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City Council

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Thursday, January 7, 2021

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 meeting on Thursday, January 7th, at 6:00 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82020138424>

Telephone options (you may need to try more than one number if you receive a busy signal):

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1-253-215-8782
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Meeting ID: 820 2013 8424

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

20-0001 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.



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Agenda Summary

2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

All

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

City Council will meet with District 19 state legislators via Zoom to present the City of Longview's 2021 state legislative agenda. The City's state legislative lobbyists Josh Weiss and Annika Vaughn will be present and join the discussion.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kurt Sacha, City Manager

Attachments:

1. 2021 State Legislative Agenda
2. 2021 State Legislative Policy Document
3. Lake Sacajawea one-pager (2021 Agenda)



City of Longview 2021 Legislative Priorities

Lake Sacajawea Renovation Project – Capital Budget Request

Lake Sacajawea is the most heavily used community park in Longview and years of deferred maintenance now require the facilities and grounds to be renovated to meet safety and accessibility standards. The Lake Sacajawea Renovation Project promotes active outdoor recreational use, quality of place, and tourism attraction by allowing the City to continue its commitment to safety, to host large-scale events, and to restore its historic asset. The City respectfully requests **\$950,000** in capital budget funding for the installation of two Portland Loo restroom facilities, removal and installation of historic damaged sidewalks in the highest trafficked area, and restoration of Martin's Dock fishing and pedestrian platform.

The City's community wide survey for the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan found that upgrades to park restrooms was the most requested park improvement. The current restroom buildings, built in 1991, have been heavily used, vandalized, and deteriorated past the point of repair. The installation of two Portland Loo restrooms would provide additional privacy, sanitation, and security for park guests. In addition, this project would remove one of the existing restroom facilities and repurpose the other building by turning it into a much needed storage facility. **(\$580,000)**

The Martin's Dock/Hemlock Plaza area at Lake Sacajawea is the highest and heaviest used central area for community events and gatherings such as the City's summer concert series, kids fishing events, triathlons/fun runs, movies at the park, and the Go 4th Festival that brings in over 40,000 people for the 4th of July holiday. Made of timber and built in 1962, the dock has been deteriorating over time, creating cracks in the concrete that have produced a slope towards the water. **(\$215,000)** Further, the two concrete sidewalks that get the highest pedestrian and vehicle use in the park have been badly damaged over the years and have become a safety hazard for tripping; **(\$155,000)** both the dock and the sidewalks no longer meet ADA standards.

Industrial Way/Oregon Way – Transportation Budget Request

The Industrial Way/Oregon Way intersection project is the region's top transportation priority. While \$85 million was included in the Connecting Washington package, WSDOT now estimates that an additional \$15 million is necessary. Completing the project is critical to the region's economic development and mobility. The City of Longview supports solutions to fully fund the project, including local, private, or state investment.

Retain Local Control & Defend Against Unfunded Mandates

Local decisions are best made by elected officials who know their community well. Additionally, small cities cannot afford to expand their breadth of services without assistance from the Legislature. The City of Longview will oppose legislative actions that preempt local authority or pass down unfunded mandates to municipalities.

The City of Longview supports the efforts of the Association of Washington Cities.

City of Longview 2021 Legislative Policies

In addition to the City's 2021 adopted legislative priorities, the City has put forward these following policies. The policy document provides direction to City staff and the City's lobbyists. These are issues that the City will monitor and support along with AWC and other stakeholders but are secondary to the 2021 legislative priorities of the City.

State Environmental Permitting Process: The State of Washington must streamline its environmental permitting processes so that permit decisions are made in a more timely and efficient manner. The communities of southwest Washington, including the City of Longview, have been on the front line as state agencies have turned local projects into extenuated ideological battles. The City supports appropriate environmental review that is balanced with the need for economic development in the region. The state must ensure that its permitting processes do a better job of striking this balance.

Economic Development: The City of Longview supports legislation providing more tools to cities to support economic development in downtown centers, including for commercial and industrial development such as the Beech Street industrial area. The City joins the Association of Washington of Cities in advocating for increment financing tools.

Lower Columbia College: The City supports the efforts of Lower Columbia College, including Capital Budget asks for buildings on campus.

Affordable Housing and Homelessness: The City supports legislative funding for local and statewide affordable housing and homelessness projects. The City also supports their housing partner agency's 2021 legislative requests.



Lake Sacajawea Renovation Funding Request

The City respectfully requests \$950,000 in funding for replacement of two restroom facilities, reconstruction of damaged sidewalks, and restoration of Martin's Dock at historic Lake Sacajawea Park.

Lake Sacajawea Renovation Project

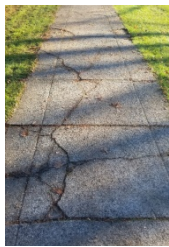
Lake Sacajawea is the most used park in Longview both for day use and for many community events including the Go 4th Festival bringing in 30,000 people, summer concerts and movies at the park, the swim dash splash triathlon, fun runs, and family outdoor adventure that brings in an additional 40,000+ visits to the park outside of its regular heavy daily use. This year specifically, parks saw an even higher use volume as citizens leaned in heavily during this time of crisis and found fresh air, exercise, solace, and a much needed break from stress, anxiety, and depression. During isolation, parks provided the opportunity to stay connected and grounded to the community. Parks are proving to be critical infrastructure in how citizens cope, manage, maintain, and recover during difficult times. This renovation project promotes community, quality of place, and tourism attraction by allowing the City to continue its commitment to providing open natural space, safety, large scale events, and restore its historic asset.



Park Improvements

Restroom Repurpose and Installation (\$580,000)

Updated park restrooms are the number one park request made by citizens. The two current restroom facilities have been heavily used, vandalized, and deteriorated past the point of repair. The City would like to repurpose one facility as storage to aid the large scale events and install two "Portland Loo" style restroom facilities and remove the other facility and replace with a single "Portland Loo" style restroom. Installation of these facilities would increase safety and security and reduce the time and resources spent in the upkeep and maintenance of the aging facilities.



Sidewalks / Hemlock Plaza (\$215,000)

Hemlock Plaza at Lake Sacajawea is the highest and heaviest used area for community events. The sidewalks have been badly damaged over the years with trucks and equipment driving over the sidewalks that were not constructed to take vehicle use. These sidewalks have become a safety hazard for tripping and do not meet ADA standards. The lake is on the National Historic register and the sidewalks are required to be replaced to replicate the original historic patterns.



Martin's Dock (\$155,000)

Martin's Dock is the location for the concert stages and movie screens becoming the main focus during our community events. The dock has been deteriorating over time creating cracks in the concrete and is settling towards the water that no longer meets ADA grade. The dock needs to be raised to create a level surface, reinforce the structure against future settling, and replace any broken panels to reduce tripping hazards.