

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

6:00 P.M. – 6:39 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

To hear the full discussion of a specific topic, or the complete meeting, watch the recorded meeting available on YouTube – https://youtube.com/watch?v=T4WLh_52PBI

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

STAFF PRESENT: S. KELLEY-FONG, S. HOCK, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES UPDATE

STAFF: SARAH HOCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Sarah Hock, Executive Director of Joint Animal Services, provided a review of agency progress and accomplishments over the last two years.

Joint Animal Services is Thurston County's primary regional animal shelter and animal control agency. Established in 1977, the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and unincorporated Thurston County fund Animal Services. Joint Animal Services currently serves 774 square miles of urban and rural terrain, and a total population of 280,970.

Staff provided 2020-2021 Data and Statistics, Field Response, and highlighted an End of Year Summary for 2021.

2021 Accomplishments Included:

- Updated Technology
 - o Shelter Management Software
 - o Phone System
 - o Virtual Waitlist and Queue Management App

- Pet Store Ordinance
 - o In 2021, the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater adopted a pet store ordinance banning the retail sales of dogs and cats
- Volunteer Programs
 - o New volunteer software
 - o Moved onboarding of fosters and volunteers to an online format
- Adoption Event
 - o A large scale adoption event sponsored by the BISSELL Pet Foundation
 - o 85 pets adopted:
 - 65 Cats
 - 19 Dogs
 - 1 Iguana
- Launched New Licensing Portal

Staff also reviewed the beginning stages of creating a medical area and surgery suite, and presented the 5-year Strategic Plan.

COUNCIL TRAVEL

PRESENTERS: CITY COUNCIL

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Every year, Council identifies travel obligations for the year. Historically by the first Council Worksession in March, Councilmembers will project which conferences they wish to attend during the calendar year as a good faith estimate of total training and travel costs.

Council directed staff to create a centralized list of the conferences and their locations. Mayor Ryder recommended Councilmembers identify their travel by the end of April.