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**CONVENE:** 7:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Debbie Sullivan and Councilmembers Peter Agabi, Michael Althausen, Joan Cathey, Leatta Dahlhoff, Angela Jefferson, Charlie Schneider, and Eileen Swarthout.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, and City Clerk Melody Valiant.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** The minutes of May 24, 2022 were pulled from the consent calendar and moved to Council considerations.

### **SPECIAL ITEMS:**

**PROCLAMATION:  
DON TROSPER DAY  
- JUNE 21, 2022:** Councilmember Althausen read a proclamation honoring June 21, 2022 as *Don Trosper Day* in the City of Tumwater. The proclamation encourages the people of Tumwater to join the City in wishing Don Trosper a long and healthy retirement, as he continues to promote the history of Tumwater as a consultant to the Olympia Tumwater Foundation, and through his many other contributions to the City and its history. Mr. Trosper is a relative of Jessie Ferguson, one of the original founding American pioneer settlers of Tumwater. Mr. Trosper currently lives on a portion of the homestead off Trosper Road his Uncle Jessie purchased in 1892.

Mr. Trosper has promoted the pioneer history of Tumwater through his volunteer work for the Tumwater Historical Association, including the publication of four booklets on the pioneer history of Tumwater: 1985 – "The Founding of Tumwater", 1987 – "New Market", 1992 – "Fortress Tumwater", and 1995 – "The Train Stops Here"; and more recently, as part of his work at the Foundation, Mr. Trosper published a book on the history of Tumwater entitled "The Tumwater We Never Knew – For people who love history, but don't realize it yet." Sales of the book have raised over \$15,000 for the Foundation.

Councilmember Althausen presented the proclamation to Mr. Trosper.

Mr. Trosper thanked the Mayor and the Council for their kind words and encouragements as they have meant much to him. He introduced his wife and son along with former Mayor Kmet and his wife. He is working on another book on the history of Tumwater. His goal for sharing his passion for local history is to make it come alive for the average person. Storytelling is about people, local sights, and local businesses coming alive. He thanked the City for the honor.

Councilmember Cathey thanked Mr. Trosper for telling the story of Tumwater's history, as well as the stories of women in Tumwater.

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#### **REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY BRIEFING ON GOVERNANCE:**

City Administrator Doan reported the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Planning Committee is chaired by Councilmember Dahlhoff with Councilmembers Althausser and Swarthout serving as members. The briefing will focus on governance, a major issue the committee is currently working on. Two of the committee's consultants, Karen Reed and Karen Meyer will review governance challenges and options. In August, the Council will receive a presentation on finances.

Ms. Reed presented information on the legal requirements and options for RFA governance, the RFA Planning Committee's plan for developing governance recommendations, examples of governance of other RFAs in the state, and a set of potential governance options proposed by the RFA Planning Committee. The RFA Planning Committee seeks input on the proposed options.

The RFA must have a governing Board of Commissioners. The role of the Board is similar to the role of a city council. The RFA Plan must propose the Board structure and composition. The statute provides great flexibility in structuring the Board. An RFA Governance Board can be comprised of:

1. Elected officials from member agencies
2. Persons directly elected At-Large by the voters of the RFA
3. Persons directly elected by District by the voters of the RFA
4. A mix of any or all of the above

There is no legal limitation on the size of the Board, but there is a practical limit. The initial Board must be comprised of elected officials from member agencies. It can transition to a different structure over time if desired. The earliest transition point is the first election cycle after the RFA is created. Should the two cities (Olympia and Tumwater) adopt the RFA Plan, voters would consider establishing the RFA in spring 2023 with the RFA created in August 2023 if approved by voters. The first Board of elected officials would serve a minimum of two years and five months.

Terms of office for directly elected Board members cannot exceed 6 years. Terms must be staggered. The RFA Board can change the governance board structure on its own in the future, at any time, unless this authority is otherwise restricted in the RFA Plan.

Councilmember Jefferson inquired as to whether the positions receive a salary. Ms. Reed replied that members receive a monthly salary that is capped by statute.

Ms. Reed reviewed the committee's process for considering the governance structure:

1. Agreed to guiding values and principles and received support from City Councils at a April 19, 2022 presentation

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2. Develop a small number (3-5) of options and review the options with the City Councils to receive input.
3. Select a preferred option and review selection with City Councils for concurrence.

