

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2020, REMOTE ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT: A. Ryder, C. Pratt, L. Greenstein, C. Cox, S. Steadman, E. Kunkel, M. Miller

STAFF PRESENT: S. Spence, J. Burbidge, S. Egger, M. Hardie, D. Schneider, R. Walk, T. Woo, P. Edmonds

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda Items:
A. Council Worksession Minutes of November 19, 2020.
B. Council Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2020.
C. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for November 24, 2020, through December 10, 2020.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS
AND PRESENTATIONS: Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Department Director, presented Jeff Crane with a Public Service Award for his service on the Historical Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons wishing to provide public comment on items not on the agenda must pre-register to speak. Registration closed at 3:00 p.m. today.

The following people spoke in favor of the Thurston County Climate Mitigation Plan:

Joe Hiss
Wayne Olsen
Karina Greenlee
Sam Merrill
Rebecca McMillin-Hastings
Dora Hamilton
Eloise Hendrix

Public comments may also be submitted by email by 12:00 p.m. today. Comments will be provided to the City Council electronically prior to the meeting. Comments will not be addressed during the meeting; however, comments received will be added to the official record.

Two written public comments were received and made part of the official record.

RESOLUTIONS:

Scott Spence, City Manager, presented Resolution 1101 to extend the Emergency Declaration in Response to COVID-19 outbreak until January 1, 2022, unless sooner terminated or further extended by formal action by the Council.

On March 19, 2020, the Lacey City Council passed Resolution No. 1085 finding the COVID-19 outbreak to constitute an emergency. The provisions of Resolution 1085 allow the City to request available state and federal assistance in response to the COVID-19 health emergency, and waive specific bidding requirements in order to enter into contract in the most efficient manner

in response to the emergency. The provisions of Resolution 1085 were extended by the Council on April 23, 2020, May 28, 2020, and again on June 25, 2020. The provisions are now set to expire on January 1, 2021, unless further extended.

Due to the significance of this health event and the potential for ongoing resources to be used by the City of Lacey, the provisions set forth in Resolution 1085 should be extended.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1101 EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 1085 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF LACEY REGARDING THE OUTBREAK OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN THURSTON COUNTY. DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES:

Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented Ordinance 1575 relating to Reserve Designations.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 54 during February 2009. Since that time, the City Council has taken action to commit certain fund balances every other year. The City Council last designated fund balance designations in December 2019. Given the economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and recent changes to fund balances, it is appropriate for the City Council to affirm past fund balance/reserve designations and to establish new fund balance/reserve designations.

Staff requests review of the proposed fund balance designations and upon concurrence recommend the full City Council adopt the

proposed ordinance establishing the committed fund reserve designations and authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director to categorize fund balances as assigned based on the expressed intent of the City Council.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1575 RELATING TO RESERVE DESIGNATIONS. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Council recommended discussing the College Street Pedestrian Crossing at Mid-Town at a future Worksession. Council also recommended discussing potential public art projects at a future Community Relations & Public Affairs Committee meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Ryder recommended the reappointment of Seth Huff to the Historical Commission.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SETH HUFF TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Scott Spence, City Manager, reported to Council on the following interlocal agreements, which were approved by the City Manager pursuant to Resolution 1067 and the Interlocal Agreements Approval Process Policy.

- Nisqually Indian Tribe and City of Olympia regarding 2020 funding for WRIA 11 watershed planning.
- North Thurston Public Schools for school bus use by the Parks, Cultural and Recreation Department.

- United States Department of Agriculture for wildlife management within the parks system.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance & Economic Development Committee

Mayor Ryder reported the Committee met on November 24, 2020, to discuss the 2020 Third Quarter Financial Report and Budget Reserves.

General Government & Public Safety Committee

Deputy Mayor Pratt reported the Committee met on November 24, 2020, to discuss construction updates on the Veterans Services Hub and Lacey Library, retained stolen property report, and Capital City Estates annexation.

Community Relations & Public Affairs Committee

Councilmember Steadman reported the Committee met on December 7, 2020, to receive an update on the new name, logo, and website for the Parks and Recreation Department.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Forum

Mayor Ryder reported on the December 11, 2020, meeting, where they discussed current topics of interest within Thurston County.

Transportation Policy Board

Mayor Ryder reported on tax increment financing, 2021 agenda, and upcoming projects.

Joint Animal Services Commission

Deputy Mayor reported on the approved 2021 budget, license fees, and amendments to the interlocal agreement.

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Deputy Mayor Pratt reported on several items:

- Septic-to-sewer rebate program
- Approved contracts with Parametrix, Pease & Sons, and HDR Engineering
- Staff highlights

Olympia Region Clean Air Agency

Deputy Mayor reported on the Community Toxics Project.

Regional Housing Council

Councilmember Cox reported on several items:

- Cities of Rainier and Tenino have decided not to participate in the Regional Housing Council.
- Safe parking mitigation site
- Renter protection plans and assistance
- Eviction moratorium
- Micro houses

TCOMM911

Councilmember Greenstein reported on the radio replacement program and staffing changes.

Emergency Medical Services

Councilmember Greenstein reported on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and hospital of diversion.

Thurston Regional Planning Council

Councilmember Miller reported on the transportation and infrastructure impacts on I-5, and the annual publication of The Profile.

Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking

Councilmember Miller reported they are continuing discussions on how to stop human trafficking in our area.

Community Action Council

Councilmember Steadman reported on the CEO evaluation and the distribution of CARES Act funding.

Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor and Convention Bureau

Councilmember Kunkel reported on proposed legislation regarding lodging tax funds.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Council Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____