



City of Longview

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Longview, WA 98632
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City Council

*Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Chet Makinster
Council Member Steve Moon
Council Member Christine Schott
Council Member Hillary Strobel
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wallin
Council Member MaryAlice Wallis*

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

20-0005 CEREMONY: SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED AND REELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE HAYS, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

20-0006 ELECTION OF MAYOR (CONDUCTED BY CITY CLERK)

20-0007 ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM (CONDUCTED BY MAYOR)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20-0003 DECEMBER 19, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

6. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

7. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)

8. FOLLOW-UP TO PAST CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS
11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS
12. MAYOR'S REPORT
13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS
14. CONSENT CALENDAR

20-0004 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

2ND HALF DECEMBER ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
1ST HALF JANUARY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
1ST HALF DECEMBER PAYROLL

20-0001 BID REVIEW – MINT FARM RWTP PRESSURE FILTER REPAIRS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

20-0002 PROJECT COMPLETION – 32ND AVENUE SEWER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE 32ND AVENUE SEWER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

20-00011 BID REVIEW – WAYFINDING SIGNS PROCUREMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID AND AWARD A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT TO RIXIR SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,051.20.

20-0008 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

20-0009 ESTABLISHING TENTATIVE DATES FOR CITIZENS SUMMIT AND COUNCIL RETREAT

16. MISCELLANEOUS

20-00010 EXECUTIVE SESSION: PROPERTY ACQUISITION**17. ADJOURNMENT**

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.****NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:****THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020 - 6:00 P.M. CITIZENS SUMMIT AND RETREAT PLANNING INCLUDING COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS****THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 - 6:00 P.M. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT WEST LONGVIEW LAGOONS SITE**



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Minutes

City Council

*Mayor Don Jensen
Council Member Ken Botero
Council Member Chet Makinster
Council Member Steve Moon
Council Member Scott Vydra
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wallin
Council Member MaryAlice Wallis*

Thursday, December 19, 2019

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Botero, Mayor Jensen, Councilmember Chet Makinster, Councilmember Steve Moon, Councilmember Scott Vydra, Councilmember Mike Wallin, Councilmember MaryAlice Wallis

Absent: None

Staff Present:

City Manager Kurt Sacha, City Attorney Jim McNamara, City Clerk Kaylee Cody, City Engineer Ken Hash, Community & Economic Development Director John Brickey, Human Resources Director Chris Smith, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, and Police Captain Debbie Pineda

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**19-000522 DECEMBER 3, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2019 WORKSHOP MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilor Vydra, seconded by Councilor Wallis, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Councilor Wallin requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss collective bargaining. There was

no objection.

6. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

7. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)

Tammy McCormick of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Jim Brooks of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Melissa Lemmons of Kelso addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Jenny Oskey of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Michael Durand of Kelso addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Nick Seabar of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Nicole Tideman of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Charles Wynn of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to proposed temporary homeless encampments at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant and Alabama Street.

Kim Williams of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Bill Josh of Longview addressed Council regarding proposed temporary homeless encampments.

Jim Morkert of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Brian Chase of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed temporary homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

George Bracjich of Longview addressed Council regarding proposed temporary homeless encampments.

Ray Van Tongeren of Longview addressed the Council Chamber to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Holly Hillman of Longview addressed Council regarding proposed temporary homeless encampments.

Allison Maddocks of Longview, representing the Kelso-Longview Ministerial Association, addressed Council regarding the cold weather shelter located at Longview First Christian Church.

Spencer Boudreau of Longview addressed Council regarding homelessness.

Christine Connick of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Michelle Guzman of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

Thomas McColvick of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to locating homeless encampments in residential neighborhoods.

Bob Jones of Longview addressed Council regarding proposed temporary homeless encampments.

Douglas Jessen of Longview addressed Council to express opposition to a proposed homeless encampment at Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant.