Ms. Reed reviewed the committee's proposed statement of Shared Values and Principles to guide development of the Plan:

#### *Shared Values:*

1. Ensuring operations meet or exceed current service levels in terms of their ability to support a safe and healthy community.
2. Providing a safe, supportive, and professional environment for first responders.
3. Participatory Governance. Jurisdictions which are part of the RFA should have a meaningful voice in the operating decisions of the RFA. The RFA Board should seek to make decisions by consensus whenever possible.
4. Pro-Active Oversight, Planning and Continuous Improvement. Committed to planning for the future and proactively identifying and addressing the needs of the communities, identifying and implementing ways to better meet those needs.
5. Promoting interagency collaboration, communication and strong working relationships. The RFA will act in the collective best interests of all its public safety partners, not just those served by the RFA.
6. Making data-driven decisions. The RFA should take strategic action based on the facts after a thorough and objective analysis of the issues.
7. Being an effective and efficient steward of public funds.
8. Affordable and sustainable financial model. The RFA should implement an affordable and sustainable financial model that can facilitate consistent service levels over time as the community served continues to grow.
9. Strong engagement with our local communities. The RFA should be a positive and engaged member of the communities it serves with pro-active outreach to the public.
10. Honoring the history and identity of the Olympia and Tumwater Fire Departments while building the culture for the new fire agency.

#### *Operating Principles:*

- A. The RFA Board will be committed to the success of the RFA and will be engaged in actively learning and understanding the work of the agency.
- B. We will strive to operate nimbly, with the ability to make decisions and respond quickly when necessary.
- C. We seek to understand and address the unique needs of the communities we serve. We strive to address these needs equitably in all operating and financial decisions.

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- D. We work to attract, develop, and retain high quality staff.
- E. We will ensure all City Fire Department staff in good standing at the time of annexation are offered at least equivalent positions within the RFA.
- F. We strive to employ rigorous quality assurance and reporting practices.
- G. We manage agency budgets to control or reduce costs.
- H. We seek to limit spikes in budgets from year to year, by use of planning capital investments over time, developing reserves, and other means.
- I. We commit to being transparent, accessible, and responsive to our customer agencies and the public.
- J. In contracting to provide services to other agencies, we are mindful of our own costs of service: communities within the RFA boundaries should not incur additional costs from these external service contracts.

Ms. Reed cited some examples of existing RFA structures in the state. Most have revised their respective governance structure over time. A local RFA, the Southeast Thurston RFA is comprised of three districts across the RFA with 2 members elected directly from each district with the board totaling six members. West Thurston RFA is a two-member agency with three elected members from each member agency comprising a six-member board. Other examples shared included the Puget Sound RFA, Renton RFA, South Snohomish County RFA, and Marysville RFA.

The RFA Planning Committee recommends the governance structure transition over time and that the RFA Plan should include both an initial Board of all City elected officials as required, and a different structure for the ongoing Governance Board after 2025 based on the rationale that it would enable for some directly-elected representation that can be solely dedicated to the RFA rather than serving on both a City Council and the RFA Board. If some city representatives are members, it would enable retaining a connection to the member cities. The committee also wants to consider an approach that enables all RFA voters to vote for most of the RFA board.

The RFA Planning Committee recommends an initial Board structure from 2023 through 2025 comprised of three appointed Councilmembers from each city. The committee considered four members (2 from each city), five members (3 from Olympia, 2 from Tumwater), and six members with three from each City. The recommended structure mirrors current RFA Planning Committee structure that is working well, it maximizes equity in start-up of the new RFA agency as a true partnership, and it maximizes input from each City without involving a quorum of each City Council.

The Council supported the recommendation as it affords equal

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representation by each City.

The committee considered several board structure options after 2025 based on number of seats (5-7), appointments by each City (1-3 from each City), number of At-Large members directly elected, number of At-Large members elected by each district, and number of votes for each member. The committee considered the following factors:

Districts versus At-Large:

- Districts may not exactly match city boundaries:
  - Example: 3 Districts would likely mean 2 districts include most/all of Olympia and 1 district includes most/all of Tumwater
- District Benefits: geographic distribution of representatives ensured
- District Challenges: Districts may be too small to ensure strong candidate pool; potential focus on district area at expense of overall agency
- At Large Benefits: Represent entirety of RFA area
- At-Large Challenges: All representatives could come from small part of RFA

Union leaders strongly want to ensure board members have sufficient time and expertise to dedicate to the oversight of the new agency.

