

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Agenda
City Hall - Council Chambers
November 10, 2020 8:30 – 11:00 AM

8:30 – 8:45 Chamber Report

This time is provided for a Chamber of Commerce representative to provide an update to the City Council on items of interest to the Chamber and City.

8:45 – 9:00 Allowing Bees in the City

The City does not currently allow residents within the City limits to keep bees. There has been a request that we consider amending our code to allow for limited beekeeping within the City as either an outright allowance or an allowance by permit. Bees are a major pollinator of fruits, vegetables, and flowers, commercially and in-home gardens. We will have a representative of the Washington State Beekeepers Association with us to answer questions.

The following items are included under **TAB B**:

- Examples of City Codes allowing bees – from Spokane, Spokane Valley, Airway Heights, and Wenatchee

9:00 – 9:20 Rate & Fee Schedule – Final Review

The City Council is being provided this time to answer any questions on the planned rate and fee changes for 2021. The Council was provided the draft redline document at the October Study Session for consideration of changes to be discussed and finalized at this meeting; no new changes have been incorporated. The Council will be presented with the final Rate & Fee Resolution for adoption at the December 8, 2020 meeting.

The following item is included under **TAB C**:

- Draft Resolution – Rate & Fee Schedule – Redline Version

9:20 – 9:50 Lodging Tax Biennial Budget Request – Leavenworth Area Promotions

Jessica Stoller, Leavenworth Area Promotions (LAP) Representative, will be joining the Council to review the annual request for Lodging Tax Funds. She will review the provided request for dollars and answer any questions of the Council.

The following items are included under **TAB D**:

- 2021 LAP Budget Request for Lodging Tax Dollars
- 2021 – 2022 Lodging Tax Final Budget

9:50 – 10:10 2021 COVID Relief Funding for Community Based / Non-Profits

Early on in the pandemic, as we discussed ways that the City could support the community through this difficult time, we mentioned a number of ways, including support of the downtown businesses and utility support for residences. We also talked about ways to support local 501(c)(3) nonprofits, which contribute to the life and welfare of the community, but who may be facing increased costs, or decreases in funding, due to COVID-related events. Staff is recommending that we set aside \$15,000 for nonprofits to reimburse for these costs. There would be an application submittal explaining why these costs were driven by the pandemic, and how the organization uses the funds to directly contribute to the health and welfare of the community.

There are no items included under **TAB E**.

10:10 – 10:25 Review of 2021 Planning Commission Docket

This time is provided to the City Council to review the Draft 2021 Planning Commission Docket. The Planning Commission Docket is intended to provide a priority list of Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation projects to be reviewed within the next year by the Planning Commission. The focus of the amendments is first with State required updates then City Council amendments, studies or reports. Pursuant to Leavenworth Municipal Code Section 21.03.040, the Docket only addresses amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to Title 17, Subdivisions, Title 18 Zoning, and Title 16 Critical Areas, excluding Chapter 16.04 SEPA. Additional actions may be requested by the City Council.

The Docket is compiled each November/December with input from the Planning Commission, the City Council, the public, and City staff. In January, the City Council hosts a meeting with the Planning Commission to review and prioritize the Docket.

Items completed in 2020 include addressing several Code Inconsistencies (right of entry, violation process, service sign exemption, pool covers, exempt buildings), and the Capital Facilities Plan. Carry-over items include the Housing Action Plan (expected completion May 2021), the Transportation Element Update (expected completion March 2021), and the Shoreline Master Program (expected completion June 2021).

The Draft 2021 Docket has been streamlined. The Osborn Property Ideas/Planning was removed as the City is requesting the work be completed by a consultant. The Housing Task Force Recommendation has been changed to focus on the Housing Action Plan recommendations.

At this time, the Council is asked to review the draft, consider additions/subtractions, and contemplate priorities.

The following items are included under **TAB F**:

- Draft 2021 Docket
- Final 2020 Docket

10:25 – 10:40 Sister City Possibility with St. Martin Vesubie, France

Back in July, the Mayor was approached by someone who was interested in helping us establish a Sister City relationship with a small mountain resort town in the French Alps called St. Martin Vesubie. **Huguette Marsicano** was born in Nice, not far from St. Martin Vesubie. She visits there and also Leavenworth, often. She currently lives in Ollala, WA. When the Mayor of St. Martin Vesubie asked Ms. Marsicano for a town in America that they could have a Sister City relationship with, she immediately thought of us. This is a short presentation about St. Martin Vesubie that she has prepared for our consideration.

The following item is included under **TAB G:**

- Copies of a Slide Presentation about St. Martin Vesubie, France

10:40 – 11:00 Council Open Discussion / Public Comment Period

This time is for the Council open discussion and public comments.