

MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSESSION
LACEY CITY COUNCIL
AND
LACEY PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
6:00 P.M. – 7:36 P.M.
REMOTE ONLY

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

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: DAVID WASSON (CHAIR), GAIL MADDEN, (VICE-CHAIR), EDDIE BISHOP, PEG EVANS-BROWN (LOGGED ON AT 6:20 P.M.), KYRIAN MACMICHAEL, MARK MININGER, DAPHNE RETZLAFF

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, S. KELLEY-FONG, D. SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, R. ANDREWS, G. BECK, E. FONTAINE

Mayor Ryder amended the agenda to include agenda item *Future City Council Meetings Times & Location Update*

ACTION: APPROVE AMENDED WORKSESSION AGENDA

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

2022 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

STAFF: RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
GRANT BECK, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER
RYAN ANDREWS, PLANNING MANAGER

ACTION: ACCEPT THOSE ITEMS THAT WILL REQUIRE A PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO COMPRISE THE 2022 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

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

Staff provided an overview of the Planning Commission 2022 Work Program. The presentation included the following highlights:

2021 Accomplishments

- Adopted Housing Action Plan Midtown Market Study
- Adopted Updates to the UFMP
- Adopted the Climate Mitigation Plan
- Created a Regional Climate Committee
- Explored regional implementation actions
- Explored local implementation actions
- Waived Fees for low income housing
- Extended the Multi-Family Tax Exemption
- Low Density Zone Consolidation

2021 Development Activity

Land Use Activity

- 2,002 Business Licenses Reviewed
- 272 Tree Reviews
- 62 Pre-Submission Meetings
- 24 Project Review Team Meetings
- 18 Zoning Certification
- 4 Annexations of 717 acres

Building Permits Activity

- 175 Re-Roofs
- 136 Electrical
- 92 Residential Additions
- 88 Mechanical
- 61 Miscellaneous
- 48 Signs
- 34 Plumbing

2021 Economic Development

- Scale Up 200
- Makerspace Grant
- Food Truck Plaza
- Workforce Training
- Recruitment Assistance
- Newsletter/Dashboard
- 102 New Businesses
- 1409 Total Businesses
- Industrial Vacancy Rate – 4.2%
- Retail Vacancy Rate – 5.3%

Looking at 2022 and Beyond

Culture of Continuous Improvement

- Permit Tracking
- Going Digital
- Process Review
- Credit Card Payments

Economic Development

- Depot District Implementation
- Lacey Makerspace
- Workforce Development
- Business Retention & Expansion
- City Economic Analysis
- Project Springboard
- Quiemeth Village

Projects

- Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan
- Housing Action Plan & Strategy
- Regional Planning
- Woodland District Strategic Plan
- Pedestrian & Bike Plan
- Capital Facilities Plan
- Depot District Subarea Plan

Planning Commission Work Program

- Stormwater Manual Update
- Water System Plan Update
- Martin Way Corridor Study
- Capital Facilities Plan
- Low Density Residential
- Parks Plan Update
- Emergency Housing Standards
- Parking Standards

Private Applications

- Carpenter Road Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment
- Update Urban Forestry Management Plan
- Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Zoning District

TOGETHER! HOST HOMES PROGRAM

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER
ACTION: APPROVE FUND REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE
TOGETHER! HOST HOMES PROGRAM
MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS
GREENSTEIN AND STEADMAN

Scott Spence, City Manager, reviewed a fund request received from TOGETHER! Host Homes Program, in the amount of \$100,000.

The program is a community-based, short-term housing response to help meet the needs of unaccompanied high school students in the North Thurston and Tumwater School Districts.

Mayor Ryder thanked Planning Commissioners for their work and dedication and welcomed thoughts and feedback. Planning Commissioners encouraged Council to remember the City's history as a Tree City, and stressed maintaining adequate workforce to support City's growth and function.

FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME & LOCATION UPDATE

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Scott Spence, City Manager, highlighted recent COVID-19 cases within Thurston County and provided staff's recommendation to put a hold on offering a hybrid model for City Council Meetings. City Council expressed support for the recommendation. Hybrid meeting options will be reviewed after thirty (30) days, at a future Council meeting.