8. FOLLOW-UP TO PAST CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

**19-000508 RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION FROM THE CITY OF LONGVIEW
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CLAAC), NOVEMBER 2019 REGULAR
MEETING.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE USE OF \$6,750 FROM THE 2019-2020 ADA CAPITAL BUDGET PROVIDING FOR THE 13.5% LOCAL MATCH, COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FUNDING REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND COMPLETION OF THE 30TH AVENUE, OLYMPICS CORRIDOR CURB RAMP PROJECT.

City Engineer Ken Hash presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallis, seconded by Councilor Botero, to approve the use of \$6,750 from the 2019-2020 ADA Capital Budget providing for the 13.5% local match, completing the necessary funding required to support the design and completion of the 30th Avenue, Olympics Corridor curb ramp project. The motion passed unanimously.

11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**19-000514 ORDINANCE NO. 3418: AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET (SECOND
READING)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3418 AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET.

City Manager Kurt Sacha presented.

Bill Josh of Longview addressed Council regarding the budget amendment.

A motion was made by Councilor Moon, seconded by Councilor Makinster, to approve Ordinance No. 3418 amending the 2019-2020 biennial budget. The motion passed unanimously.

19-000513 RESOLUTION NO. 2319: AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1913, ESTABLISHING THE MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT LONGVIEW TEAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2319.

Councilor Makinster advised that he would not be voting on this resolution because his wife serves as the committee chair.

Councilor Moon advised that he serves on the committee but will vote in favor of the resolution.

Spencer Boudreau of Longview addressed Council in support of Resolution No. 2319.

A motion was made by Councilor Moon, seconded by Councilor Vydra, to adopt Resolution No. 2319. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes - Mayor Jensen, Councilor Botero, Councilor Moon, Councilor Vydra, Councilor Wallin & Councilor Wallis

Nays - none

Abstained - Councilor Makinster

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilor Wallin spoke regarding the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority Board of Directors.

Councilor Wallin requested that the City Manager reconsider the preparation of Fishers Lane Water Treatment Plant as a temporary homeless encampment. Council Wallis expressed support for Councilor Wallin's request. No action was taken.

The Council discussed cold weather shelter funding.

Councilor Moon spoke regarding the Sister City Commission.

19-000511 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Sacha presented.

Mayor Jensen advised that the LEOFF-1 Disability Board reappointed Bob Steele as the member-at-large at their special meeting held earlier in the day.

A motion was made by Councilor Vydra, seconded by Councilor Wallis, to approve the recommended appointments. A motion was made by Councilor Wallin, seconded by Councilor Wallis, to amend the main motion to appoint Ron Kozloski to the Salary Commission. The main motion passed unanimously.

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was duly made and passed approving the items on the Consent Calendar as thought acted on individually.

19-000517 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

1ST HALF DECEMBER ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & 2ND HALF NOVEMBER PAYROLL

19-000510 AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE MINT VALLEY RACQUET AND FITNESS COMPLEX**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE ATTACHED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF MINT VALLEY RACQUET COMPLEX ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

19-000515 WASHINGTON WAY BRIDGE INTERFUND LOAN UPDATE**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

NO ACTION REQUIRED

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**19-000512 CITIZEN APPOINTMENT TO AD HOC COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING CAMP SITES FOR THE UNHOUSED****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION TO APPOINT A CITY OF LONGVIEW RESIDENT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING AND RECOMMENDING ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR UNHOUSED CAMPERS.

City Manager Sacha presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallin, seconded by Councilor Moon, to appoint Ruth Kendall to represent the City of Longview. The motion passed unanimously.

19-000523 HOUSING PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FOR THE SYLVESTER APARTMENTS**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE "COVENANT RUNNING WITH THE LAND" ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HOUSING PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT CONTRACT FOR THE SYLVESTER APARTMENTS.

A motion was made by Councilor Wallis, seconded by Councilor Moon, to approve the "covenant running with the land" associated with the Department of Commerce Housing Preservation Program Grant Contract for the Sylvester Apartments. A motion was made by Councilor Wallin, seconded by Councilor Wallis, to amend the main motion to clarify that the City's concurrence would be conditioned upon the use of the legal exhibit (specifically for Sylvester Apartments and not the entire theatre) from a June 1924 recording concerning the subject property. The motion passed unanimously.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

The Council entered an executive session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining. The executive session ended at 8:15 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 9th.

