



Legislation Text

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CITY - COUNTY HOTEL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Strengthen economic conditions and create new opportunities

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The County and the City of Longview jointly financed a long-range Event Center Master Plan and a hotel feasibility study. The recommendations of both studies declare that there is a need for additional conference space at the Event Center as well as a hotel for the use of conference attendees. To facilitate implementation of the Event Center Master Plan, the County and City propose an exchange of lands to allow for development of a commercial hotel. Construction of a hotel would facilitate local events and gatherings at the County Events Center and the Fairgrounds.

In consideration for exchange of parcels, City shall cause to be performed surveys of all concerned parcels. The County will apply for subdivision or boundary line adjustment for the creation of the parcels. The City or its PDA will facilitate funding for all fees and costs necessary for such division of land.

With increased use of facilities, the County may shift some activities across 7th Avenue and use newly acquired land in furtherance of those activities. The City agrees to facilitate safe pedestrian crossing during the annual County Fair and other events at the fairgrounds subject to City Special Event permit standards.

The City will work cooperatively with the County and the City of Kelso to address access issues for the hotel as well as a new entrance to the fairgrounds at the intersection of Washington Street and 5th Avenue. The City shall also work directly with the City of Kelso regarding provision of utilities to the hotel property.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The City will pay approximately \$15,000 for surveying and subdivision costs. The PDA will reimburse the City for those costs upon the sale of the property to a hotel developer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the MOU.

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