHNEIDER, CITY ATTORNEY

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

On March 19, 2020, the City of Lacey passed Resolution No 1085, finding the COVID-19 outbreak to constitute an emergency. The provisions of the resolution allow the City to request available state and federal assistance, and waive specific bidding requirements in order to enter into contracts in the most efficient manner in response to the emergency. The provisions were extended by Resolution 1094, effective until January 1, 2021.

On March 26, 2020, the City of Lacey adopted Resolution 1087 providing for temporary procedures during the emergency declared in response to COVID-19. The Resolution provided some economic relief to citizens and businesses, as well as provided some of the following:

- Temporary amendments to City Council meeting procedures
- B&O first quarter deferments
- Suspended prohibition of single-use plastic bags and charges related to paper bags
- No interest charges on delinquent utility accounts
- Business flexibility in temporary signage

Staff recommends extending the declaration of emergency to January 1, 2022. The City Council will formally consider the Declaration of Emergency extension at the December 17 regular Council meeting.