

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

4:00 P.M. – 5:15 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, S. KELLEY-FONG, D.
SCHNEIDER, E. FONTAINE

Mayor Ryder amended the agenda to include the following; *Water Response Strategy*.

ACTION: APPROVE AMENDED WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

SENIOR SERVICES FOR SOUTH SOUND PROPOSAL HOME SHARE PROGRAM

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ACTION: APPROVE HOME SHARE PROGRAM ONE TIME FUNDS REQUEST IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$95,000.

MOTION: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBERS STEADMAN AND
MILLER. MOTION CARRIED.

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, presented a brief recap of the Home Share Program and Senior Services for South Sound's request for funds.

Senior Services for South Sound requested funds from the City to help establish a Home Share pilot program. The Home Share program is a living arrangement where home providers offer accommodation to home seekers in exchange for an agreed upon level of support in the form of financial contributions, assistance with household tasks, transportation, companionship, or any combination of the above. Home providers and home seekers derive benefits from home sharing through reduced housing expenses, increased independence, and the ability to age in place. To be eligible for the program either the home seeker or home provider need to be a senior 55 or older. Senior Services would provide match-making services between home sharers and home seekers. This would include performing criminal background checks, compatibility assessments, and regular check-ins once placed.

Senior Services is requesting funds to support a full-time Home Share manager and halftime administrative support person. This funding would serve as a pilot, or bridge funding for 2021 and into 2022 to start-up the Home Share program. In the future, Senior Services intends on seeking long-term funding from a combination of support from the Regional Housing Council (RHC), as well as funding from other governmental, private, and non-profit sources.

In 2021, Senior Services will receive around \$16,000 of CDBG funds from the city of Tumwater; however, these resources are restricted for use by Tumwater residents. Senior Services will also be receiving \$50,000 from the RHC for this program. With this funding from Tumwater and RHC, Home Share would need around \$29,000 to fund one-year of the program.

Staff advised, that if Council were to provide \$95,000 for the program, in addition to the funds allocated through Tumwater's CDBG and RHC funds, Senior Services would be able to administer the Home Share program for 20.5 months. Senior Services will continue to work with other private and public partnerships to acquire additional funds for this program. If supported by Council, staff would consider obligating additional funds in 2022 if Senior Services is unable to bridge this gap in funding.

Council expressed the intent of Lacey funds would give preference to City of Lacey and UGA residents, but is not limited to.

WATER RESPONSE STRATEGY

STAFF: SCOTT EGGER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Egger, Public Works Director, briefed Council on the City's strategy for water response pending the upcoming heat wave.

Temperatures are forecasted above 100 degrees for several days, making this a long duration, record-breaking heat wave that will impact the Pacific Northwest. Since City utility systems are considered a "right sized system", they are not set up for long duration heat waves. Staff will be asking residents to cut back on water usage and encourage voluntary conservation during the heat wave.

GREG CUOIO PARK & GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN

PRESENTERS: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE, & RECREATION DIRECTOR

JULIET VONG, VICE PRESIDENT HBB LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, & Recreation Director, presented an update on the Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan. Juliet Vong, Vice President of HBB Landscape Architecture also shared project timelines, open house summary, concept alternatives, survey results, and next steps.

Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways is located between the Crossroads and Hawk's Prairie neighborhoods of Lacey, just north of I-5. Part of the area also extends into the City's Urban Growth Boundary, which means it's not currently in the city limits, but could be in the future.

The Master Plan encompasses large areas of public open space, including:

- Greg Cuoio Park
- Pleasant Glade Park
- Palm Creek Headwaters

The existing park and greenways are largely undeveloped and dominated by mature forests, streams and creeks, wetlands and other natural systems. There is a small picnic area and open lawn at Pleasant Glad Park and a few informal trails through the park and greenways. There are also open fields from where farming activities used to occur.

Staff highlighted polls and survey vision results to gain Council direction and input. A public workshop is currently scheduled for July 28, 2021. An update will also be presented at the Park Board of Commissioners, scheduled for August 4, 2021.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, led a discussion regarding the anticipated COVID-19 safety and health protocol changes for June 30, 2021. Topics discussed included the following:

1. Proclamation suspending rules of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)

2. Mask Requirements
3. Council Meeting scheduled start time

Council directed staff to prepare for a hybrid model for meetings, as well as discussed amending Council Meetings and Worksessions to a later time. Dave Schneider, City Attorney, advised that the City currently has a resolution declaring an emergency, and legislative steps would need to be taken in order to bring Council back to in-person meetings.

Council expressed support to maintain the current remote meetings as scheduled, and review and discuss the Governor's decisions at an upcoming Council meeting.