Kaylee Cody
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor

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**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.**



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

2ND HALF DECEMBER ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1ST HALF JANUARY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1ST HALF DECEMBER PAYROLL

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the city, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

SECOND HALF DECEMBER 2019 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$1,751,437.18

FIRST HALF DECEMBER 2019 PAYROLL:

\$2,079.71, checks no. 518-520

\$780,492.12, direct deposits

\$535,563.01, wire transfers

\$1,318,134.84 Total

FIRST HALF JANUARY 2020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$499, 173.84

STAFF CONTACT:

Kaylee Cody, City Clerk

John Baldwin, Fiscal Analyst

Chresta Larson, Human Resources Specialist

Attachments: None



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

BID REVIEW – MINT FARM RWTP PRESSURE FILTER REPAIRS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This project would replace twenty-four manway hatches and install heat trace wire with insulation on the twelve air release valves on the pressure filters. This project was previously bid on November 13, 2019. However, apparent low bidder JH Kelly made an error in their bid and requested their bid be withdrawn. On November 21, 2019, the city council rejected the remaining valid bid because it was 40% higher than the engineer's estimate.

Staff re-advertised the project and on December 11, 2019, two bids were received as follows:

\$417,134.12 – JH Kelly, Longview, WA – Ineligible

\$594,550.00 – Stellar J, Woodland, WA

\$425,000.00 - Engineer's Estimate

In accordance with RCW 39.04.107, because JH Kelly withdrew their previous bid due to an error, they are not eligible for award of this contract. The bid from Stellar J is 40% over the engineer's estimate. Staff recommends rejecting all bids and revising the project to meet budget constraints.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

This repair work was not budgeted, but will be funded through the Filter Plant Construction Fund and will be paid 15% by Beacon Hill Water & Sewer District and 85% by the City of Longview Water Utility.

STAFF CONTACT:

Karl Enyeart, Project Engineer

Attachments: None



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

PROJECT COMPLETION – 32ND AVENUE SEWER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE THE 32ND AVENUE SEWER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The 32nd Avenue Sewer Pump Station Replacement has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications under Contract No. 18-1926B-S entered into between the City of Longview and Nutter Corporation. The City Council must accept the project as complete before final contract closeout can be accomplished.

STAFF CONTACT:

John Axford, Project Engineer

Attachments: None



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

BID REVIEW – WAYFINDING SIGNS PROCUREMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID AND AWARD A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT TO RIXIR SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,051.20.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Address quality of place issues
Preserve and enhance neighborhoods

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This contract will fabricate wayfinding, public parking lot, and directory signs to be installed by City staff at various designated locations around the City.

In 2011, Longview, Kelso, Castle Rock, Kalama, Woodland, and Cowlitz County executed an interlocal agreement creating the Cowlitz County Regional Tourism Development Program, known as “The Big Idea.” This program provided for pooling a portion of each agency’s tourism funds and providing those pooled funds to one agency each year on a rotating basis to complete a tourism related project. A Tourism Board of Directors was created as part of The Big Idea program to review and recommend projects proposed by each agency.

Both Longview and Kelso proposed installing wayfinding signs in their communities as their The Big Idea projects. After approval of those projects by the Tourism Board of Directors, Longview and Kelso jointly retained Beckwith Consulting Group to develop sign designs and identify locations for wayfinding signs in both cities. Kelso came before Longview in The Big Idea rotation and has completed their project. Longview’s wayfinding signs include locations at the city gateways, Lake Sacajawea, Civic Circle, locations of historic and general interest, trails, and signs identifying City parking lots in the downtown core.

