

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

JULY 2, 2020

4:00 P.M. – 5:18 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, D. SCHNEIDER,
R. ARMADA, R. WALK, T. WOO, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE THE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER ROBIN VAZQUEZ

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: APPOINT ROBIN VAZQUEZ AS PLANNING COMMISSIONER

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND
GREENSTEIN TO APPOINT ROBIN VAZQUEZ TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Council agreed during the June 25, 2020, Council meeting to postpone consideration of the appointment of Robin Vazquez until the July 2, 2020, Worksession to allow time to review the application. Council determined that everybody had reviewed the application and was prepared for the recommendation.

CITY OF LACEY – REOPENING UNDER GOVERNOR’S PHASE 3 SAFE START PLAN - UPDATE

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, provided Council with an update to the reopening of City facilities under the Governor’s Phase 3 Safe Start Plan. Due to the rising positive cases and the pause in phases, City Hall will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until further notice.

Councilmember Greenstein advised that the Governor provided new updates regarding businesses requiring customers to wear masks. Deputy Mayor stated she had some additional masks to donate to the City for both staff and customer use.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP GROUP ON EQUITY - UPDATE

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, provided an update regarding the Civic Leadership Group approach to determine if the current priorities meet Council needs.

Priorities include:

- Community inclusiveness
- Engage in discussion and education surrounding race and diversity
- Data examination for community inequity

Council discussed the direction of the group with staff and shared thoughts and ideas for areas of interest. There was a consensus that a committee or ad-hoc group should have projects and goals to reduce the gap in any data gathered and internal City policies and procedures should be included in the review.

COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, presented current travel dollars to check in with Council in order to meet policy requirements.

Restrictions on non-essential travel, conference and event cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic have greatly reduced Council travel needs. Council agreed that travel dollars were not a priority at this time and there were no immediate concerns for discussion.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER
DAVE SCHNEIDER, CITY ATTORNEY
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, presented Council with options and constraints relating to future council meeting schedules.

Dave Schneider, City Attorney, presented recent opinions regarding remote meetings and the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). Staff recommended remaining in a remote only meeting format as long as a declaration of emergency stays in place. Council expressed the primary concern is to improve how the public engages in public comment during the meetings.

There was consensus that the current meeting time of 4:00pm on Thursday for regular Council Meetings and Council Worksessions is adequate. However, as schedules return to a more normal structure, Council expressed the need for further discussions regarding time.

COMMUNITY-BASED COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS – SELECTION PROCESS

STAFF: RICK WALK, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Rick Walk, Director of Community and Economic Development, presented Council with the selection process for the Community-Based Committee on Homelessness.

A total of 76 applications were received and narrowed down to 30. The selection process highlighted the applicant breakdown by Council votes, community representation, and residential location between City limits and the Urban Growth Area.

Staff recommended Council review the remaining applicants for selection of the last three positions. Council provided consensus to select the following applicants for the remaining three positions:

Casey Forsyth
Joe Miller
James Stanton

Alternates will be presented before Council as needed. Staff advised of a project meeting next week to start coordinating schedules and a first Committee meeting is anticipated for early August.