

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

AUGUST 20, 2020

7:00 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

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

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, J. BURBIDGE, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

OLYMPIA AQUATICS FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY

STAFF: JEN BURBIDGE, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Jen Burbidge, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update regarding the aquatics facility feasibility study. The Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department is conducting an aquatics facility feasibility study for a recreational asset that will have a regional draw. As a part of the study, they are seeking funding partners and have approached the City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department.

The challenge with committing to a funding partnership for the aquatics facility at this time is the volume of projects listed in the Lacey Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, and the need to prioritize these projects with public input. A significant project this year is the Community Outreach project, which has been delayed due to COVID-19. The purpose of the Community Outreach project, as supported by City Council and Park Board, is to close the gap between what the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan stated priorities, and what the Lacey Parks Department heard from the public during the Metropolitan Park District proposal outreach (2018-2019). The information that will be obtained from the public will be extremely important in guiding the next Comprehensive Plan update.

Lacey residents are fortunate to currently have access to three North Thurston School District high school pools, which Lacey Parks and Recreation staff schedule and oversee the programs at these facilities.

The Park Board gave thoughtful consideration as a potential partner for a regional aquatics facility. However, if Lacey commits to being a funding partner at this time, it could take away from other prioritized opportunities within the community. In addition, there is not an identified funding source for this project. The Park Board also recognized the long-term partnership with North Thurston Public Schools providing the community access to three swimming pools.

For these reasons, the Park Board of Commissioners recommends not committing as a funding partner at this time, but continuing to have staff be part of the conversation regarding the project.

Council expressed agreement with the Park Board of Commissioners recommendation.

CITY MANAGER ANNUAL REVIEW - DISCUSSION

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Following discussion regarding options to conduct the City Manager's annual performance review, Council directed Scott Spence, City Manager, to present accomplishments from the past year, as well as goals for the upcoming year. Once the presentation is complete, Council and City Manager will break to an Executive Session to finalize the review.

Staff advised Council that an upcoming date would be determined to hold the review.