Anticipating that the available funds would be insufficient to complete the entire suite of suggested signing, staff selected 30 signs for fabrication and installation as a first phase of the wayfinding sign project. Once the signs are fabricated and delivered, the City sign crew will install them at the identified locations. The fabrication contract includes 18 Wayfinding signs, 2 Lake Sacajawea Park Directory signs, and 10 Public Parking Lot signs.

The sign fabrication contract was advertised for bids and on December 30, 2019, one bid was received as follows:

\$38,051.20 – Rixir Systems, Battle Ground, WA

\$62,592.00 - Engineer’s Estimate

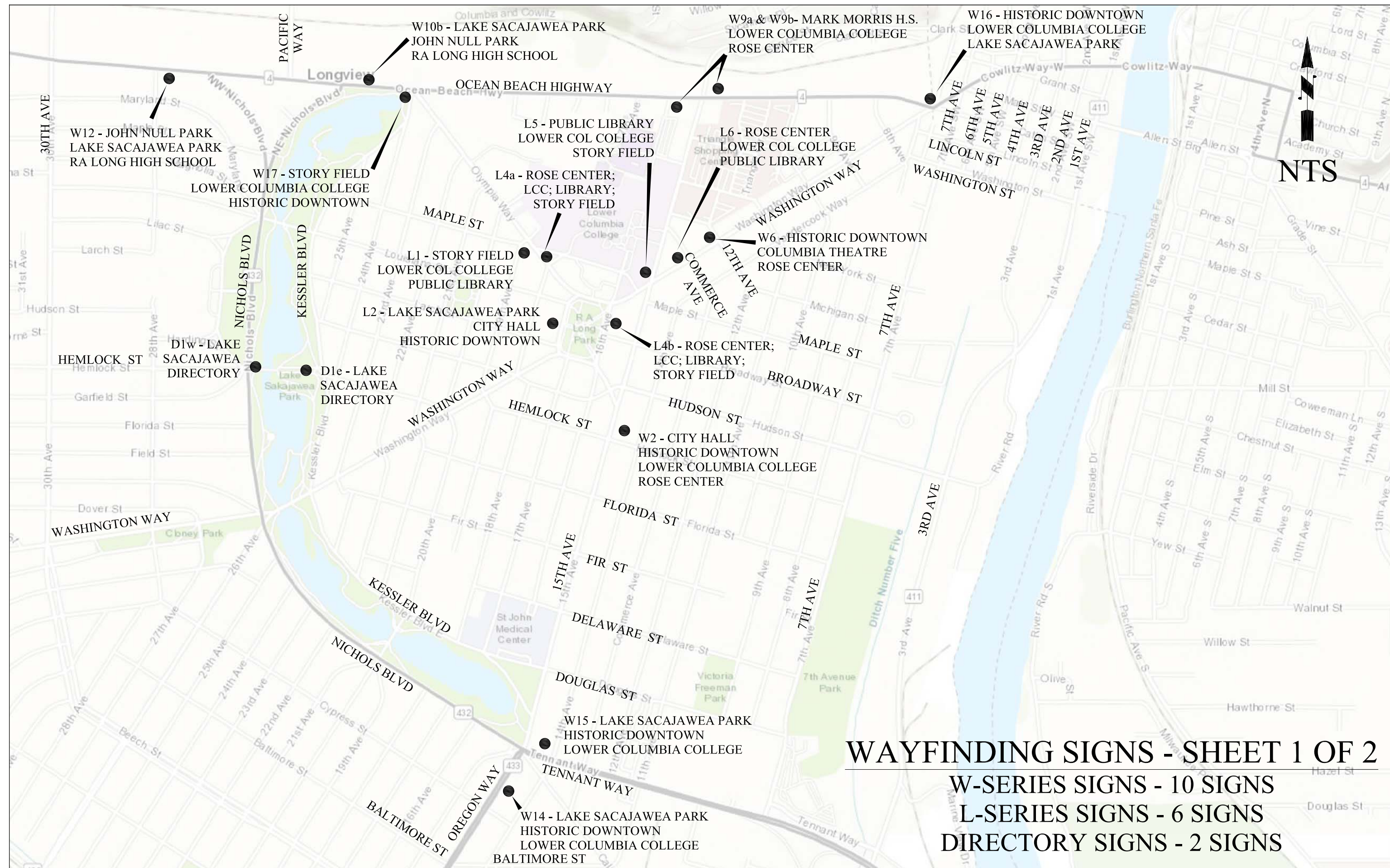
The bid received was determined to be regular and responsive.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

This contract is funded through the Tourism Fund, with funding provided by The Big Idea program and by Longview Tourism Fund tax revenue.

