



City of Longview

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City Council

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Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a virtual Zoom workshop on Thursday, September 24th, at 6:00 p.m. A regular meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

For information about Zoom accessibility, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 360-442-5041.

Please click the link below to join the meeting:

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. WORKSHOP

20-000370 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: CONSENSUS TO MOVE FORWARD IN DEVELOPING THE
CITY'S 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

4. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020- 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020- 7:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. BUDGET WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 - 6:00 P.M. BUDGET WORKSHOP



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Agenda Summary

2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: All

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Josh Weiss and Annika Vaughn of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs will provide an overview of the 2020 state legislative session. For this workshop, Mr. Weiss and Ms. Vaughn will be working with Council to identify the City's legislative priorities and assist in developing a draft of the City's legislative agenda and policy document for the 2021 State Legislative Agenda.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kurt Sacha, City Manager

Attachments:

1. City of Longview 2021 State Legislative Agenda Development PPT

WORK SESSION: PREPARING FOR THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION CITY OF LONGVIEW

GORDON THOMAS HONEYWELL GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
JOSH WEISS AND ANNIKA VAUGHN

REVIEWING THE LANDSCAPE - 2020 SESSION OVERVIEW

- Despite being a supplemental year, 2020 session was extremely active
 - \$726 million in additional spending - even as Legislature & Gov. pared down spending
 - Over 2,233 bills introduced plus bills from 2019 carried over
 - COVID-19 brought many ongoing policy discussions to a halt
- Legislative wins for Longview:
 - \$250,000 in Capital Budget for Police Department Satellite Office
 - I-976 Response – Ensured funding retained for Beech St. Extension and Industrial Way/Oregon Way
- Details in comprehensive end of session report

BUDGET CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- State facing significant deficit:
 - Revenues predicted to decline \$4.5 billion in 2019-21 biennium; \$4.3 billion in the 2023-25 biennium
 - Some safety net - Feb. forecast projected \$1.5 billion increase in revenue plus \$3 billion budget stabilization account
- 2021 Operating Budget
 - Overall budget approx. \$53.5 billion
 - 60 percent of operating budget revenues dedicated – Medicaid obligations and McCleary
 - State-shared revenues at risk – no new funding available for local governments

BUDGET CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- 2021 Capital Budget

- There will be capital resources available, despite operating budget pressure

- 2021 Transportation Budget

- Transportation revenue package proposals from both the House and the Senate – carbon revenue
 - Sen. Hobbs's proposal remains in play
 - Sen. Saldana – education focused stakeholder group; possible development of criteria
 - Rep. Fey – statewide listening sessions/taking feedback on potential ideas
 - Sen. King – beginning to put together cut prioritization list
 - Package must address COVID, culverts, and I-976 impacts (unless Supreme Court overthrows)

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

- Special session unlikely
- Uncertain how Legislature will meet in early 2021 – preparing for virtual session
 - Scope of legislation and bill capacity could be limited
- Election impacts
- Emerging 2021 legislative policy priorities:
 - Law enforcement and public safety reform
 - Broadband
 - Social justice and equity
 - Childcare access
 - GMA reform – formal workgroup halted; stakeholder discussions continue through Rep. Fitzgibbon and Joe Tovar at UW
 - Department of Revenue Tax Structure Workgroup – tax reform discussions will continue and possibly expedited due to state deficit

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

- With special session unlikely, AWC and WSAC focusing on 2021 priorities
- Fiscal tools and flexibility a primary focus:
 - 1% property tax cap; Tax Increment Financing (LIFT/LRF)
 - Rep. Pollet's fiscal flexibility bill
 - Menu of options - .09 flexibility, non-supplant language, REET, 1406 affordable housing dollars
 - Usefulness of bill variable by local government – traction around using REET for housing assistance
- Law enforcement and public safety reform – discussions happening at the state and local level
- OPMA flexibility

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

- Capital requests:
 - 2021 will be a big year for capital funding
 - \$800,000 average project from local community projects category
 - Focused, with support of governing body and community – want to build upon past requests if possible
 - “Shovel-ready” or more advanced projects desirable – stimulus focus on job creation and legislative desire to be “last dollar in”
 - Example projects: water/sewer, public safety facilities, parks and recreation, emergency communications

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

- Transportation requests:
 - Nexus to the state – is the project on a state highway or does it pose safety concerns?
Both make projects more compelling for state funding
 - Regional priority
 - Possibilities for economic development
 - Industrial Way/Oregon Way
- Operating budget requests not advised this session
- Policy requests
 - 2021 could be a good year to pursue policy proposals, but limited legislative scope possible

NEXT STEPS

- Refine legislative priorities
- Touch base with 19th LD on draft agenda
 - September
- Full Council meeting to consider & adopt agenda
 - October/November
- Present finalized agenda to 19th and 20th LDs following November election
- Session starts Monday, January 11th

QUESTIONS?

It is a privilege to represent Longview!

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