

MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSESSION
LACEY CITY COUNCIL
AND
LACEY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
6:00 P.M. – 7:44 P.M.
REMOTE ONLY

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

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: ARAM WHEELER (CHAIR), SARAH DANIELS, TROY KIRBY, WENDY GOODWIN, KAMBER GOOD, DAVE WEBER

COMMISSIONERS

EXCUSED: GARY LARSON

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, R. ALMADA, J. BURBIDGE, S. KELLEY-FONG, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, S. FALASH, A. SMITH, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

PROPOSED REAL ESTATE PURCHASE FOR FUTURE POLICE STATION

PRESENTERS: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
ASHLEY SMITH, CAPITAL PROJECTS ENGINEER
BR. NICOLAUS, SAINT MARTIN'S ABBEY
ANDREW MOYER, SAINT MARTIN'S ABBEY

ACTION: APPROVE THE RFQ SOLICITATION PROCESS FOR SCHEMATIC DESIGN OF THE FUTURE POLICE STATION AS PROPOSED

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

Staff presented on the proposed real estate purchase for the future City of Lacey Police Station.

The current site is almost forty (40) years old and is inadequate for current and future Police needs. A Space Needs Analysis was completed in 2019, followed by a Facility Master Plan in 2020.

Staff highlighted that a possible renovation of the existing facility was explored and found to not be a preferred option due to a number of obstacles.

Proceeding with a new Police Facility provides the following advantages:

- Lesser cost
- Improved functionality
- Requires only two stories
- Frees up limited parking and City Hall space
- No disruption of services during construction

The parameters of a Memorandum of Understanding for the potential purchase of property from Saint Martin's Abbey was presented to Council. The proposed property is nearly twelve acres established at the adjacent property north of City Hall, located off of College Street SE and 3rd Avenue SE.

Council and staff discussed ballot measures and timelines necessary to move forward with the project. Council expressed desire in seeing the measure on the ballot as soon as possible.

Staff advised that an approval to proceed with solicitation relating to schematic design was needed to proceed with next steps. It was confirmed a contract would be presented to Council for approval at a future meeting.

JOINT WORKSESSION – BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

PRESENTERS: JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE AND RECREATION DIRECTOR
SUE FALASH, RECREATION MANAGER
JEFF BOWE, OLYMPIA & BEYOND
ANNETTE PITTS, OLYMPIA & BEYOND

ACTION: APPROVE THE PARK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2022 WORK PLAN
MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX
AND DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER

Staff presented on the following accomplishments and highlights.

2021 Highlights:

- 3rd of July Event
- Lighted parade and holiday tree lighting event
- Contact list for parks monthly newsletter grew by 2000, up to 5000 participants

2021 Accomplishments:

- The Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Public Engagement Plan
- Greg Cuoio & Surrounding Park Properties Master Plan
- Woodland Creek Community Park Disc Golf Expansion
- 20-year Financial Plan (2020-2039)

2022 Work Plan

- Community Outreach
- Parks Comprehensive Plan – Moving from acquisition to development
- RAC Parking Lot Cameras Project
- RAC Parking Lot Conversion
- RAC Phase 3
- Woodland Creek Food Forest
- Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan

A presentation on the Regional Athletic Complex economic impact was also provided by Olympia & Beyond. Details were discussed for the following topics:

- 2021 Tourism Investments
- 2021 Tourism Output
- Destination Marketing
- Sports Tourism Marketing

GENESIS HOUSE PROJECT

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, presented an update on the Genesis House Project.

The Genesis House Project will provide housing options for four unaccompanied, female young adults, aged 18 to 25 years old, obtaining their high school diplomas or GED equivalency at a time.

The City will provide a total of \$260,000 in support of the Genesis House Project, including:

- \$150,000 to Homes First to purchase and/or renovate a single-family home to support the Genesis House Project.
- \$110,000 to Community Action Council to support a half-time case worker to monitor and support individuals living at the Genesis House Project.

The City anticipated funding this project in the 2022 Budget. Any on-going case management costs will be requested in the 2023 Budget.

Council expressed support for including language pertaining to an individual's transition beyond the project.