

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSESSION
LACEY CITY COUNCIL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

MARCH 11, 2021
4:01 P.M. – 6:06 P.M.
REMOTE ONLY

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

HISTORIC COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: ERICH EBEL, ALAN TYLER, SETH HUFF, SARAH THIRTYACRE,
DAVID BLACK, JIM KEOGH

HISTORIC COMMISSIONERS

EXCUSED: KIMBERLY GOETZ

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, J. BURBIDGE, S. EGGER, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK,
A. COLLIER, P. BROOKS, E. QUINN VALCHO, E. FONTAINE

The agenda was amended to place *Lacey's Household Assistance Program Report (CARES Act Round 2)* as the first agenda item, and add agenda item *Draft Federal Legislative Agenda*

ACTION: APPROVE AMENDED WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

LACEY'S HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT (CARES ACT ROUND 2)

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ACTION: AWARD REMAINING FUNDS OF \$193,907 TO BE ALLOCATED AS REQUESTS
ARE MADE, REGARDLESS OF CATEGORY

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

Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director presented an update on the CARES Act COVID-19 Response Household Assistance Program.

A total of 247 households, 897 individuals have been served through the program, resulting in an average of 3.6 persons per household. The largest employment categories affected were reported to include food service, health care, and housecleaning.

To date the Community Action Council has awarded the following funding:

- Rent & Utility: \$448,408
- Water/Sewer: \$93,351
- WIFI: \$6,460
- Childcare: \$2,393

As of March 10, 2021, the following funds remain:

- Rent & Utility: \$112
- Water/Sewer: \$182,648
- WIFI: \$3,539
- Childcare: \$7,607

In order to serve the household needs, staff requested to award the remaining funds of \$193,907 to be allocated as requests are made, regardless of category.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL JOINT WORKSESSION

STAFF: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION DIRECTOR
ERICH EBEL, HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR
ERIN QUINN VALCHO, LACEY MUSEUM CURATOR
ACTION: APPROVE THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2021 WORK PLAN
MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS
STEADMAN AND GREENSTEIN

Highlights from the Lacey Historical Commission's 2020 Key Accomplishments include the Lacey Depot and Playground; Lacey Train Depot Historic Markers; New Museum Name and Branding.

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture & Recreation Director, provided an update on the new Museum and Cultural Center. Staff also reviewed the following Lacey Museum accomplishments, including 272 participants for the 2020 History Talks! Speaker Series (2019 saw 264), 5 new acquisitions were reviewed and approved by the Commission, 120 records were entered into the museum's cataloguing database and the new website is scheduled to go live summer of 2021.

The 2021 Historical Commission Work Plan includes:

- Assist City staff and elected officials in the development of the timeline, site plan, programming priorities and character of the new museum.
- Review and revise strategic plan for the museum.
- Promote the Lacey Museum to build a network of supporting patrons who love history and the museum.
- Develop a policy for use of the Lacey Depot.
- Solicit, review and approve nominations for Lacey Historian of the Year.
- Update Lacey Historical Commission Policies and Procedures.
- Participate in development and staff a booth at the Thurston County Fairgrounds.
- Identify projects for the Valerie Sivinski Grant, Thurston County Heritage Grant, CLG Grant, Nisqually Charitable Funds, BNSF Grant, and Capital Heritage Grant.
- Identify which properties are on the historic property inventory and include them in the City's GIS Database.
- Identify at least two properties from the historic property inventory that could be added to the Historic Register.
- Attend a Nisqually Tribal Council meeting.
- Support the Youth Commissioner in developing and implementing a student project.

Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director, also provided an update on the interim food truck site, located within the project site.

TUMWATER BREWERY WATER RIGHTS AND RELATED ASSETS

STAFF: PETER BROOKS, WATER RESOURCES MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Peter Brooks, Water Resources Manager, provided a review on the history and background relating to the Tumwater Brewery water rights and related assets.

Over the past decade, the cities of Tumwater, Olympia, and Lacey have conducted studies to determine the condition of the brewery assets they jointly purchased. The partner cities have also discussed the organizational and cost sharing framework to be used during the development of the brewery water rights.

Currently the partner cities are close to finalizing an interlocal agreement (ILA) establishing the framework for development of the brewery water rights and long term cost sharing.

The City of Lacey will need to decide if it will retain the brewery assets and sign the ILA, or sell the assets to one or both partners and leave the partnership.

Staff highlighted study findings, comparison of costs, existing paper water rights, reclaimed water scenarios, and current water rights and production.

The following two options were provided to Council for discussion:

Option 1: Retain the brewery assets and incur immediate and on-going costs prior to producing water.

Option 2: Sell the brewery assets and focus on developing Lacey's other potable water rights and reclaimed water capacity, moving Lacey toward water sustainability.

Council recommended staff reach out to the partner cities and provide all options to Council at a future meeting, before signing an ILA.

CORRESPONDENCE ON BEHALF OF THE JOHNSON FAMILY

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, briefed Council regarding a citizen request to permanently honor Master Sergeant Leslie Johnson's memory.

Council instructed staff to bring the agenda item forward at a Community Relations & Public Affairs Committee meeting to develop a policy.

INVITATION TO A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON RACIAL JUSTICE

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Lacey Councilmembers received an invitation to a Community Conversation on Racial Justice for March 24, 2021, and April 13, 2021.

Mayor Ryder noted that the invitations were discussed at a recent Mayor's Forum and advised not to officially attend as jurisdiction representatives. This does not preclude individual members from attending, but any attendance is to represent themselves as individuals, and not members representing their jurisdictions.

Council recommended drafting a response detailing what the City of Lacey is actively doing on the topic and note that any members in attendance represent themselves individually.

DRAFT FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, briefed Council on the draft federal legislative agenda to highlight and identify project candidates to request congressionally directed spending.

Project candidates included:

- 1-5 Tumwater to Mounts Road corridor 7 Nisqually River Delta
- College Street Corridor safety improvement project
- Lacey Veterans Service Hub
- Lacey Museum & Civic Center
- Midtown Roundabout – College Street & 7th
- Hicks-Pattison Culvert

Council expressed that the Veterans Service Hub is believed to be the strongest candidate for a community project. Council directed staff to contact Congresswoman Strickland's office to gain perspective on project interests prior to submittal.