Attachments:

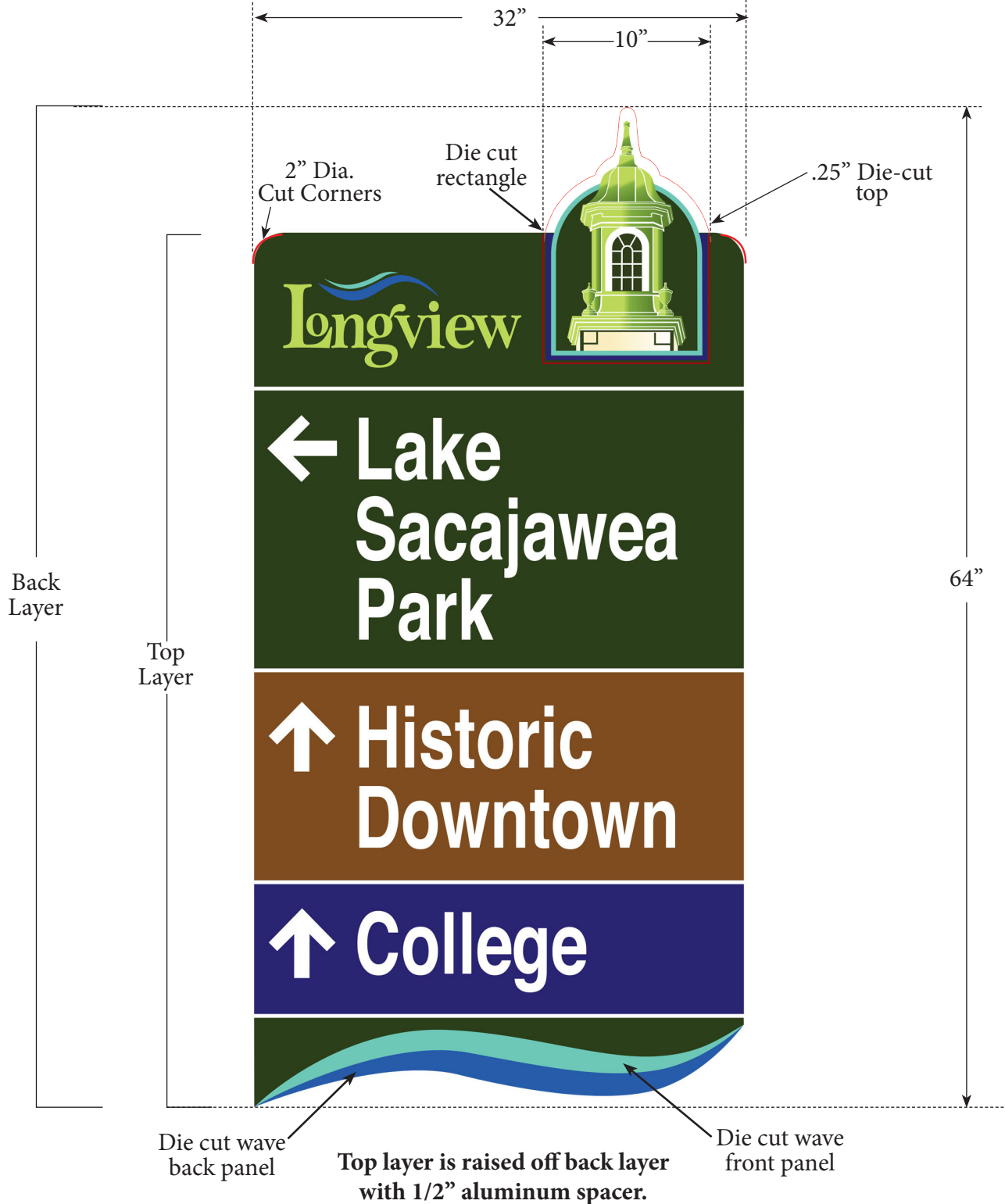
1. Wayfinding Signs Locations and Templates



