



ANIMAL SERVICES

City of Lacey, Washington

Joint Animal Services Commission Approved Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, May 13, 2024 - Lacey City Hall and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Parshley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Joint Animal Services Commissioners Present

Lisa Parshley, City of Olympia, Chair (remote)

Peter Agabi, City of Tumwater, Vice Chair (remote)

Malcolm Miller, City of Lacey

Emily Clouse, Thurston County

Jo MacGugan, Feline Friends of Olympia

Vicky Smith, DVM, Deschutes Animal Clinic

Joint Animal Services Commissioners Excused:

Mike Murphy, DVM, Thurston County Humane Society

Staff Present

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Lacey Assistant City Manager

Sarah Hock, Joint Animal Services Executive Director

Sierra Teas, Joint Animal Services Field Services Supervisor

Paul J. White, Lacey Deputy City Clerk

3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Agenda

B. April 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

C. April 2024 Shelter Statistics

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Agenda, Minutes of April 8, 2024, and April 2024 Shelter Statistics. Commissioner Clouse seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak at the meeting and no written public comment was received.

5. Business Items

A. Field Services Overview

Sierra Teas, Field Services Supervisor

Sierra Teas provided a presentation summarizing Joint Animal Services' (JAS's) field response services, community engagement, and shelter management. Teas described field officer training and elaborated on JAS's April field activities, including support of a Mason County law enforcement action involving the rescue of over 60 animals, a Thurston County law enforcement action involving the rescue of over 60 chickens, and a Thurston County animal hoarding action resulting in the impounding of over 140 cats. Teas outlined continuing activity by JAS to recruit volunteers, identify animal foster homes, and train field officers. Managing emotional and mental well-being for JAS staff was discussed.

B. Update: Space Needs Assessment

Sarah Hock, Joint Animal Services Executive Director

Sarah Hock presented an update on the Joint Animal Services space needs assessment. Opportunities and challenges in the option to redevelop the existing facility location were summarized. Hock reported that most of the existing property is not suitable for building and that there is a need to increase the facility size from the existing 8,000 square feet to approximately 25,000 square feet. Hock noted that redeveloping the existing site is not recommended.

6. Director Report

A. Executive Director Sarah Hock

Executive Director Hock reported on the launch of a cable and streaming channel on TV 77 for Joint Animal Services' new KittenCam. Hock described recent animal adoption events and a presentation by Joint Animal Services at the April 9, 2024, Lacey City Council worksession. Hock announced new extended Joint Animal Services' operating hours of 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and



receipt of grant funding of \$15,000 for medical equipment from the Dolciani Halloran Foundation. Hock proposed canceling the June commission meeting, making July 8, 2024, the next regular Joint Animal Services Commission meeting, to which no objections were noted. Chair Parshley recounted how a grade-school class in Olympia was challenged to collect pennies to make a \$100 donation to the Joint Animal Services shelter and how their challenge was multiplied by the Olympia City Manager and City Council to become a \$300 donation.

7. Adjourn

Chair Parshley adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes approved July 8, 2024

