



**LACEY CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020
7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
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AGENDA

- 7:00** **OLYMPIA AQUATICS FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY**
JEN BURBIDGE, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
(STAFF REPORT)
- 7:30** **CITY MANAGER ANNUAL REVIEW - DISCUSSION**
SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER
(DISCUSSION)
- 8:00** **ADJOURN**



**City Council Worksession
STAFF REPORT
August 20, 2020**

SUBJECT: Aquatics Facility Feasibility Study Update

RECOMMENDATION: Park Board recommends that the City of Lacey not commit as a funding partner to the Aquatics Facility Feasibility Study at this time.

STAFF CONTACT: Scott Spence, City Manager *SS*
Jen Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director *JB*

ORIGINATED BY: Parks & Recreation Department

ATTACHMENTS: None

FISCAL NOTE: None

PRIOR REVIEW: Park Board of Commissioners reviewed and made a recommendation at their August 5, 2020 meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department is conducting an aquatics facility feasibility study for a recreational asset that will have a regional draw. As a part of the study, they are seeking funding partners and have approached the City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department.

The challenge with committing to a funding partnership for the aquatics facility at this time is the volume of projects listed in the Lacey Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, and the need to prioritize these projects with public input. A significant project this year is the Community Outreach project, which has been delayed due to COVID-19. The purpose of the Community Outreach project, as supported by City Council and Park Board, is to close the gap between what the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan stated priorities, and what the Lacey Parks Department heard from the public during the Metropolitan Park District proposal outreach (2018-2019). The information that will be obtained from the public will be extremely important in guiding the next Comprehensive Plan update.

It should be noted on page 96 of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, under Prioritized Actions, Indoor Pool and Community Center; revisit feasibility study is listed. Revisiting the feasibility study, however, refers to a study funded by the Lacey City Council in 2018 conducted by the YMCA.

Lacey residents are fortunate to currently have access to three North Thurston School District high school pools, which Lacey Parks and Recreation staff schedule, and oversee the programs at these facilities.

The Park Board gave thoughtful consideration as a potential partner for a regional aquatics facility. However, if Lacey commits to being a funding partner at this time, it could take away from other prioritized opportunities within the community. In addition, there is not an identified funding source for this project. The Park Board also recognized the long-term partnership with North Thurston Public Schools providing the community access to three swimming pools.

For these reasons, the Park Board of Commissioners recommends not committing as a funding partner at this time, but continuing to have staff be part of the conversation regarding the project.

ADVANTAGES:

1. Lacey continues to monitor the progress of the regional discussion.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. Community Outreach project not done yet.
2. Confusion to the public.
3. No identified funding source.