

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 26, 2022
9:30 A.M. – 10:19 A.M.
REMOTE AND IN PERSON

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COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN (CHAIR) AND KUNKEL

COUNCIL EXCUSED: MAYOR RYDER

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, ROBERT ALMADA, SCOTT EGGER, JENNY BAUERSFELD, RICK HOOD, TABETHA RESTOULE

ACTION: APPROVE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM

STAFF: JENNY BAUERSFELD, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST

ACTION: RECOMMEND TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED 2023 NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND GUIDELINES

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

Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist, provided a presentation on the Neighborhood Grant Program and reviewed the recommended updates to the program guidelines.

The City received 27 grant applications with requests totaling \$60,599.23 in grant funds. With additional funding from the 2021 cycle, the City approved all 2022 grant requests. Neighborhood matching funds are anticipated to total \$89,563. With the grant and matching funds, over \$150,162.23 will be invested into the safety, sustainability, and beautification of the community.

At the Community Relations & Public Affairs Committee meeting on February 7, 2022, Councilmembers expressed interest in expanding the program to include informal neighborhood groups in the Lacey City limits.

Expansion of the program could include new project categories such as, neighborhood art & monument structures, expanding National Night Out events, encouraging Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) organization, and educating neighborhoods on xeriscaping and irrigation rebate programs for water saving efforts.

FIREARMS UPDATE

STAFF: ROBERT ALMADA, CHIEF OF POLICE
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Chief Almada provided an update regarding firearms. Firearms come into the Lacey Police Department custody either by evidence seizure, surrendered by the owner for destruction, or surrendered through an order of the court or other legal process.

The Police Department maintains firearms that have evidentiary value until the case is completely adjudicated. The firearms are then destroyed by order of the court as part of the resolution to the case.

In 2022, it is anticipated that 34 firearms will be surrendered for destruction, nearly 200 firearms will be in the evidence unit inventory, and 80 firearms scheduled for destruction.

FIREWORKS CALLS

STAFF: ROBERT ALMADA, CHIEF OF POLICE
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Chief Almada presented an update on fireworks calls. In 2021, there were 94 calls received related to fireworks. For 2022, the department implemented a social media campaign to avoid using 911 to report fireworks. This resulted in eight calls received related to fireworks. Four of those calls were responded to and no citations were written.

IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE AND WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

STAFF: RICK HOOD, PARKS SENIOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Rick Hood, Parks Senior Maintenance Technician, provided a presentation on the City's Irrigation Maintenance and Water Conservation Efforts.

The presentation included discussions on maintenance responsibilities, irrigation usage, repairs and locates, vandalism repair, right of way challenges, projects and construction and water conservation efforts.

Staff highlighted the 83 irrigation systems throughout the City, with 68 of those on a central control system, and 60 of those that have flow sensing. As part of the 83 systems, there are 1,257 zones which covers 20,708 sprinkler heads, 146 drip zones and 37 drinking fountains.

It takes 264 labor hours to perform irrigation start up, which includes checking and adjusting every sprinkler head as well as flushing all drinking fountains.

Repairs and locates take 1,800 labor hours a year. As the pipes get older, staff must repair numerous leaks and breaks. The City is averaging 56 locates a year and turf is aerated a minimum of two times a year. Other maintenance activities include valve box maintenance, construction inspection, adjusting heads for adequate coverage, electrical troubleshooting, and vandalism repairs.

Projects and construction include moving main lines and zones, adding pumps, adding flow sensing, and renovating older systems.

As part of water conservation efforts, the City implemented an odd/even outdoor water schedule.

The City is doing a trial for 2022 of Aquate Pro, a formulation of four proprietary soil surfactants that significantly improve the availability, distribution and infiltration of water into the root zone which increases soil moisture which reduces need for irrigation.