

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

7:00 P.M. – 8:26 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

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

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

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBER
GREENSTEIN AND DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT

SECOND ROUND CARES ACT FUNDING DISCUSSION

STAFF: RICK WALK, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff updated Council on the first round of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$1,538,100, which was used for economic recovery and social service support:

Economic Recovery

- Emergency grants to local Lacey businesses - \$1 million
- Thurston Economic Development Council - \$70,000
- Thurston Strong - \$194,050 (PPE - \$10,000; Childcare Support \$184,050)
- Unassigned - \$10,000

Social Services

- Homeless Backpacks - \$10,000
- United Way of Thurston County - \$50,000
- United Way of Thurston County - \$204,050
 - o Senior Services
 - o Thurston County Food Bank
 - o Homeless Backpacks

The City of Lacey was authorized to receive a second round of CARES Act Funding in the amount of \$769,050. Staff recommends including the unexpended \$10,000 from the initial funding, bringing the total for the second round to \$779,050. The funding recommendation would focus on social services, such as rental assistance, mortgage assistance, basic utilities assistance (sewer, water, power, electricity, and WIFI/internet), and childcare assistance.

Staff will report to Council at the October 1, 2020, Worksession with a detailed report on the first round of funding to include what they saw as the greatest need, gap in rental need, and access to WiFi/internet. Staff will also review and report to Council whether the utility assistance funding program (City utilities only) can be performed by City staff, or if it is more feasible to contract with Community Action Council.

A final decision by Council on the second round of funding is due by the end of October.

CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Key 2019 accomplishments and 2020 key challenges and opportunities were presented to Council:

2019 Key Accomplishments:

- Fiscal Stewardship – Standard & Poor’s Upgraded Rating to AAA
- Mayor’s Gala – Raised \$32,000 for Lacey Veterans Services Hub
- Affordable Housing Initiatives – Pre-approved ADU Plans
- Legislative Advocacy
 - o \$2M – Lacey Veterans Services Hub
 - o \$2.25M I-5 Corridor Study
 - o \$979K Heritage Capital Project Grant
- Environmental Leadership – \$7.7M Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project
- Community Partnerships – Lacey MakerSpace Grand Opening
- Federal Grants
 - o \$4,300,000 – College St./22nd Roundabout
 - o \$905,000 – College St./16th Roundabout
 - o \$282,000 – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Quality Infrastructure – Super T College St/Yelm Hwy

- RAC Fields #3 and #4 Turf Replacement
- Employer of Choice
- Ranked #75 in Money's Best Places to Live in America

2020 Key Challenges & Opportunities

- Budget Uncertainty
- Homelessness
- Future Public Safety Facility
- An Inclusive Community
- Doing More with Less – 2019 Sales Tax Ranked #74 per Capita
- COVID-19 Health Pandemic

Mayor Ryder convened to an Executive Session at 7:50 for 20 minutes to discuss the City Manager's performance review pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Mayor Ryder reconvened the Worksession at 8:10 p.m. and announced the Executive Session will be extended for an additional 15 minutes (8:25).

Mayor Ryder concluded the Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened the Worksession. No action was taken.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Worksession at 8:26 p.m.