

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

6:00 P.M. – 8:12 P.M.

REMOTE AND IN-PERSON

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

COUNCIL EXCUSED: MAYOR RYDER, COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, S. KELLEY-FONG, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, R. ANDREWS, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

I-5 PROJECT EFFORTS

PRESENTER: MARC DAILY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Marc Daily, Executive Director for Thurston Regional Planning Commission (TRPC), presented on the ongoing efforts within transportation projects, with an emphasis on Interstate 5 from Tumwater to Mounts Road.

The following funding was reviewed and discussed:

- \$500K from WA State for I-5 Planning Study (2017)
- \$2.25M from WA State for Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Report (2019)
- \$5M from WA State for Preliminary Design and State/Federal Environmental Review (2021)
- \$75M approved by Legislature (2022)

TRPC highlighted the following steps towards I-5 project efforts:

- NEPA scoping currently scheduled for Fall 2022.
- NEPA will continue through early 2025.
- \$75M (\$125M is identified need) for preliminary engineering of the preferred alternative identified through NEPA. Estimated to begin in 2025.
- Looking for opportunities to connect this I-5 project to available federal funds.

A related proposal was also identified, where TRPC resubmitted a grant proposal for a Regional Freight Mobility Strategy (\$1M).

The following next steps for a High Capacity Transportation Study were also reviewed and discussed.

- \$250K with report on expected deliverables due to legislature by December 2022.
- Consultant hired by Fall 2022.
- Consideration of many modes (expanded express bus service, enhanced vanpools, commuter rail, light rail, others).
- Consideration for a potential ultra, high-speed rail (\$150M in Move Ahead Washington)
- Consideration of ridership potential, construction and operational costs, funding options and costs for households, and potential timelines for developing different options.
- Will not include specific siting or alignment analysis or identify a preferred high capacity transportation option.

CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN BRIEFING

PRESENTERS: RYAN ANDREWS, PLANNING MANAGER

JULIE BASSUK, PARTNER IN CHARGE, MAKERS ARCHITECTURE &
URBAN DESIGN

BETH BATCHELDER, PROJECT MANAGER, MAKERS ARCHITECTURE &
URBAN DESIGN

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager, introduced Julie Bassuk, Partner in Charge, and Beth Batchelder, Project Manager, with Makers Architecture & Urban Design.

The Council was presented with a briefing on the Lacey Capital Facilities Plan.

The purpose of the Lacey Capital Facilities Plan is to strategically address deficiencies and manage assets, anticipate growth and constraints, and reflect organizational culture and jumpstart transformation.

The facilities focused within the plan include the following:

- Administration (*City Hall*)
- Public Works (*Operations Headquarters, City Pit*)
- Parks, Culture & Recreation (*Senior Center, White House*)
- Animal Services
- Police Substation
- Community Center
- Parks, Culture & Recreation Buildings
- Parks Maintenance Satellite Facilities
- New Museum & Cultural Center
- Childcare Center
- Library
- Veteran Services HUB

The new Police Headquarters, Water Treatment Plant, Parks, and Utilities Operational Structures are not included in the scope of the plan.

Summary findings of the Capital Facilities Plan included:

- Portfolio condition and function good overall with some exceptions.
- Many facilities unable to accommodate growth.
- Vacated Police space in City Hall can accommodate growth; requires extensive renovation.
- Public Works and Animal Services facilities require significant investment and additional space to meet needs.

Next steps include a visioning workshop with Leadership; evaluation of alternative concepts and will conclude with public outreach in the fall.

MARTIN WAY CORRIDOR STUDY

PRESENTERS: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
RYAN ANDREWS, PLANNING MANAGER
ALLISON OSTERBERG, SENIOR PLANNER, THURSTON REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The Martin Way Corridor Study is a joint planning effort between Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), Thurston County, Intercity Transit and the Cities of Lacey and Olympia.

The purpose of the study is to develop a coordinated vision for the future of Martin Way. The Comprehensive Plan for Lacey and the Lacey Urban Growth Area identifies Martin Way as a prime location for growth and redevelopment in the next twenty years.

Staff briefed the Council on the preliminary land use and transportation recommendations currently undergoing public review. The final recommendations will be presented in an action plan that will be reviewed at a later date. It is anticipated that this action plan will set the stage for a variety of adjustments to development codes (zoning and streets standards) and future infrastructure improvements that will help better align with the vision of the corridor.

COUNCIL POLICIES RELATED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
DAVE SCHNEIDER, CITY ATTORNEY

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, and Dave Schneider, City Attorney, briefed Council on updates to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA).

During the 2022 Legislative Session, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1329 (ESHB 1329) was passed making changes to the State's OPMA, related to public meeting accessibility and participation. The bill was signed into law on March 24, 2022. Several of the OPMA changes were effective upon signature, while the remaining modifications are effective on June 9, 2022. To align with the new OPMA language, it is recommended that the City make modifications to several longstanding public comment practices.

Staff reviewed several sections of the Council Policies-Procedures Manual that should be modified to align with the new OPMA language.

Staff recommended allowing for written comment prior to Worksessions and Council Committees. The City Clerk's Office would provide any written public comment to the City Council prior to a Worksession or Committee meeting, similar to a Council meeting.

Staff recommended adopting the Resolution, updating the City of Lacey City Council Policies-Procedures Manual to reflect recent Open Public Meetings Act changes related to enhancing public meeting accessibility and participation, at the June 2 Council meeting.