

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2020, REMOTE ATTENDANCE

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, T. Burbidge, S. Egger, M. Hardie, D. Schneider, R. Walk, T. Woo, R. Andrews, E. Fontaine
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda Items:
A. Council Worksession Minutes of October 1, 2020.
B. Council Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2020.
C. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for September 30, 2020, through October 14, 2020.
- COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- 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.

Wayne Olsen, Lacey resident, registered to speak during the public comment period in favor of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

Cleve Pinnix, Lacey resident, registered to speak during the public comment period in favor of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

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.

One written public comment was received and made part of the official record.

ORDINANCES:

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager, presented Ordinance 1570 relating to a petition for annexation filed by Lacey Fire District 3, the City of Lacey, and Timberline Baptist Church using the 60 percent petition method (RCW 35A.14.120).

The Thurston County Assessor's office has verified that the signatures represent not less than 60 percent of the assessed valuation for general taxation of the property for which the annexation has been petitioned (RCW 35A.01.040). The annexation has been sent to the Thurston County Boundary Review Board (BRB) for their review. The BRB has declined to invoke jurisdiction so the application returns to the Council for final consideration in ordinance form.

The area proposed for annexation is located in the Lakes Planning Area and within the Lacey Urban Growth Area north of Mullen Road SE, east of

Timberline High School, west of Rumac Street SE, and south of the Southlake subdivision. The area includes approximately 67 acres in five separate tax parcels. The LFD 3 parcel is 8.4 acres in size and contains fire station number 33. The City of Lacey owns a large portion of the proposed annexation area with a 32.35-acre parcel designated as the Mullen Habitat Reserve. The three remaining parcels include an existing single-family residence west of station 33, the Timberline Baptist Church to the east of station 33, and a 20.06-acre undeveloped parcel to the north of station 33. The LFD 3, City of Lacey, and Timberline Baptist Church parcels are exempt from the payment of property taxes.

The area proposed for annexation includes five parcels located immediately south and east of the existing Lacey city limits. The southerly limit of the boundary would be extended to the northern boundary of the Mullen Road right-of-way. The configuration is a logical extension of the city limits and would not create any islands or illogical boundaries. Annexation policies with Thurston County require the City to take responsibility for approximately 1,330 feet of centerline roadway. With the Mullen Road project, this equates to approximately 30% of the construction area. The proposed annexation, however, will not include Mullen Road right-of-way. Early discussions with Thurston County indicated that they would support the annexation without the requirement to annex this portion of Mullen Road. This mutual understanding was based on the fact that inclusion of the right-of way would require a substantial increase to the City in cost sharing the Mullen Road improvement project; the parcels included within the proposed annexation area generate minimal property tax revenue and would not offset the costs associated with this road improvement in

any reasonable timeframe. Thurston County, through the Boundary Review Board process, did not object to the annexation moving forward as proposed. The properties are located within the City of Lacey's water service area and are served by an existing 12-inch waterline located in Mullen Road. The line is adequate to serve the existing and future development of the properties within the proposed annexation area. City of Lacey sewer service in the area is relatively limited but is available nearby with the nearest point of connection to an existing 6-inch line along Mullen Road to the west of station 33 and to the east at Rumac Street SE. With the reconstruction of Mullen Road, the City is funding the design and construction of the sewer line in this area to fill in the gap in the utility. Additionally, upon development and/or redevelopment of the properties within the annexation area, sewer service would be required to be connected.

The ordinance was amended to included language relating to the issue of bonded indebtedness associated with Fire District 3, it being the City's intent that these parcels not be levied twice.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPROVE AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 1570 RELATING TO MULLEN ROAD ANNEXATION – PROJECT NO. 19-333. COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Spence, City Manager, presented Council with a 2021-balanced budget of \$168,957,711.

General Fund \$51,670,213
Capital Projects \$15,480,656
Special Funds \$450,081
Debt Service \$1,797,767

Utility Funds \$93,902,814
Internal Service Funds \$5,656,180

Budget Schedule – City Council Meetings

November 5, 2020

- Revenue Sources Public Hearing
- Budget Public Hearing

November 19, 2020

- Final Budget Public Hearing

December 3, 2020

- Adopt 2021 Budget Ordinance

Council directed staff to include a 2021 budget line item for the Neighborhood Grant Program.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Council Meeting at 5:32 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____