

## MINUTES OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

MARCH 19, 2020

7:00 P.M. – 8:35 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN, COX, KUNKEL (*VIA PHONE*), MILLER

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, J. BURBIDGE, S. EGGER, D. SCHNEIDER, R. ARMADA, R. WALK, T. WOO, P. EDMONDS

ACTION: APPROVE THE WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN AND DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT

### **RESOLUTION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION RELATED TO COVID-19**

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN AND DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1085 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF LACEY REGARDING THE OUTBREAK OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN THURSTON COUNTY.

All levels of government have taken recent emergency actions related to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 13, 2020, Mayor Ryder signed a declaration of emergency finding the COVID-19 outbreak to constitute an emergency. To formalize the declaration, Council must affirm the existence of an emergency by approving Resolution No. 1085.

### **COMMUNITY CENTER ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING (ESPC)**

STAFF: ASHLEY SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEER & CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER

ACTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND COX TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT NO. K6450 TO PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE LACEY COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City entered into an Interagency Agreement with the Department of General Administration (GA), now known as Department of Enterprise Services, to participate

in the performance contracting program through the State of Washington. An amended Interagency Agreement, approved by City Council on December 5, 2019, as part of the building rehabilitation to the Lacey Veterans Services Hub, will also serve as the agreement to complete the Lacey Community Center HVAC work.

In July 2019, the City of Lacey partnered with Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to complete an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) to identify Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) and Facility Improvement Measures (FIM) to update aging or underperforming infrastructure.

In January 2020, the Energy Savings Company (ESCO) selected by DES, Sunset Air, completed an Energy Savings Proposal detailing the upgrades and resulting energy savings.

The Lacey Community Center HVAC system project will include replacement of the building's aging HVAC systems and boilers, installation of energy efficient heat recovery type variable refrigerant heat pumps, and installation of efficient plumbing fixtures.

DES recommends the project begin as soon as possible take advantage of the current closure of the Community Center.

### **COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE**

STAFF:           SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER  
                      RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
ACTION:         INFORMATION ONLY

Staff provided information on a regional partnership with Thurston Economic Development Council and Thurston EDC Center for Business & Innovation to provide stabilization and relief to small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Harald Jones commented on the Governor's guidance to hold meetings with less than 10 people; encouraged Council to use the US Postal Service to provide messages to the public; and commented on the Community Center's HVAC system project Council approved.

Mayor Ryder noted that some local grocery stores are no longer allowing patrons to bring in their own grocery bags. This is in an effort to help stop the spread of germs.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND STEADMAN TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE THE FIVE-CENTS PER BAG CHARGE FROM THE CITY'S LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE. COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN, AND KUNKEL VOTED YES. MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, AND COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND MILLER VOTED NO. MOTION FAILED.

Council directed staff to prepare a resolution for consideration at the March 26, 2020, Council meeting to include temporary procedural changes, suspension of the five-cents per bag charge, and other additional measures needed to protect and assist the community.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR RYDER AND DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT TO SUSPEND THE IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE MARCH 26, 2020, COUNCIL MEETING. MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, AND COUNCILMEMBER MILLER VOTED YES. COUNCILMEMBERS COX, GREENSTEIN, STEADMAN, AND KUNKEL VOTED NO. MOTION FAILED.

Councilmember Cox requested Council discuss the public health risk for the unsheltered community at the next Council meeting.

Scott Spence, City Manager, confirmed staff will prepare a letter to Congressman Heck for the Mayor's signature relating to unemployment insurance.