The start-up board will be a major time commitment, ongoing board less so, but still significant.

Ms. Reed summarized the recommendation for consideration by the Council:

- Seven-member board because it is a functional size, large enough to support subcommittees, and constitutes an odd number to avoid tie votes

Ms. Reed reviewed the six options considered by the committee:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
# of Seats	5	6	7	7	7	7
Olympia	1	3	2	1	1	2
Tumwater	1	3	2	1	1	2
Elected – At-Large			3	5		
Elected by District	3				5	3
Voting	Each member has 1 vote					
Other	Staggering or terms/initial term for each board member under discussion, want to minimize turnover required at each election					

Councilmember Althausen asked the Council to consider the six options

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considered by the committee based on the following factors: concerns with the board size, preferences for districts versus at-large seats (or having both), and ongoing Council representation on the board. He acknowledged Councilmember Dahlhoff for her leadership of the committee.

Councilmember Dahlhoff added that all members of the committee supported a seven-member board for the reasons reviewed by Ms. Reed. The committee has been discussing and has differing opinions on whether Council representation should be majority membership versus fire commissioners. Although Councilmember Althausen prefers a majority council membership, she prefers a majority of fire commissioners (elected) based on other RFAs in the state and feedback from labor representatives.

Councilmembers Dahlhoff, Althausen, and Swarthout shared their respective opinions as to membership representation by Councilmembers versus Fire Commissioners. Councilmember Dahlhoff noted the fire union has conveyed a strong preference for majority fire commissioner representation.

Ms. Reed provided additional information in response to questions. Fire Commissioners (At-Large positions) can have a maximum 6-year term and all voters in the cities would be eligible to vote on the at-large positions. Candidates seeking an at-large position can live anywhere within the RFA boundary. In terms of the districts, it is possible to create up to three districts (2 in Olympia and 1 in Tumwater) that would not necessarily match the jurisdictional boundaries.

The Council's preference of the options was split between Option 3 and Option 4.

Ms. Reed advised that the Council would receive another briefing on the RFA finance plan later in the summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Deborah Boes, 1524 Derby Lane, Tumwater,** spoke to her concerns about the proposed Tumwater Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facility located off 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She asked about the feasibility study for the proposed facility and timing of the study since so many changes have occurred in the area over the last several years. She recently visited the Tumwater Library at the time the maintenance facility was closing and observed a steady stream of vehicles leaving the existing facility. She questioned whether a study determined that the proposed site was unfit for the facility because of the proximity to the library and high school. She asked about the logic of locating a facility within five neighborhoods within the 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue area. Over the last several years, at least 80 new homes have been constructed with construction currently continuing generating one to four vehicles for each home. Kaufman is building three new facilities adding another 10 to 30 vehicle trips each day onto 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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Adding the O&M facility and eventually Parks Department vehicles to the area would be a tragic traffic mess. In a memorandum by City Administrator Doan on December 9, 2021, he explained why the new O&M facility could not be constructed in three areas under consideration. She asked how that determination was reached in terms of completion of a feasibility study. She asked for access to the study to determine how the 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue property was evaluated and the positives and negatives, which is lacking in the memorandum. The memorandum also spoke to a previous O&M facility as a park on Tumwater Hill. The memorandum notes that the 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue site would also accommodate a future Parks and Facilities Shop. That information was not included in the plans shared with the neighborhoods during the recent open house, which will add even more traffic. She asked the Council to pause moving forward until a current and non-bias feasibility study has been completed and published for Tumwater residents to review.

**Pamela Hansen, PO Box 14521, Tumwater**, addressed the current level of fentanyl and other narcotic distribution and use. She cited a recent fentanyl death of a minor in Tumwater and the recent conviction of the person who provided the fentanyl. Part of the failure is the drug war focus instead of an effective deter and prevention focus, such as deterring and preventing fentanyl pills that are cheap and create highs dragging people further into drug use. She emphasized that the growth in the community will be tragic regardless of the income level if deter and prevention programs are not expanded in the community. The City needs to fully fund more single or dual-purpose K9 units for Tumwater and not rely on donations and limited grant money. She cited the City's purchase of \$33,000 in golf balls, a new amphitheater, a three roundabout freeway interchange, and funding of an old brewhouse as examples of money that could be used to fight drugs and crime and fully fund K9 units.

