

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022

6:00 P.M. – 6:23 P.M.

REMOTE AND IN-PERSON

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COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER (REMOTE), COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN, COX, STEADMAN, KUNKEL, VAZQUEZ (REMOTE)

STAFF PRESENT: D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMERCE – HOUSING PROPOSAL

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
DAVE SCHNEIDER, CITY ATTORNEY

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The Governor's Office has directed the Department of Transportation, the State Patrol and Department of Commerce to address homeless individuals living within state rights-of-way by funding or creating new housing resources. By creating housing options, individuals living in the State's rights-of-way can transition out of these areas into safer living environments. Priority areas identified by the State include the counties of King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Thurston.

Staff advised that in order to achieve the goal of establishing new housing resources, the State will be proposing a Memorandum of Understanding that includes Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater.

Staff highlighted the ongoing conversations between jurisdictions, as well as discussed next steps, both short- and long-term.

Council expressed support in the City Manager exercising his existing rights in entering into agreements. Council also expressed support in calling an emergency meeting before decisions are made, if needed.

Due to some confusion regarding the upcoming agreement deadlines, staff will confirm and report back to Council.