

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 22, 2020
9:30 A.M. – 9:56 A.M.
REMOTE ONLY

COUNCIL PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT (CHAIR), MAYOR RYDER, COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, ROBERT ALMADA, SARAH HOCK, PERI EDMONDS, DINA CHRISTENSEN

ACTION: APPROVE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM (IIT)

STAFF: ROBERT ALMADA, INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

ACTION: AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CMIIT AGREEMENT

MOTION: MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN AND MAYOR RYDER. MOTION CARRIED.

With the passage of Initiative 940, the Lacey Police Department is required to provide a completely independent criminal investigation of any use of deadly force by its officers. The suggested approach is an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with other local agencies to pool resources and provide rapid response times.

The heads of the Detective Units for Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Yelm (Capitol Metro area cities) have prepared an ILA to provide these mandated services for each other in the event of an officer involved use of deadly force. The proposed ILA has been vetted by each participating city's attorney.

Under Resolution 1067, the Interlocal Agreements Approval Process approved by City Council, the City Manager will sign the new Capital Metro IIT Interlocal Agreement. The City Manager will provide an update to the full City Council.

REGULATION OF RETAIL SALES OF DOGS AND CATS

STAFF: SARAH HOCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES
ACTION: RECOMMEND FORWARDING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE RETAIL SALE OF DOGS, CATS, AND RABBITS IN PET STORES AND ONLINE TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL
MOTION: MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN AND MAYOR RYDER. MOTION CARRIED.

The Joint Animal Services Commission recommends adoption of an ordinance to restrict the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores. Other local communities in the state of Washington have adopted similar measures as well as more than 350 other cities, counties, and states that prohibit pet stores from selling commercially bred pets and instead allow for the adoption of pets sourced from shelters or rescue groups.

Preemptive ordinances, such as the one the City of Lacey is considering, protect constituents from predatory lending practices pet store's offer and from inadvertently supporting the puppy mill industry.

This ordinance would not affect any current businesses within the City of Lacey. A humane pet store ordinance is business friendly. Pet stores such as PetSmart or Petco would be able to continue business as usual. They are industry leaders and examples of successful business models that partner with animal shelters, humane societies, and other nonprofit rescue groups to promote and adopt out dogs, cats, and rabbits. Last year, 1 in 5 adoptable pets found their homes through this partnership nationally.

The Committee recommends including language relating to online sales.