WAYFINDING SIGNS - SHEET 1 OF 2
W-SERIES SIGNS - 10 SIGNS
L-SERIES SIGNS - 6 SIGNS
DIRECTORY SIGNS - 2 SIGNS



City of Longview, WA / Waysign W14 Sign Specifications



Waysigns consist of two layers.

Layers are 1/8" aluminum printed panels with a 1/2" aluminum spacer.

Material Option: 1/8" & 1/4" Diebond (or 3M Alumapanel)

(Life expectancy-Warranty 10-15 years)

Illustrator CS 5 (a.i.) files, plus pdfs will be provided.

2 layer separation of completed sign file will be created by sign company.

City of Longview, WA

Lake Sacajawea Park Directory (East) Specifications



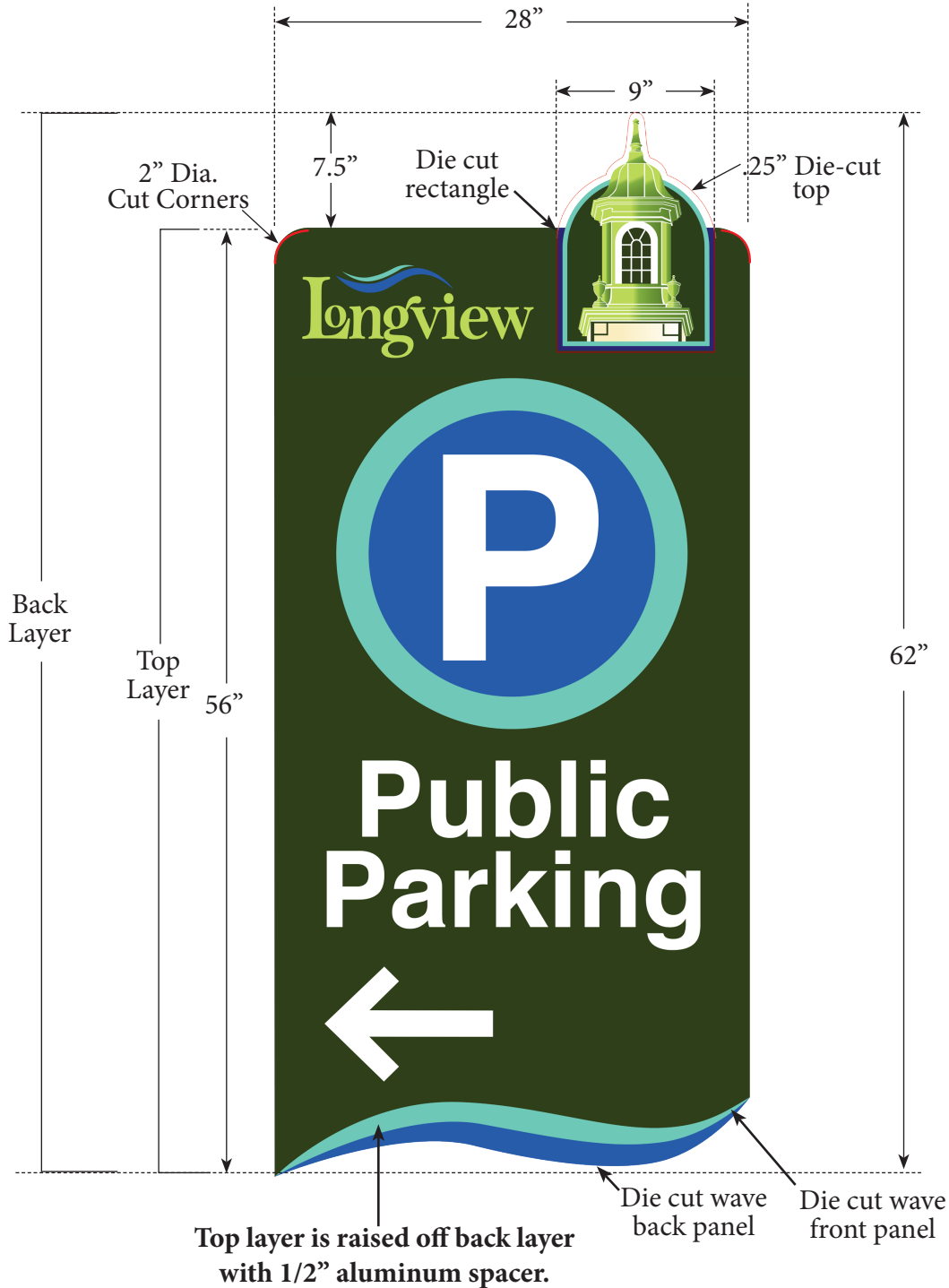
Lake Sacajawea Park Sign consist of three layers.
Layers are 1/8" aluminum printed panels with a 1/2" aluminum spacer.

