

MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

REMOTE ONLY

COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN (AUDIO ONLY) COX, KUNKEL, MILLER

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, S. HOCK, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, J. BRANDT, W. DUFFY, E. FONTAINE

Mayor Ryder amended the agenda to add *City Snow Response Update*.

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AMENDED AGENDA

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

DRAFT LETTER REQUESTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY CODE BEGIN JULY 1, 2021

STAFF: WADE DUFFY, BUILDING OFFICIAL & FIRE MARSHAL
ANGELA WHITE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH OLYMPIA MASTER BUILDERS

ACTION: MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR RYDER TO SIGN THE DRAFT LETTER REQUESTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY CODE BE EXTENDED TO JULY 1, 2021.

MOTION: MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND KUNKEL.

MOTION CARRIED WITH MAYOR RYDER, COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN, MILLER, AND KUNKEL VOTING IN FAVOR. DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT AND COUNCILMEMBER COX VOTED AGAINST.

Council and staff reviewed a draft letter to the Governor requesting reconsideration of the 2018 Washington State Building and Energy Codes from February 1, 2021 – July 1, 2021.

It is estimated that the 2018 energy code along will add \$10,000-\$30,000 to the cost of new homes after February 2021. Although the new energy code will provide cost relief and utility savings long-term, the extra cost associated with the implementation of the 2018 energy code has short-term cost impacts to residents purchasing new homes.

Council and staff highlighted the projected cost increases to new home construction does not align with the current economic uncertainty caused by COVID-19, or with affordable housing concerns. Council expressed the desire to further work with builders to come up with long-term, strategic recommendations to combat affordable housing.

Council expressed the need to update the letter language, due to the current implementation date being in the past.

REVIEW AMENDED ANIMAL SERVICES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

STAFF: SARAH HOCK, ANIMAL SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM) recommends the adoption of the amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement (ILA), the document that regulates the operation of Joint Animal Services. The last time the document was updated was in 2014.

In November 2020, JASCOM reviewed and recommended changes to the ILA. It is important to note that the basic document is unchanged except for updates to language and revisions necessary to reflect the changes recommended to ensure Animal Services operations are optimal.

There are four changes of note in this agreement:

1. Section 3 (a) (5) - In reference to the members of the governing body known as JASCOM. One optional member selected by a nonprofit organization based in Thurston County with shared animal welfare priorities. Such nonprofit shall be selected by members of the commission.
2. Section 3. (f) (6) – In reference to powers and duties of the commission. License fees shall be established by JASCOM.
3. Section 7 (c) – In reference to the jurisdictions responsibility to pay off the loan obtained for the current shelter facility. This section was removed. The loan for the building and renovation has been repaid.
4. Section 8 – In reference to the commission's ability to contract with other parties to provide services. Animal Services can provide services to

nonmembers through a contract. Revenue received for such services cannot be less than the cost to provide such services. JASCOM shall approve all nonmember contracts related to additional services.

The ILA is being reviewed by the other partner jurisdictions (i.e., Thurston County and the cities of Olympia and Tumwater). Once this process is complete, a final ILA will be forwarded to a future Lacey City Council meeting for adoption.

REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – PHASE 3 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
JESSICA BRANDT, ASSOCIATE PLANNER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff provided a briefing on the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between City of Lacey, City of Olympia, City of Tumwater, Thurston County, and Thurston Regional Planning Council for Phase 3 of the Regional Climate Mitigation Plan Regional Coordination.

The City Council signed an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County, Olympia, and Tumwater in April 2018 to complete Phase 1 of a Regional Climate Mitigation Plan. Phase 1 focused on assessing existing policies and targets of each jurisdiction for gaps and consistencies, recommending a regional emissions target, identifying each jurisdiction's implemented mitigation actions to date, and recommend regional emissions reduction targets.

The recommended targets were adopted July 12, 2019. The targets are as follows:

- Achieve a 45% reduction of 2015 greenhouse gas levels by 2030.
- Achieve an 85% reduction of 2015 greenhouse gas levels by 2050.

Phase 1

Phase 1 adopted targets and produced a recommended scope of work for Phase 2, which included a public engagement strategy, assessment of actions sufficient to reach shared emissions targets, and implementation strategies. On October 11, 2018, the Council approved the ILA for Phase 2. In February 2019, TRPC hired a consultant team, Cascadia Consulting, to assist with Phase 2.

Phase 2

Phase 2 of the planning process, which started in early 2019 and has just concluded, and included the following steps:

1. Develop steering committee and charter (January 2019)

2. Develop stakeholder advisory committee (February – March 2019)
3. Engage the general public and develop potential actions list (July – Sept 2019)
4. Assess potential actions and develop scenarios (September – June 2019)
5. Develop plan and strategies (March – July 2020)
6. Engage the general public (September 2020)
7. Accept plan and strategies (October – December 2020)

Phase 3

Phase 3 is a one-year agreement and scope of work that will focus on regional implementation options and approaches. This does not preclude jurisdictions from prioritizing and implementing actions individually. The agreement provides funds for Thurston Regional Planning Council staff to continue convening, researching, engaging, and monitoring as directed by partner jurisdictions. The major tasks in the scope of work include:

1. Convening a climate action implementation committee and multijurisdictional staff team
2. Supporting policy research
3. Developing a monitoring and assessment program
4. Conducting public outreach

The Planning Commission is continuing with the formal adoption process under their 2021 work program and following the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment process includes staff work sessions with the Planning Commission where they will assist in prioritizing actions and engaging the public, and then hold a public hearing, and make a recommendation to Council in July 2021.

Regional implementation coordination will continue under the Phase 3 interlocal agreement and existing CR2 Plan, which is an appendix to the Environmental Element in the Comprehensive Plan, until the TCMP is formally adopted.

Councilmember Greenstein and Kunkel expressed the desire to have public involvement increased during beginning steps.

CITY SNOW RESPONSE UPDATE

STAFF: SCOTT EGGER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Egger, Public Works Director provided an update on the City of Lacey response to the snow forecast.

All City trucks (three for de-icing, three for sanding), are plowing primary and secondary routes. Primary routes are estimated to take 14-16 hours to plow.

Staff and Council acknowledged that City plows are used for arterial roads and will not be used for residential or private use. Staff advised that HOA's can fill out a form and have contractors plow residential neighborhoods.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ryder convened to an Executive Session at 5:08 p.m. for 22 minutes to discuss current litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Ryder concluded the Executive Session at 5:30pm and reconvened the Worksession. No action was taken.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Worksession at 5:30 p.m.