

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

6:00 P.M. – 8:04 P.M.

REMOTE AND IN-PERSON

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

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

PUGET SOUND ENERGY STORM PRESENTATION

PRESENTER: BRANDON CAPPS, PUGET SOUND ENERGY LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & PUBLIC POLICY REPRESENTATIVE

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Brandon Capps, Puget Sound Energy Local Government Relations & Public Policy Representative, provided a presentation on Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) storm response and system prioritizations.

The presentation highlighted the following topics:

- PSE Infrastructure & Readiness
- Customer Resources
- Power Restoration
- COVID-19 Impacts
- Outage Communications

SOUTH SOUND MILITARY AND COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (SSMCP) UPDATE AND GROWTH COORDINATION PLAN REVIEW

PRESENTERS: BILL ADAMSON, SSMCP PROGRAM MANAGER
MARIA TOBIN, SSMCP PROGRAM COORDINATOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Bill Adamson, SSMCP Program Manager, and Maria Robin, SSMCP Program Coordinator, presented an update on the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) and membership benefits.

The partnership consists of more than 50 members of cities, counties, the Nisqually Indian Tribe, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, state, regional, corporate, and non-profit organizations, that are dedicated to fostering outcomes that are mutually beneficial to the South Sound region. SSMCP focuses on the intersection of issues between local governments and the military community.

Bill Adamson also presented a review of the 2022 JBLM Growth Coordination Plan and highlighted the draft recommendations for the 2023-24 SSMCP Work Plan. Topics included the following:

- Support development of and access to on and off-base housing
- Advocate for occupational licensure portability
- Pursue funding for I-5 Corridor Improvements
- Measure and communicate the economic benefits of JBLM to the region
- Support improvements to family and child care provider communications and connections
- Support Behavior Health Care initiatives such as the North Clear Zone
- Address military family food insecurity as an element of financial readiness/literacy
- Pursue funding to conduct a Military Installation Resilience (climate change) study

Data and statistics regarding JBLM's service member population growth, business leader survey demographics, economic impact analysis, transportation impacts and overview of the 2022 legislative agenda were also reviewed.

TREE REGULATIONS REVISIONS (LMC 14.32)

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
RYAN ANDREWS, PLANNING MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Proposed revisions to Lacey Municipal Code (LMC) 14.32 for tree permit exemptions were presented at the February 22, 2022, Land Use Committee meeting. The item was also presented to the full Council at the March 17, 2022, City Council meeting. During the March 17th, City Council meeting, Council directed staff to bring the item to a Worksession for further discussion.

If adopted, the proposed permit language contained in LMC 14.32.050.D. will still allow for individual lots to be exempt from land clearing permit requirements, provided the tree density minimums of four (4) trees per 5,000 square feet are maintained either with the number of trees retained on site or through replanting to meet the minimum ratio. This will still allow for typical tree removals to receive over-the-counter permits for removals. The only additional requirement would be for requests of more than five (5) trees to be removed on a lot. For those requests, the applicant must have a tree report completed by the City's arborist. The report will allow the arborist to provide additional field education and outreach while also assessing the individual site and surroundings.

Council requested language be added to the proposed ordinance to address HOA open space and commercial property owner concerns.

Staff reviewed existing requirements in comparison with the proposed amendments. Council expressed support with the direction of the proposed ordinance.