

JOINT WORKSESSION
LACEY CITY COUNCIL
AND
NORTH THURSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 15, 2020
7:00 – 8:22 P.M.
REMOTE ATTENDANCE ONLY

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: A. RYDER (MAYOR), C. PRATT (DEPUTY MAYOR), C. COX,
L. GREENSTEIN, M. STEADMAN, E. KUNKEL, M. MILLER

NTPS BOARD PRESENT: M. HARTLEY (PRESIDENT). G. MALISKA (VICE- PRESIDENT)
D. NEWKIRK, G. SACKRISON, AND STUDENT ADVISORS
N. SCOTT AND S. AMIN

NTPS BOARD EXCUSED: C. NAMIT

CITY STAFF: T. WOO, S. EGGER, D. SCHNEIDER, J. BAUERSFELD, P.
EDMONDS

NTPS STAFF: D. CLEMENS, C. SCHRIEVE, M. SABIN, D. MARTINOLICH

ACTION: APPROVE JOINT WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN
AND BOARD MEMBER SACKRISON

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were led by Mayor Andy Ryder and Mel Harley, President, North Thurston Public School District Board of Directors.

4TH ANNUAL COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY PROJECT – LACEY’S FOOD PANTRY

STAFF: COURTNEY SCHRIEVE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS (NTPS)
JENNY BAUERSFELD, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST (CITY)

Each year the City of Lacey, North Thurston Public Schools, and Lacey South Sound Chamber adopt a Compassionate Community Project.

The Lacey Food Pantry has been selected for the 4th Annual Compassion Community Project. The project is in the final phase of the Thurston County Food Bank's new Lacey site. This year's project kicked off on World Food Day, October 16, with a fundraising goal of \$100,000.

There are many opportunities for the community to participate in the fundraiser, such as a donation when paying your City utility bill or contribution to a NTPS coin drive.

In March 2020, the Lacey Food Bank created a pop-up distribution site at St. Martin's University. To date, they have served 2,227 households which represents 7,794 individuals.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

STAFF: MONTY SABIN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR OPERATIONS (NTPS)
DEAN MARTINOLICH, DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN (NTPS)

Staff provided an update on the NTPS Construction Bond projects and presented a new logo "Building Our Future."

Two significant projects were identified for modernization of facilities at River Ridge High School and Komachin Middle School. Architects were selected for both schools. The process includes the conceptual designs, ensuring the final design will fit into the budget, determining the level of construction needed to meet program needs, and standardizing programs between like grade level facilities.

Three priority sites were identified as Horizons, Seven Oaks, and Meadows Elementary Schools. Work to be performed include roof replacement, HVAC upgrades, emergency systems, and secure entrances.

District-wide safety and security upgrades will be made and will include lighting to secure entrances, fencing to redirect traffic on school grounds, and separating drop-off and pickup areas in the parking lots. Neighborhood improvements will include field improvements, ADA accessibility, and asset preservation.

PUBLIC INVESTMENTS | ROAD AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

STAFF: SCOTT EGGER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (CITY)

Staff provided an update on the City's transportation construction projects, including the College and 22nd roundabout, Mullen Road improvements, Exit 111 Interchange, 2020 Overlay projects, and Hawks Prairie roundabout.

Updates were also provided on utility and parks construction projects, including the Capitol City water and wastewater project, 25th Loop improvements, Wastewater Lift Stations #15 and #21, Regional Athletic Complex field replacements for baseball field #5 and soccer field #1, and the Depot Playground project.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Ryder provided an update relating to COVID-19. Budget decisions were made early due to the uncertainty of the pandemic and impact it could bring. The budget has not been affected as much as anticipated due to the strong construction projects and retail sales. The City recently secured \$775,000 in the second round of CARES Act Funding, and funds have been identified to assist utility customers, parents for child care costs, rental and mortgage assistance, and internet access for remote learners.

Board President Hartley provided an update relating to COVID-19 and the District's 2020 Safe Start Plan. Student attendance and family engagement has increased and staff have worked to overcome the hurdles with this new environment. Over 6,000 meals per day are being delivered to students and the Chrome Books delivered to every student. Some of the challenges students face with remote learning include managing their time and navigating through the different distractions at home.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.