

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY,
MARCH 10, 2011, IN LACEY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS.**

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Nelson led the pledge of allegiance.
- COUNCIL PRESENT: T. Nelson, V. Clarkson, R. Lawson, C. Pratt, J. Hearn, A. Ryder, J. Gadman
- STAFF PRESENT: G. Cuoio, S. Spence, K. Ahlf, L. Flemm, T. Woo, D. Pierpoint, S. Egger, C. Litten, R. Schoessel, T. Cargil
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda Items:
(a) Worksession Minutes of February 3, 2011
(b) Council Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2011
(c) Worksession Minutes of February 17, 2011
- COUNCILMEMBER GADMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA. DEPUTY MAYOR CLARKSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**
- PUBLIC: Lori Flemm, Parks and Recreation Director, recognized Zach Lapossa and Tony Richardson for completing their Eagle Scout projects. The Scouts raise funds to purchase the materials, recruit volunteers to assist, and manage the project. They develop leadership and promote public stewardship of public property.
- Zach Lapossa, Troop 518, coordinated a project to make improvements to the picnic shelter at Wonderwood Park.

Tony Richardson, Troop 518, coordinated a project to build a trail through the Lake Lois Habitat Reserve to the Safeway grocery store.

Mayor Nelson and the Council extended their appreciation to Scouts Lapossa and Richardson for their tremendous efforts in improving the City parks.

Deputy Mayor Clarkson recognized the 100th birthday of Dorothy O'Loughlin, who volunteered 28 years with the Timberland Regional Library System.

Heather Bennet, and Karen Loughlin representatives of ACS, a Xerox call-center company which has relocated from the Tumwater area to the northeast Hawks Prairie area, expressed appreciation for the City's warm welcome and to Councilmember Lawson for attending their ribbon cutting ceremony. Ms. Bennet reported the company is excited to be in the Lacey community. They currently employ 650 employees with plans to hire 300 more positions. Ms. Bennet noted that the employees are the heart of the company and attrition is low. She also acknowledged the efforts of Work Source in assisting with training during the fire, and the efforts of the City for its assistance during the transition.

Mayor Nelson extended the Council's welcome and its appreciation for new employment opportunities. Council also acknowledged the efforts of the EDC and the City to help facilitate the move. They noted the work environment is very friendly, the employers are committed to their employees, and this is a great job opportunity for the local area military from Joint Base Lewis McChord.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 1363 amends the 2011 Fiscal Year Budget and Ordinance 1359 adopting the 2010 Budget to re-appropriate 2010 budgeted amounts for projects not completed in 2010.

The Finance and Economic Development Committee reviewed the proposal February 28, 2011, and recommend approval.

COUNCILMEMBER LAWSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1363. COUNCILMEMBER HEARN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nelson proposed reappointing Raymond Payne to a 2nd term to the Planning Commission.

DEPUTY MAYOR CLARKSON MOVED TO APPOINT RAYMOND PAYNE TO A 2ND TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION. COUNCILMEMBER GADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Nelson proposed appointing Councilmember Gadman to an unexpired term on the LEOFF Board, formed by a first term.

COUNCILMEMBER RYDER MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER GADMAN TO AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE LEOFF BOARD WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 1, 2011, FOLLOWED BY A FIRST TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 1, 2013. COUNCILMEMBER LAWSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Lori Flemm, Parks and Recreation Director, presented Council with a proposal to authorize the Mayor to register the City of Lacey as a Let's Move City, a nationwide initiative to promote making healthy choices, improving food quality in schools, increasing access to healthy affordable food, and becoming more active.

The Government Committee reviewed the proposal at its February 16, 2011, meeting and recommends approval.

COUNCILMEMBER RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE LET'S MOVE INITIATIVE. COUNCILMEMBER PRATT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Roger Schoessel, City Engineer, presented a briefing on the history and scope of the Carpenter Road Project. The project has been included in the City's Transportation Plan since 1991. The project has been funded in large part by multiple grants. The construction portion of the project has been funded with a \$4.5 million TIB grant and equal shares of \$1.2 from the City and the County.

The project, from Pacific Avenue to Martin Way, will widen the road to four lanes, and include sidewalks, lighting, bike lanes, and underground utilities. Additional projects include a new stormwater treatment and infiltration system, a reclaimed water main to Woodland Creek Community Park, a new sanitary lift station, and a new culvert at Lake Lois. It is anticipated the project will begin in 2011 and be completed early 2013. During the construction period, detours will be in effect, and the City will provide ongoing notification of disruptions and changes to residents and motorists.

Scott Egger, Public Works Director, presented Council with a proposal to waive the irregularity in bidding, and award PW 2010-06 to the low bidder, Active Construction, Inc., of Puyallup in the amount of \$7,467,866.63 for the reconstruction of approximately one (1) mile of Carpenter Road from Pacific Avenue to Martin Way. The Engineer's Estimate is \$6,797,442.64.