**Kay Hansen, 8030 Deschutes Court, SE, Tumwater**, said she and her husband have lived in the Deschutes Ridge Neighborhood for 22 years and in Thurston County for over 50 years. She thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for providing an opportunity for her to share her thoughts regarding the proposed development of the Trails End property. The City of Tumwater has stated its need for a new O&M facility. Building the facility that houses a fleet of heavy equipment and trucks in a location that is bordered on three sides by dense residential neighborhoods is irresponsible and potentially dangerous. She cited the proposed neighborhood park on a portion of the former Trails End property. Citizens in the six neighborhoods surrounding the property off 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue have been vocal in their support for a neighborhood park, a park designed to serve the immediate population living within 1/4<sup>th</sup> to 1/2 mile of the park. As taxpayers, neighborhood residents believe they have been promised a neighborhood park when the neighborhood joined former Mayor Pete Kmet in his campaign to support a new Metropolitan Park District. Reviewing the

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plans for the proposed park sparked some concerns, as there appears to be an area designated for future parking. A park designed to serve residents located within walking distance does not require a large parking lot. However, if the area reserved for future parking is to accommodate the anticipated expansion of the O&M facility then she opposes the plan. She has previously suggested the City should search for another more appropriate location for the O&M facility. City planners have suggested including a community meeting space within the proposed park. She has not heard any of the residents express a need for community meeting space within the neighborhood. Homeowner association (HOA) meetings have been held in a school lunchroom and at the library. Since the pandemic, the HOA conducts meetings via zoom. A community center intended to serve the City should be located in another location that is near a bus line and more centrally located.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: City Council Worksession, May 24, 2022 - *Pulled*
- b. Approval of Minutes: City Council, June 7, 2022
- c. Payment of Vouchers
- d. Preliminary Docket for 2022 Annual Housekeeping Amendments
- e. PSE Schedule 74 Project Plan
- f. Contract Extension for the Thurston County Office of Public Defense
- g. First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS)
- h. Interlocal Agreement – Barnes Boulevard and Ridgeview Loop Crossing Improvements
- i. Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual Revisions
- j. Pioneer Park Riparian Restoration Service Provider Agreement
- k. Tumwater Hill Park Trail - Crosby Connector – Award and Authority to Sign Contract
- l. Cancellation of the July 5th Regular Council Meeting
- m. Hopkins Drainage District Assessment

#### **MOTION:**

**Councilmember Althaus moved, seconded by Councilmember Dahlhoff, to approve the consent calendar as amended. A voice vote approved the motion. Councilmember Schneider abstained from voting to avoid a conflict of interest with respect to item m.**

#### **COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION, MAY 24, 2022**

Councilmember Cathey referred to page 10 of the May 24, 2022 City Council worksession minutes. She conveyed that the summation of the conversation within the fifth paragraph is inaccurate and not reflective of the discussion. She suggested revising the paragraph to reflect, “City Administrator Doan added that the Council should avoid communicating with the public on issues involving the City’s permit process (land use).” She suggested removing the remaining portion of the paragraph unless the



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Council has a further discussion as to what it means for a Councilmember to cause a difficult situation for fellow Councilmembers and creating difficulty in interpersonal relations.

Mayor Sullivan recommended having staff review the recording, as she is not comfortable removing information that was discussed during the meeting. She suggested tabling action until staff can complete the review of the recording.

City Attorney Kirkpatrick advised the Council that she recollects that the conversation occurred at the worksession and that the recording can be reviewed to ensure the information reflects an accurate representation of the conversation. Additionally, while the City is required to produce minutes of meetings, there is no requirement for detailed minutes as currently produced. Agreement by the Council to shorten the section is an option. Minutes are intended to reflect the conversation and do not create any new Council rules.

Councilmember Cathey responded that the conversation reflects that if a Councilmember personally talks to a community member about an issue it could create a difficult situation among other Councilmembers. She prefers to remove the language as she previously recommended and asked for feedback from the Council on the issue.

#### **MOTION:**

**Councilmember Cathey moved, seconded by Councilmember Dahlhoff, to revise the fifth paragraph on page 10 of the May 24, 2022 City Council worksession minutes to reflect the following, “City Administrator Doan added that the Council should avoid communicating with the public on issues involving the City’s permit process (land use).”**

Several Councilmembers acknowledged that the discussion occurred but that the message was reflective of a scolding, as they understand their responsibilities as a Councilmember. Councilmember Althaus said he would not support the motion as he recalled the conversation. As elected officials, it is important to have conversations with community members and though he understands Councilmember Cathey’s concerns, he remembers the discussion and is not comfortable removing the language.