Material Option: 1/8" & 1/4" Diebond (or 3M Alumapanel)
(Life expectancy-Warranty 10-15 years)

Illustrator CS 5 (a.i.) files, plus pdfs will be created to sign companies specifications.
2 layer separation of completed sign file will be created by sign company.

(Finished sign is 18"x 60")

City of Longview, WA
Public Parking Sign Specifications (Left Arrow)



**Public Parking Sign consist of three layers.
Layers are 1/8" aluminum printed panels with a 1/2" aluminum spacer.**

Material Option: 1/8" & 1/4" Diebond (or 3M Alumapanel)
(Life expectancy-Warranty 10-15 years)

**Illustrator CS 5 (a.i.) files, plus pdfs will be created to sign companies specifications.
2 layer separation of completed sign file will be created by sign company.**

(Finished sign is 28"x 62" with 4" high cap letters)



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: All

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Attached is the proposed 2020 federal legislative agenda for the city. The City Council reviewed an earlier version of this agenda at a workshop on December 5, 2019. It is being presented this evening for final review and approval.

Our federal legislative agenda is always a work in progress, meaning it is subject to amendment as political and legislative issues change and unanticipated opportunities arise.

The city's legislative agenda identifies issues of interest primarily to the City of Longview, but there are also some issues of interest to other cities throughout the nation. This agenda provides guidance to city representatives for communicating with our federal delegation and other officials about proposed legislation, rule-writing, and the administration of federal programs.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kurt Sacha, City Manager

Attachments:

1. 2020 LONGVIEW FEDERAL AGENDA - Draft 1



2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

PROJECT REQUESTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL REQUEST
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Industrial Way Oregon Way (IWOW)

\$15 million

The Industrial Way / Oregon Way Intersection Project is located at the intersection of Industrial Way (State Route (SR) 432), Oregon Way, and SR 433, a critical connection of two Highways of Statewide Significance and part of the National Highway System that support significant passenger and freight truck movement. Both highways provide a vital transportation and economic connection between communities across the state and support state, interstate, and international freight movement. Enabling the transport of over 20 million tons of annual gross truck tonnage, the IWOW intersection is one of Washington State's busiest intersections in terms of freight movement by truck. Trucks typically comprise over 20 percent of the traffic volume at the intersection.

Completing the IWOW Project is a critical component of the long-term economic vitality of SW Washington, Cowlitz County and Longview by maintaining critical access to commercial and industrial areas, the Columbia River, regional employment, education, emergency response, and recreational facilities. Account: DOT – INFRA and BUILD

Five Police Officers

\$625,000

The City is seeking federal funds hire five new police officers. Longview recently released a report that cited police calls have increased 53.5% since 1980, while the number of sworn officers in the agency has only increased 17.6%. In addition, in 2018 there were 8,884 times when no officers were available to respond to a call, or an average of 24 times a day and one every hour. The City is seeking to fund some positions internally, however, resources are scarce. Federal funds would help the City meet the goal of fully staffing its police force. Account: COPS Hiring.

