

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

MAY 13, 2021

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

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

COUNCIL EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN

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

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

1-2 STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM UPDATE

PRESENTER: COL. JARED BORDWELL, 1-2 SBCT COMMANDER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Council received an update on the 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, also known as “Ghost Brigade”, by Commander Col. Jared Bordwell. The presentation included the following items:

- Ghost Brigade Overview
- Lacey Connections
- Recent Brigade Highlights
- Ongoing/Upcoming Activities
- COVID Safety Update
- Special Events

Upcoming Events:

- May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day Ceremony at JBLM
- August 2021 – 40th Annual Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand
- September 2021 – Expert Infantryman’s / Expert Soldier’s Badge
- October 2021 – ‘Bayonet Focus’ at Yakima Training Center

More information regarding the 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team can be found on the following social media sites:

- Facebook @GhostSBCT
- Twitter @1SBCT_Ghost
- Instagram @ghoststrykerbrigade
- Flickr: @GhostBrigade

MEDIC ONE LEVY LID LIFT

PRESENTER: KURT HARDIN, THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE DIRECTOR
STEVE BROOKS, FIRE CHIEF FD3

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Kurt Hardin, Director of Thurston County Medic One, presented to Council on the Medic One Levy LID Lift.

Medic One supports a Comprehensive County-Wide Tiered EMS System, including:

- 12 Fire Departments
- 2 Ambulance Companies
- Approximately 700 Providers
- 2 Hospitals
- 727 square miles
- Serving over 291,000 people in Thurston County

Medic One's budget increased from \$8.22 million in 2008, to \$14.05 million in 2019:

- Placed 1 Medic Unit into service in 2021 and 0.5 Medic Unit into service in 2014.
- Healthcare expenditures increased annually 5 percent over the past 10 years – supplies and equipment (CMS Reference).
- Healthcare projected increase 5.3 percent annually through 2029 (CMS Reference).
- 911 EMS call volume in 2008 increased from 24,392 to 35,997 calls in 2019 (47.58 percent increase)

Medic One's revenue increased from \$8.35 million in 2008, to \$11.10 million in 2019, creating a shortfall.

The Medic One Levy Restoration Proposal is to restore the Medic One levy by approximately \$0.21 cents per thousand, or \$63.00 for a home valued at \$300,000,

over a span of six years using current assessed values. It was noted that taxpayers who qualify for a senior citizen, disabled or veteran exemptions pursuant to RCW 84.36.381 may be exempt from the increased levy pursuant to RCW 84.55.054(4)(e) if expressly stated in the ballot proposition.

The Thurston County Emergency Medical Services Council recommended the Board of County Commissioners place a Medic One ballot measure on the August 2021 primary for voters to consider an increase to the Medic One levy by \$0.211 per thousand over six years.

HOME SHARE – SENIOR SERVICES FOR SOUTH SOUND

STAFF: BRIAN WINDROPE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES FOR SOUTH SOUND

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Brian Windrope, Executive Director of Senior Services for South Sound presented an overview of the Home Share program, as well as outlined a request for funds.

Home Share is a program that helps both seniors and the housing crisis. Below are some highlighted statistics:

- Average rent in Thurston County for 2018 was \$1,187, exceeding that of Pierce County. The average social security payment in WA is \$1,600.
- Seniors aged 65 and over make up a higher percentage of Thurston County residents (18%) than the state average, and this is expected to grow in disparity.
- The most affordable subsidized rent for seniors locally still costs over \$700 a month.

The Home Share program matches home providers with home seekers, with either party being a senior. This approach provides a match making service, and not a list service.

Services include the following:

- An intensive screening and interview process seeks to make enduring matches. Background checks are performed.

- Rooms are rented in exchange for an agreed amount and often an exchange of services. Average rent in the program is \$400-600. which is less than the cheapest housing available.
- Regular contact and evaluation is a part of successful placements. Mediation and other services are made available.

The cost preplacement is far cheaper than any capital projects, leveraging scarce housing dollars to provide one type of solution to our shared housing emergency. Each placement keeps a person in their home, and provides housing to another, while also building community bonds with the support of social service infrastructure.

Home Share originally launched in 2015, with extensive infrastructure established in 2019. The program could restart, and not be delayed by needing to establish materials or basic framework and is already a known and trusted partner with the City of Lacey.

Senior Services for South Sounds requested \$94,159 in bridge funding for one year, and included a breakdown of staffing, outreach and monthly budget.

It was noted the City of Tumwater awarded CDBG funds for Tumwater residents. Senior Services currently has a pending fund request with Regional Housing Council as well.

Council expressed support of the program and identified a desire to have additional discussions at a future meeting.

PERMITTING IN LACEY'S UGA: MARTIN WAY CORRIDOR

PRESENTER: MAYOR ANDY RYDER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Mayor Ryder briefed Council on discussions with Thurston County and City Staff regarding amending the permitting process to ease customer experience. Staff proposed launching a joint agreement with the County, outlining that the City would assume sole responsibility for permitting on the Martin Way Corridor for new development.

Council expressed agreement and directed staff to begin discussions with Thurston County to draft a Memorandum of Understanding to this effect.

Mayor Ryder convened to an Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss current litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Ryder concluded the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened the Worksession. No action was taken.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Worksession at 5:30 p.m.