#### **MOTION:**

**The motion carried. Councilmembers Cathey, Dahlhoff, Jefferson, and Swarthout voted for and Councilmembers Althaus and Schneider opposed.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **PUBLIC HEALTH &**

The committee received an overview of the Olympia Fire Department Basic

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### **SAFETY:**

***Leatta Dahlhoff***

Life Services Transport and the Fire Department Cares Program, an update on the Thurston County Youth Marijuana Prevention Education Program by Janine Koffel, Tumwater HOPES Coalition Coordinator, an update on the results of 2021 Police Use of Force, and consideration of a First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS). The City of Tumwater is contributing to a study to assess the need for providing Basic Life Services Transport in Tumwater. The next meeting is on July 12, 2022 at 8 a.m.

### **GENERAL**

### **GOVERNMENT:**

***Michael Althausen***

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The agenda includes a proposed amendment to the planned unit development ordinance.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

***Eileen Swarthout***

The next meeting is scheduled on July 7, 2022 at 8 a.m.

### **BUDGET AND**

### **FINANCE:**

***Debbie Sullivan***

There was no meeting and no report.

### **MAYOR/CITY**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

City Administrator Doan thanked everyone for their patience as the City experiments with hybrid meetings, virtual meetings, protocols, and logistics.

The City is hosting the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities this year beginning with the parade the morning of July 4, 2022 followed by the Artesian Family Festival and the Thunder Valley Fireworks Show at the golf course.

City Administrator Doan reminded the community of the City's fireworks ban similar to the Cities of Lacey and Olympia fireworks bans. He encouraged the community to view the professional fireworks shows in Tumwater and in Lacey.

Mayor Sullivan attended the Community Action Council Mason Thurston board retreat on June 13-15, 2022. At the June 15, 2022 Intercity Transit Authority meeting, members received an update on the Bicycle Commuter Challenge, reviewed salary compensation, scheduled a public hearing for the amended vanpool fare resolution, and reappointed a citizen representative to serve another three years on the Authority. On June 20, 2022 she toured Intercity Transit's new Pattison Street facilities.

On June 18, 2022 Mayor Sullivan attended the Fred U. Harris Masonic Lodge 41<sup>st</sup> Juneteenth Celebration at the Lacey Athletic Complex. The event was co-sponsored by the City of Tumwater and the City of Lacey. The turnout was impressive. Mayor Sullivan served as an event speaker.

The City of Tumwater held a Council-to-Council meeting with the

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Nisqually Indian Tribe on June 16, 2022.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
REPORTS:**

***Charlie Schneider:***

Councilmember Schneider attended and reported on the following meetings:

- June 9, 2022 Tumwater Public Works Committee
- Tumwater HOPEs. Discussions included the direction of the coalition for next year based on available funds and resources.
- The Fred U. Harris Masonic Lodge 41<sup>st</sup> Juneteenth Celebration.
- The joint meeting with the Nisqually Indian Tribe Council and tour of the tribe's medical facility.
- The Tumwater Education Foundation fundraiser at the Heritage Distilling Company. Councilmember Swarthout serves as the Vice President of the Foundation.
- The Tumwater Farmers Market. The market is open each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School featuring produce vendors, food vendors, live music, and craft vendors.

***Michael Althausen***

Councilmember Althausen attended and reported on the following meetings:

- The Capitol Lake Executive Work Group has not met since the last Council meeting and is scheduled to meet next week.
- The Regional Housing Council (RHC) is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The Council is scheduled to receive and approve a report on the progress on the scattered site program that serves as a service center serving different homeless encampments throughout Thurston County. The program sunsets at the end of the month and data will reflect the effectiveness of the pilot project between the City of Olympia and Thurston County. Members are scheduled to discuss potential changes to the RHC governance structure and the possibility of considering smaller steps for formalizing some of the subgroups reporting to the RHC to include more subject matter expertise and some service provider expertise to help RHC make informed decisions at the beginning of each process, as well as discussing right-of-way impacts caused by homeless individuals. Thurston County and cities are discussing with the Department of Commerce the provision of some services to those homeless individuals using some funds from the Legislature to help fund permanent supportive housing units to move individuals from homelessness to supportive housing. Most of the rental assistance funds are nearly exhausted, which underscores the need to continue work on tenant protections and ensuring the City has strong supportive housing policies.
- The joint meeting with the Nisqually Indian Tribe Council.

