

RESOLUTION 1103

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INVITATION TO JOIN THE NISQUALLY RIVER COUNCIL AS A VOTING MEMBER AND AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE ON THE COUNCIL.

**WHEREAS**, the Nisqually River Council (NRC) has been providing a forum for planning and collaboration among governments and community members of the Nisqually Watershed since its creation in 1987. Its mission is to create sustainability in the Nisqually Watershed for current and future generations by developing a common culture of environmental, social, and economic balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRC is a voluntary coordination organization with no independent regulatory or fiduciary authority, and its actions are guided by the Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan which establishes membership, governance structure, goals, and initiatives for the NRC; and

**WHEREAS**, The NRC recognizes neighboring cities as important partners in this effort, sharing a recognition that the benefits of a healthy watershed extend beyond the basin's borders; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lacey has long been both a formal and informal stakeholder in planning and stewardship processes for the Nisqually Watershed, including active participation on the WRIA 11 Planning Unit that oversaw the development of the *Nisqually Watershed Management Plan* (2003), the *Phase IV Nisqually Implementation Plan for Watershed Management in WRIA 11* (2007), and the *Addendum to the Nisqually Watershed Management Plan* (2019); and

**WHEREAS**, Lacey's membership in the NRC will facilitate the implementation of watershed management activities to which the City is already a party; and

**WHEREAS**, at its August 21, 2020 meeting, the Nisqually River Council approved moving forward with a proposal to incorporate the WRIA 11 Planning Unit under the NRC. This proposal, if also approved by the Planning Unit, would consolidate multiple planning bodies with similar purposes, and make the NRC the permanent administrative home for WRIA 11 management planning and implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, in a letter dated October 6, 2020, the Chair of the NRC extended an invitation to the City of Lacey to become a member of the NRC, with the caveat that member

governments are expected to designate a representative to attend the NRC's monthly public meetings and to participate as appropriate in committees and initiatives; and

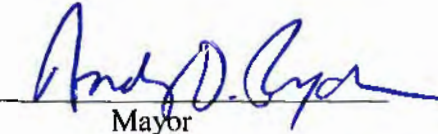
**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds participation in the Nisqually River Council to be in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

1. The City of Lacey hereby accepts the invitation of the Nisqually River Council to become a voting member of the Nisqually River Council.
2. The Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by Council, a Councilmember to attend the NRC's monthly public meetings and to participate in committees and initiatives as needed.
3. The City Manager shall assign a staff representative to attend the NRC's monthly public meetings and to participate in committees and initiatives as appropriate.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

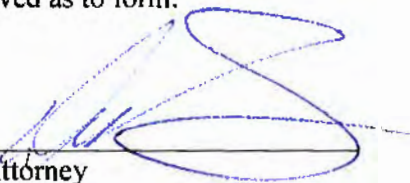
CITY COUNCIL

BY:   
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney