

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 22, 2022
9:30 A.M. – 10:05 A.M.
REMOTE AND IN PERSON

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COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER ED KUNKEL (CHAIR), MAYOR ANDY RYDER (REMOTE)

COUNCIL EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER LENNY GREENSTEIN

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, TABETHA RESTOULE

ACTION: APPROVE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

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

MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE

STAFF: SHANNON KELLEY-FONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff provided an overview of what has been seen over the last couple of years and how the City is working towards a new interlocal agreement with Thurston County District Court.

The City pays for services based on a schedule for each criminal or traffic infraction filed. Different filings have different fees based on the number of proceedings that are anticipated to follow with that filing. Since 2013, there has been a significant decrease in court filings court proceedings.

There is an additional cost for jury trial, however between 2016 to 2021 there have not been a significant amount of jury trials. There were four jury trials in 2016 and only 5 since then.

The City of Lacey has a long history of interlocal agreements with Thurston County District Court for Municipal Court Services.

With every new interlocal agreement period Thurston County does a court grade study by using a marginal cost relative weight methodology. Staff reviewed the cost study parameters and highlighted the following proposed 2023 Rates:

- Infraction \$77.00
- Parking \$68.00
- DUI \$391.00
- Criminal Traffic \$269.00
- Criminal Non-Traffic \$402.00
- Jury Trial \$136.00

Staff is working with the District Court on the 2023 interlocal agreement and anticipates presenting the agreement to the full City Council before the end of the year.

Staff also provided data trends within public defender cases. The data reviewed highlighted the following:

- Total Assigned Cases 2015-2022
- Actuals and Forecast 2023-2025