

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

6:01 P.M. – 7:51 P.M.

REMOTE AND IN-PERSON

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COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER, GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN
(AUDIO ONLY), KUNKEL, VAZQUEZ (REMOTE)

COUNCIL EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER COX

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

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

PRESENTERS: BRIAN ENSLOW, STATE LOBBYIST
ROBERT ALMADA, CHIEF OF LACEY POLICE

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Brian Enslow, State Lobbyist, provided a presentation highlighting the 2022 State Legislative Session.

Highlights included the following priority agenda items:

- Public Safety Concerns
- Affordable Housing
- Homelessness
- Transportation (I-5 Corridor between Mounts Road to Tumwater and the Nisqually River Delta)

Chief of Police, Robert Almada, spoke on the impacts of the 2021 Policing Legislation, as well as reviewed the 2022 Policing Legislation results.

2021 Policing Legislation included review of the following items:

- HB 1054: Prohibits firearms .50 caliber or larger
- HB 1054: Pursuits in strictly limited circumstances
- HB 1310: Use of force

Staff highlighted the impacts of the legislation on crime, arrests and overall demand for police services.

2022 Legislative Session results included the following critical issues addressed:

- HB 1719: Narrowed definition of Military Equipment (i.e. .50 caliber rifle).
- HB 1735: Expands authority to use of force by law enforcement
- HB 2037: Defines “Physical Force”

Other policy bills of interest discussed included the following:

- ESHB 1329: Public Meetings
- HB 1630: Restricting Weapon in Public Spaces
- SB 5818: Limiting appeals under the State Environmental Policy Act
- HB 1241: Comprehensive Plan Review Cycle
- 5277: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 1799: Solid Waste Plans

TRANSPORTATION CALMING POLICY DISCUSSION

STAFF: SCOTT EGGER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
ROGER SCHOESSEL, CITY ENGINEER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff presented on the City’s Transportation Calming Policy. Highlights included a review of policy history and development.

In order to address neighborhood traffic concerns, the City has adopted the following process to evaluate and/or implement a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program:

1. Citizens Request is received.
2. The Transportation Department will evaluate the request to see if meets the minimum requirements for traffic calming devices. Cut through traffic

and possible diversions will be evaluated along with any other relevant issues.

3. Results of the study will be shared with the Citizens.
4. If the studies warrant traffic calming devices, options will be presented to the neighborhood association or group for a preferred alternative.
5. Results will be shared with the Transportation Committee if warrants are met to install a traffic calming device and the neighborhood wishes to proceed. The neighborhood boundary will be established at this time.
6. The neighborhood association or group will circulate a petition to install a temporary traffic calming device. This requires a majority support of 60% of the voting neighborhood.
7. All information will be presented to the Transportation Committee for approval to install a temporary device.
8. The City will install a temporary traffic calming device. The device will be in place for a minimum of 6 months to 1 year to determine effectiveness.
9. Upon completion of the test period, a ballot will be mailed to the voting neighborhood. This vote will be to install a permanent traffic control device. A 60% majority is required for permanent installation.
10. A public meeting will be held to share the results of the test period and the outcome of the neighborhood vote.
11. These results will also be shared with the Transportation Committee. If there are no adverse effects from the devices and neighborhood support is evident, the Committee will approve placement of permanent traffic calming. The City share will be paid for from funds budgeted for the neighborhood traffic calming program in the next budget cycle.

Criteria required consists of the following:

- Two Lane Residential Roadway.
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT shall be between 300 and 3,000 vehicles).
- 85th Percentile speeds shall be greater than 5mph above the speed limit.
- Approval of LFD 3 for specific locations.
- Minimum sight distance of 150 feet.
- Roadway grade of less than 10%.
- Placement of a traffic calming device will not result in unacceptable diversion of traffic onto another street.

LACEY MAKERSPACE UPDATE

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director, presented an update on the Lacey MakerSpace. The update reviewed highlights on the following items:

- Membership Data
- Funding Sources to Date
- 2021 EDA Grant
- Expansion Plans
- Future Plans & Funding

COUNCIL RETREAT AGENDA PREVIEW

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, highlighted the draft Council Retreat agenda in order to gain clarity and establish priorities from the Council. The proposed agenda included the following:

- Six-year financial forecast
- Reflection & visioning
- Context & Process overview
- Priorities discussion

Staff indicated that Council will each receive a survey to detail priorities and noted the packet will be distributed early next week.