

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

JANUARY 28, 2021
5:00 P.M. – 6:01 P.M.
REMOTE ONLY

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

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: EDDIE BISHOP, PEG EVANS-BROWN, MARK MININGER, GAIL
MADDEN (VICE CHAIR), DAPHNE RETZLAFF, ROBIN VAZQUEZ,
DAVID WASSON (CHAIR)

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

EXCUSED: SHAUNESY WALDEN BEHRENS

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, R. ANDREWS, J. BRANDT,
E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

2020-2021 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ACTION: APPROVE THE 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION DRAFT WORK PROGRAM

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

The City Council and Planning Commission reviewed the draft work program at the joint meeting. The final draft work program, which lists tasks that the City expects to complete within the next year, are organized by the type of amendment (plan update, joint planning requirement, or code update) with each item prioritized.

2020 Accomplishments

- Emergency Housing Regulations (Planning Commission Recommendation)
- Low Density Residential zone Consolidation (Planning Commission Recommendation)

- COVID-19
 - o Transition to virtual
 - o Response
- Project #20-54: Eversuccess Inc. Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone 11.5 acres from cc to HD and NC (Meridian Campus)
- Project #19-370: OSG properties Comprehensive plan Amendment and Rezone of 60 acres HPBD, ME, and LD 3-6 to LI-C
- Stormwater Comprehensive Plan
- Project #19-367: HBBP Zoning Text Amendment to LMC 16.39 LI-c, Building Size

2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Comprehensive Plan Amendments identified are those that are currently underway to implement a portion of the Comprehensive Plan. These projects either are required by State law, or are funding dependent. Comprehensive Plan Amendments included the following:

- Low Density Residential Zone Consolidation
- Martin Way Corridor Study
- Water Comprehensive Plan Update
- Regional Housing Action Plan
- Urban Forest Management Plan Update (continuing from 2020)
- Capital Facilities Plan Update
- Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program
- Land Capacity Analysis (Buildable Lands)
- Joint Planning – Thurston County Adoption of 2016 Plan
- Municipal Code Updates:
 - o Hawks Prairie Business District Amendments
 - o Housing Action Plan Implementation
 - o Parking Code Revisions
 - o Development Guidelines & Public Works Standards Update
- Established on Work Program per Resolution 1102:
 - o Regional Climate Mitigation Plan

For the 2021 work program, an additional category was added, which identifies the items that have received a recommendation from the Planning Commission but have not yet had a decision from the City Council. Additional information has also been provided for the estimated full-time equivalent (FTE) employees necessary to complete the work program. It is estimated that to complete the work program, 2.75 FTE's are necessary. Currently, the long-range planning program department is

staffed with 2 FTE's. Additional information is also provided in the work program related to other City Council and Department initiatives that are outside of the Planning Commission, but have resource demands.

Other Department Commitments

- Community Workgroup on Homelessness
- Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Phase 3
- City-Initiated Annexations
- Private-Applicant Annexations
- Regional Housing Council Work Groups
- Point-In-Time Count
- Cuoio Park Master Plan Stakeholder Group
- Plan Implementation

Members of the Planning Commission and Council spoke on the rising cost of housing and stressed the importance of affordable housing and economic development strategies.

Council asked staff to provide updates on economic development within a future meeting.