

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

4:00 P.M. – 5:22 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, COUNCILMEMBERS
STEADMAN, COX, KUNKEL, MILLER

COUNCIL EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN

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

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

SKOOKUMCHUCK WIND FARM UPDATE

STAFF: KELSEY HULSE, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE, PUGET SOUND
ENERGY

TYLER O'FARRELL, PRODUCT MANAGER, CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS,
PUGET SOUND ENERGY

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Kelsey Hulse, with Puget Sound Energy provided an update on the Skookumchuck Wind Farm.

Phase 1

- Skookumchuck Wind project in Lewis County, WA
- Includes 38 Vestas 3.6 MW Turbines
- Projected to be online November 2020

Phase 2

- Lund Hill project in Klickitat County
- Anticipated delivery of March 2021

The Skookumchuck Wind Project is part of the Green Direct Program, a voluntary renewable energy option. The Green Direct Program is a Utilities and Transportation

Commission (UTC) approved program that allows customers to purchase renewable energy under long-term contracts. All costs and benefits are contained within the program.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE 139 VOLUNTARY LONG-TERM RENEWABLE ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT

STAFF: TROY WOO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Troy Woo, Finance Director, reviewed the first amendment to the Voluntary Long-Term Renewable Energy Service Agreement.

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on June 8, 2017, formally executed on July 18, 2017. The expected project completion was originally early 2019, however the operation date has been updated to November 2020. The proposed agreement amendment includes a new 20-year term commencing November 2020 with a new rate schedule.

Staff will bring the proposed agreement to the November 19 Council Meeting for decision.

GENESIS HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, reviewed a proposal letter regarding the Genesis House project.

The City of Lacey, collaborating with Homes First and Community Youth Services, is looking to secure a home that will provide needed housing for unaccompanied adult teens, up to four, attending high school in the North Thurston School District.

The City will contribute a grant of \$150,000 to Homes First, matching the Department of Commerce grant of \$200,000, less fees. The funds are to be utilized in support of purchasing a home, and/or renovations once purchased.

The City will contribute a grant of \$55,000 annually for two years to Community Youth Services. The funding will be used to pay for a half-time caseworker to monitor and support adult teens residing at the Genesis House.

Staff advised Council that due to prevailing wage, the project is unable to build a home for \$350,000. Council expressed support in sending the letter with the City's proposed direction.

COVID RELIEF FUNDS STATUS REPORT

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director, provided a status report on the COVID-19 Relief Funds.

First Round:	\$1,538,100
Second Round:	\$769,050
Total:	\$2,307,150

Economic Recovery Total: \$1,264,050

- Emergency Grants to Local Lacey Businesses: \$1M (April 2020)
- Thurston Economic Development Council: \$70,000 (June 2020)
- Thurston Strong: \$194,050 (Sept. 2020)
 - o \$10,000 PPE
 - 224 Businesses
 - 16,665 Disposable Masks
 - 224 Gallons of Sanitizer
 - o \$111,100 Childcare Grants
 - 13 Providers
 - 818 Child Care Spaces
 - \$9,250 Average Grant

Social Services Total: \$1,043,100

- United Way of Thurston County: \$50,000 (April 2020)
- Homeless Backpacks: \$10,000 (Sept. 2020)
 - o Purchased 5,681 pounds of food
- United Way of Thurston County: \$204,050 (Sept. 2020)
 - o Thurston County Food Bank: \$133,645

- o 6,204 Households; 600,274 pounds of food
 - o South Sound Senior Services: \$50,000
 - o Senior in Need Program: 82 clients; 13,193 Meals on Wheels
- Homeless Backpacks: \$17,150
 - o Purchased 9,800 pounds of food
- Community Action Council: \$779,050
- Household Assistance Program (*very preliminary numbers*)
 - o Rental & Mortgage Assistance: \$35,201
 - o Basic Utilities Assistance: \$6,346
 - o Childcare Assistance: \$216
 - So far Households with 180 members assisted

Staff advised there is \$72,950 in childcare grants remaining for distribution. It was requested from Council to support flexibility in distributing the funds between childcare and small business, depending on need. Remaining funds need to be expended by November 30, 2020.

Council conveyed support in using remaining funds, as needed, for both childcare and small businesses.

HOMELESS OUTREACH EFFORTS

STAFF: ROBERT ALMADA, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Robert Almada, Interim Police Chief, provided an update on homeless outreach on the I-5 Corridor.

The City has entered into an agreement with WSDOT to enforce laws on WSDOT property that is adjacent to Lacey. Currently, COVID restrictions prohibit moving established homeless encampments.

All occupants of DOT properties have been offered the following services:

- Basic necessities (food, clothing, shelter)
- Inpatient/outpatient treatment
- Counseling services
- Mental health services
- Animal services

Staff and subject matter experts provided the following highlights:

- Individual Demographics
- Patterns Resulting in Homelessness
- Lacey Police Community Resource Unit Activities
- Assistance Resistance
- Sleater-Kinney Clean-Up Statistics
- Next Steps