COUNCILMEMBER PRATT MOVED TO AWARD PW 2010-06 TO ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CARPENTER ROAD PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,467,866.63. COUNCILMEMBER GADMAN SECONDED.

Rick Ianello and Peter Blundell, Ultra Block and Stone Terra, addressed Council with concerns about the City's selection of a sole source vendor to provide the

retaining wall system for the Carpenter Road project. They noted that their product is one of the original gravity wall systems and believe they could provide the product at a price significantly less than the competitor chosen by the City. They requested Council allow the contractor the flexibility to select the most efficient, cost-saving vendor to build the retaining walls.

Mr. Schoessel stated that Ready Rock was selected by the City because they met all the criteria to minimize the right of way taking required for this project. He noted it is common for the City to use sole source vendors, when appropriate.

Ken Ahlf, City Attorney, stated there is no impropriety in awarding to a sole source vendor. There is nothing in the contract that allows the contractor to submit a separate product, and there is nothing improper about the bid.

After further Council discussion, Mayor Nelson called for the question.

MOTION CARRIED.

Terry Cargil, Water/Wastewater Supervisor, provided a presentation on the Utility Pipeline Video Inspection program which preserves critical assets of infrastructure, prevents utility interruptions, and reduces claims from sewer backups and breaks. There is over one million feet of sewer line in the City - by conducting the inspection and televising in-house, the City saves approximately \$700,000 per year.

**STANDING GENERAL
COMMITTEES:**

Land Use Committee

Chair, Councilmember Pratt reported the committee met on February 9, 2011, to discuss urban farming. The issue was referred to Planning Commission for review.

Community Relations & Public Affairs Committee:

Chair, Councilmember Gadman reported the Committee met on February 16, 2011, to receive an update on the Lacey Minsk Mazowiecki Sister City Annual Report.

General Government & Public Safety Committee:

Chair, Councilmember Lawson reported the Committee met on February 16, 2011, to discuss the Spirit of Lacey Award, the Let's Move Initiative, sign violations, and an increase in pet licensing fees.

Finance & Economic Development Committee:

Chair, Councilmember Ryder reported the Committee met on February 28, 2011, to discuss 2010 budget amendments, 2010 property tax levies for 2011 collection, and the 2011 Indirect Cost Plan.

Utilities Committee:

Chair, Deputy Mayor Clarkson, reported the Committee met on March 1, 2011, to discuss a change in utility billing cycles.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Nelson reported a few changes for current Council assignments on Intergovernmental Boards and Commissions. Councilmember Gadman will serve on the Thurston County Law and Justice Council and HSRC. Deputy Mayor Clarkson will serve on WRIA.

Emergency Medical Services:

Mayor Nelson reported the Board continued ongoing discussion about South County's request for more representation on the committee.

Economic Development Council:

Councilmember Ryder reported the Board held an annual retreat to review its assets and its goal to provide economic development and jobs.

Intercity Transit:

Deputy Mayor Clarkson reported that funding for the Centennial Amtrak Station has been reinstated by the City of Olympia for 2011.

LOTT:

Councilmember Pratt reported the Board discussed the state of the aging of LOTT's sewer facility. They also reviewed the State of the Utility report, and discussed the East Bay Public Plaza project, and a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency to field test the Water Use Rule and Guidance Manual related to the Martin Way reclaimed water facility.

Mayors Forum:

Mayor Nelson reported the Mayors Forum was held in Yelm and members discussed the Olympia City Council's decision to reinstate funding for the Amtrak Centennial Station in 2011, and agreed to continue to seek alternative funding solutions.

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency:

Councilmember Pratt reported the Board received an update on biomass moratorium, and a presentation on particulate matter rating – if the EPA lowers the threshold level, most of Thurston County will likely be out of attainment.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

Councilmember Hearn reported that legislation for the statewide medicine return program failed by one vote. Advocates for the program will continue their efforts for passage. The City of Lacey is one of several locations in the County where unused prescription drugs can be dropped off for destruction.

In other news, a grand opening of HAZO House is scheduled in the near future.

Thurston Regional Planning Council:

Deputy Mayor Clarkson reported TRPC received a \$3.2 million grant to create sustainable development criteria and definable actions for the Thurston County area. This effort will require a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task force. The City will be asked to

provide a representative to serve as a core task force member.

Two Lacey area projects have been added to the Annual Region Transportation Improvement Project list, including a major stormwater retrofit on I-5 west of Carpenter Road, and improvements at the I-5/SR510 intersection.

Transportation Policy Board:

Councilmember Ryder also reported on the federal grant received by TRPC to review sustainable development to define actions and responsibilities to be achieved. He noted that the work of this multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency task force will significantly tap Council and staff resources over a three year period.

The Board also reviewed its public outreach, education process and associated funding costs.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Council minutes approved and signed on March 24, 2011.