

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

4:00 P.M. – 4:59 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

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

COUNCIL EXCUSED: MAYOR RYDER, COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN

STAFF PRESENT: S. KELLEY-FONG, D. SCHNEIDER, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

GOLD STAR MEMORIAL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

PRESENTER: JERRY WILKINS, GOLD STAR MEMORIAL LACEY

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

This agenda item was rescheduled for a future Worksession.

PSE BEYOND NET ZERO CARBON PLEDGE

PRESENTER: MATTHEW MAUER, SENIOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE,
PUGET SOUND ENERGY

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Matthew Mauer, Senior Government Affairs Representative with Puget Sound Energy (PSE), presented on PSE's Beyond Net Zero Carbon Pledge.

PSE has been a local energy provider for nearly 150 years and is Washington's largest and oldest utility, serving 1.5 million customers in 10 counties. PSE's goal is to be a Beyond Net Zero Carbon energy company by the year 2045 by reducing its own carbon emissions to net zero, while helping other sectors enable carbon reduction across Washington.

The following three pathways were identified and discussed on obtaining Beyond Net Zero Carbon:

PSE Operations and Electric Supply

- Net zero carbon emissions for all PSE operations and electric supply by 2030
- 100% carbon free electric supply by 2045

Natural Gas Sales Customer End Use

- Reduce customer end use carbon emissions 30% by 2030
- Net zero carbon emissions for customer end use by 2045

Beyond PSE Reported Emissions

- Electric vehicles
- Liquefied natural gas for marine and long-haul trucking
- Renewable natural gas/hydrogen or other low carbon fuels for transportation and other applications
- Upstream methane emission reduction

PSE is working towards facilitating an advisory group that includes diverse, external committee of community members, partners, technical experts, and others to provide meaningful input and enable opportunities for collective action towards the goal of Beyond Net Zero Carbon by year 2045.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THURSTON COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 2022-2024
MOTION: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND KUNKEL. MOTION CARRIED.

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, presented the interlocal agreement between the City of Lacey and Thurston County to participate in and receive funds under the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as an Urban County Entitlement Program for the years 2022-2024. It is anticipated that the City would receive \$980,000 in CDBG funds during the next three-year cycle.

In 2021, the City met the criteria, having a population of over 50,000, to qualify as a standalone entitlement community. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) also indicated that the other members of the Thurston County Urban CDBG Program would be able to continue as an Urban County CDBG should the City elect to leave the partnership.

After researching the advantages and disadvantages of being an entitlement community or remaining in the Thurston County Urban CDBG Program, staff recommended remaining in the Thurston County Urban CDBG Program by authorizing the City Manager to enter into the interlocal agreement as proposed.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, led a discussion surrounding Council & Committee Meetings. Council discussed the following two options regarding the location of future meetings.

Option 1: Continue Remote-Only

Option 2: Implement Hybrid (allow for in-person and remote)

Staff advised that Council would need to adopt a resolution, amending the existing emergency resolution, before a hybrid model could take place. If a hybrid model is permitted, all of Council could be present in-person and remain socially distanced, or any number of Council could choose to attend remotely.

Dave Schneider, City Attorney, highlighted that a separate resolution was adopted regarding temporary procedures, and that is the resolution intended to be amended. Staff advised that if Council wishes to change the start time of the meetings, an ordinance will also be required.

Council expressed support for reviewing a resolution at the next full Council meeting, as well as an ordinance amending the start time. Council suggested the start time for Council and Worksession meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Council directed staff to prepare the necessary documents to present at the August 5, 2021, Council meeting.