Columbia Heights Road

\$5,000,000

The project will improve approximately 1 mile of Columbia Heights Road. The existing roadway is a 20-foot wide, winding urban collector in a steep hillside area paved with bituminous surfacing, with no sidewalk and very narrow shoulders, very limited street lighting, and no storm drainage system. With no sidewalk and very narrow shoulders, Columbia Heights Road is a dangerous route for cyclists and pedestrians, especially for school children on the way to and from Columbia Heights Elementary and Cascade Middle School. The scope of the project is to widen the existing roadway to 24 feet and provide curb, gutter, sidewalk on one side of the roadway, and a wide shoulder with guardrails on the other side of the roadway. The project will also provide storm drainage and improve illumination. The benefit of this project will be to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic and improve safety of the roadway.

POLICY AGENDA

Support a Robust Transportation Reauthorization Bill

Transportation resources are necessary to facilitate economic growth, job creation, reduce traffic congestion and improve transportation choices within our community. Congress should develop and pass a comprehensive long-term transportation reauthorization bill, providing robust funding for bridges, highways, mass transit and other local infrastructure needs. Within the transportation reauthorization bill, Longview supports:

- Creation of programs that allow municipalities direct access to federal resources and competitive grants. Today, more than 90% of federal highway assistance is distributed to states by formula.
- Maintaining and increasing funding for INFRA and BUILD.
- Increasing funding significantly for the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facility competitive grant program.
- Providing more funding and increased set asides to local governments within key transportation programs, including the Surface Transportation Block Grant and the Transportation Alternative Program;
- Maintaining the Categorical Exclusion for projects with minimal federal participation and streamline the federal permitting process; and
- A long-term, sustainable and reliable funding solution for the Highway Trust Fund.

FY 2021 Program Levels

Maintain adequate funding levels for CDBG, HOME, BUILD, BYRNE Justice Assistance Programs, Economic Development Administration and Assistance to Firefighters funding.

Increase the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit by 50%

The Housing Credit is our nation's most successful tool for encouraging private investment in the production and preservation of affordable rental housing production. It has financed nearly 3 million affordable apartments since 1986, providing homes to roughly 6.5 million low-income households since then, while transferring risk from the government to the private sector. To make a meaningful dent in the affordable housing supply gap, we urge Congress to pass Senator Cantwell's legislation to increase the cap on Housing Credit authority by at least 50 percent. Such an expansion would support the preservation and construction of 350,000 to 400,000 additional affordable apartments over a ten-year period. There is ample developer and investor appetite for Housing Credits to support such an increase.

Extend and Make Permanent the Alternative Fuels Credit

The City of Longview supports a permanent extension of the Alternative Fuels Tax Credit as the City is transitioning vehicles in its fleet to a propane blend that reduces emissions and saves on operating expenses. In 2016, the City began the fleet conversion by purchasing three alternative fuel propane paratransit mini-buses, new and replacement sedans and pickup trucks propane capable and install propane conversion kits, and install propane fueling equipment at the City's fueling facility. The lifetime Alternative Fuel Tax Credit savings for just the three paratransit vehicles is approximately \$40,000. In addition, 90,000 fewer pounds of carbon dioxide would be produced over their useful lives.

Regulatory Concerns and Unfunded Mandates

Waters of the US: The impacts of the rule released by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." and expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction.

Americans with Disabilities Act: The City supports the objective of ADA to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities. However, the strict nature in which the regulations are applied can be costly

and provide little to no benefit. The City supports common sense implementation of ADA regulations with room for flexibility when dealing with unique circumstances.

Contact: Joel Rubin, CFM Strategic Communications, 202-347-9171, joelr@cfmdc.com