

**MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
AND
JOINT WORKSESSION WITH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JOINT WORKSESSION WITH COMMISSION ON EQUITY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
6:00 P.M. – 7:56 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://youtu.be/dDQuAyqTAvs>

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

HISTORICAL
COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: ERICH EBEL (CHAIR), SARAH THIRTYACRE (VICE CHAIR), DAVID BLACK, KIMBERLY GOETZ, JIM KEOGH, ALAN TYLER

EQUITY
COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: CLIFTON BROWN, ANNIE CLAY, MAKIEDA HART, THELMA JACKSON, KRISTINE STOLBERG

EQUITY
COMMISSIONERS

EXCUSED: JON HEGWOOD, KIM SAUER

STAFF PRESENT: S. KELLEY-FONG, J. BURBIDGE, D. SCHNEIDER, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PRESENTER: HANK SHEEGOG, FRED U. HARRIS LODGE

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Hank Sheegog, Fred U. Harris Lodge Member, provided a verbal presentation on Black History Month.

The celebration of Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian,

scholar, educator and publisher. In 1976, it became a month-long celebration and the month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Hank Sheegog shared various milestones throughout history within the black community. The accomplishments included some of the following:

- First Lawyer – *John Mercer Langston in 1854*
- Supreme Court Justice – *Thurgood Marshall, who served on the court from 1967 to 1991*
- First Senator – *Hiram Rhodes Revels, State of Mississippi from 1870-1871*
- First Woman Representative – *Shirley Chisholm, House Representative elected in 1968*
- Self-Made Millionaire – *Madam C.J. Walker, for her African American hair care products*
- Oscar Winner – *Hattie McDaniel, for her performance in Gone With the Wind in 1940*

It was also noted that the theme for 2022 is Black Health and Wellness.

JOINT WORKSESSION – HISTORICAL COMMISSION

PRESENTERS: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE AND RECREATION DIRECTOR
ERICH EBEL, HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR

ACTION: APPROVE THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2022 WORK PLAN

MOTION: MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY MAYOR RYDER AND
COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture & Recreation Director provided an update on the Historical Commission and the New Museum Project.

Historical Commissioners presented on the following 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Work Plan highlights:

2021 Accomplishments

- New Lacey Museum Project
- Lacey Depot
- Grants
- Historic Properties

2022 Work Plan

- New Lacey Museum Project
- Lacey Depot
- Lacey History Month
- Historical Commission Policies and Procedures
- Thurston Throwback – Thurston County Fairgrounds
- Chambers Prairie Cabin
- Grants
- Commission & Tribal Relations
- RAC Kiosk

Staff also provided the Lacey Museum Annual Report and highlighted the following:

- Cultural Resources Survey
- Salmon Safe Certification
 - o Lacey Museum is the first museum to receive this certification
- Update on the Lacey Museum Project
- Partnerships with the Lacey Community Foundation

Mayor Ryder discussed the Lacey Community Foundation and the charitable efforts that are occurring.

JOINT WORKSESSION – COMMISSION ON EQUITY

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ACTION: APPROVE THE COMMISSION ON EQUITY 2022 WORK PLAN
MOTION: MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS VAZQUEZ AND GREENSTEIN

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, presented the Commission on Equity's 2022 Work Plan.

Items identified in the 2022 Work Plan include the following:

- Continued work on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan
- Extensive Public Outreach and Engagement
- Reviewing the draft City of Lacey Communications Plan and other policy documents
- Continued work on indigenous land recognition possibilities
- Future collaborations with local tribes

- Hosting focus group meetings with diverse community stakeholder groups
- Begin work on an Equity Tool and Equity Map
- Join and/or partner with community events

HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING STATUS

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ACTION: SET THE FIRST COUNCIL HYBRID MEETING FOR MARCH 24, 2022.
MOTION: MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS STEADMAN AND GREENSTEIN

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, and Council, discussed the upcoming changes to the State's COVID safety restrictions.

Staff proposed launching a hybrid council meeting effective, March 24, 2022.