



City of Longview

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Minutes - Final

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, April 19, 2018

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a workshop session in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jensen convened the workshop at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Don Jensen, Council Member Botero, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, Council Member Vydra, Council Member Makinster and Council Member Moon

Excused: 1 - Council Member Wallis

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Kurt Sacha; City Clerk Kaylee Cody; Fire Chief Phil Jurmu; Community & Economic Development Coordinator John Brickey; Engineering Manager Craig Bozarth; & Risk & Safety Manager Brian Loos.

3. WORKSHOP

[18-5408](#)

**SAFER GRANT TO FUND ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS
AND ADDRESS EMERGENCY MEDICAL NEEDS.**

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: Enhance public safety and emergency response

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

In continuing to improve ambulance transport availability and decrease incidences of Level "0", LFD staff have prepared options to address these concerns and challenges. At the same time, FEMA announced the FY 2017 SAFER grant period, which ends on April 27, 2018. Due to the circumstances of the grant period, staff will present and discuss EMS planning.

Longview previously accepted a SAFER grant in 2011, which helped to provide the City with the financial resources to add four firefighter/paramedics. The program continues to be a success and Longview Fire Department now has an ambulance when staffing allows.

Application to the SAFER program requires that the governing entity provide a letter of support at the time of application.

In addition to the SAFER request, staff will also present options for improving our local EMS capability.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to support application to SAFER grant.

STAFF CONTACT: Phil Jurmu

Attachments: [SAFER Workshop 4-19-18 v2](#)

Fire Chief Phil Jurmu presented.

George Brajcich of Longview spoke in support of the SAFER grant application.

A motion was made by Council Member Ken Botero, seconded by Council Member Scott Vydra, to support the application to SAFER grant. The motion passed unanimously.

[18-5409](#)

**ESTABLISH MONTHLY BILLS FOR ALL UTILITY ACCOUNTS
(INCLUDES UTILITY BILLING CYCLES 1 & 2)****COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Council Initiative: Continue effective financial management

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In an effort to assist customers with budgeting and paying for city utilities, utility staff is recommending to move away from larger, less predictable bi-monthly utility billings (approx.. 60 days service) to regular recurring utility bills which given the shorter timeframe (approx.. 30 days service), should be more predictable and easier to budget for.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to convert to monthly billing for all utility accounts effective 2019.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kurt Sacha, City Manager

Attachments: [Monthly Utility Billing \(2018 0319\)\(F\)](#)

City Manager Kurt Sacha presented.

Council directed staff to explore "ecommerce" options to reduce costs and improve convenience for utility customers. Council also requested periodic updates of staff progress.

City Manager Sacha suggested a subcommittee of councilors and individuals. Mayor Jensen, Council Member Botero & Council Member Vydra volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

A motion was made by Council Member Scott Vydra, seconded by Council Member Chet Makinster, to convert to monthly billing for all utility accounts effective 2019. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Don Jensen, Council Member Botero, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, Council Member Vydra and Council Member Makinster

Nays: 1 - Council Member Moon

4. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018 - BUDGET KICKOFF