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Councilmember Althausen thanked the Mayor and staff for organizing the meeting.

***Peter Agabi:***

Councilmember Agabi attended and reported on the following meetings:

- Joint Animal Services Commission. Councilmember Agabi received an email from Sarah Hock, Executive Director, complimenting and thanking the Tumwater Police Department for assistance in response to animal control calls. The Commission has scheduled a retreat on June 29 from 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lacey City Council Chambers. Councilmember Agabi described some personnel and operating hour changes at the Animal Services Shelter. Following the successful recruitment of open positions, the shelter will be open seven days a week including holidays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with emergency services available seven days a week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Transportation Policy Board meeting on June 8, 2022.
- The June 14, 2022 Tumwater Public Health and Safety Committee. Councilmember Agabi requested an update by the Police Department on the City's response, procedures, and protocols for school shootings. He is hopeful the information on the action plan will drive a much larger discussion by the City Council.

***Angela Jefferson:***

Councilmember Jefferson attended and reported on the following meetings:

- Experience Olympia and Beyond. Members discussed the shift and focus from COVID survival mode to economic growth as part of the organization's three-year strategic plan. Members discussed lodging tax advisory committees' funded events to create an events query and evaluation matrix to identify the top tier events in the region generating the most tourism and dollars. Members reviewed the new marketing updated TREAD Map app for Washington State in partnership with Washington State Tourism. In July, a contest will be offered on a *Trend Map Treasure Chest*. The app is designed to attract visitors to the Thurston County region. The treasure hunt will include hidden items (gift cards/certificates) on a trail within the county. Participants will find clues on Facebook and the app.
- The Thurston County Emergency Medical Services Council (EMS). Members discussed withholding the dispatch of ambulances until patients are readied for departure, new guidelines for treating patients on the scene, and passage of House Bill 1893 – EMS to Administer Some Vaccines. The bill is effective in 2025. Hands-on only CPR training has certified 1,300 individuals.
- Joint meeting with the Nisqually Indian Tribe Council. The Tribal Council is eager to establish a relationship with the City of Tumwater and the Tumwater School Board to share the tribe's history and stories via arts and partnerships.
- Food distribution volunteers are needed. The Military Family

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Advisory Network is hosting another drive-through food drive for Joint Base Lewis-McChord for family members and veterans on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Lakewood. The event has reached capacity with 700 military households registered. To register, visit [milanet.org/jblmvolunteer.org](http://milanet.org/jblmvolunteer.org). Many families in the community are having trouble making ends meet and paying their bills. Today is a challenging time for many families and individuals. She cited the availability of food pantries within the region available to the community nearly every day of the week and the option of using free public transportation offered by Intercity Transit.

***Joan Cathey:***

Councilmember Cathey reported on ongoing work by the Olympic Clean Air Authority on rulemaking for outdoor burning. Currently, the City of Tumwater prohibits all outdoor burning. Fire Chief Hurley provided input to Authority members.

Councilmember Cathey plans to attend the RHC meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 with Councilmember Althausen.

***Eileen Swarthout:***

Councilmember Swarthout commented that a store she visited earlier in the day was selling packets of fireworks. She is concerned that shoppers may find the availability of fireworks confusing in a community that bans fireworks.

***Leatta Dahlhoff:***

Councilmember Dahlhoff acknowledged the information provided by Councilmember Jefferson for access to food and free bus transportation. She asked for the identification of some solutions for those community members who lack transportation or the flexibility within their schedule or the time to use transit to travel to different locations. She thanked Councilmember Jefferson for her efforts to publicize information to the community on the availability of food resources.

The LOTT Clean Water Alliance Board of Directors is reviewing the budget for 2023. The budget review revealed no major increases for the jurisdictions other than the standard 3% increase. The City's average customer bill for wastewater rates averages \$64.13 in comparison to the regional average of \$81.47.

Councilmember Dahlhoff spoke to the conversation on the amendment to the minutes and how it reflects a good example of the Council's ability to discuss an issue, disagree, and share frustrations while continuing to maintain mutual respect and moving on.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**With there being no further business, Mayor Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.**

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