

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL
Study Session Agenda
City Hall - Council Chambers
June 8, 2021 8:30 – 11:45 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.

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

8:45-9:00 Pilot Program: Honey Bees in Leavenworth

Mayor Florea will present additional information regarding the benefits of honey bees. Currently the City Code prohibits honey bees. Mayor Florea proposes language for a pilot program that would allow the Community to experiment with allowing honey bees for a defined period of time. Staff connected with the Cities of Wenatchee, Ellensburg, and Airway Heights; those cities reported zero complaints regarding honey bees and of those, only Wenatchee has a formal permit process, which requires registration with the City as well as with the WA State Department of Agriculture. All bee colonies are required to be registered with the WA State Department of Agriculture. Also present via zoom will be resident Heidi Bard, the beekeeper who initiated this conversation with Mayor Florea last year and will share her experience and answer questions.

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

- The Proposed Language for Requirements for Beekeepers

9:00 – 9:15 Non-motorized Uses Chapter 5.37

The Development Services staff seeks discussion with the Council regarding LMC Chapter 5.37, which currently authorizes up to five nonmotorized vehicles for hire to operate within the city limits. Nonmotorized vehicles for hire include horse-drawn carriages, pedicabs, etc. The proposed changes would exclude horse-drawn carriages from the maximum five licenses, while still limiting the carriages to a maximum of two. The carriages would be regulated differently because they are viewed as a tour rather than a form of transportation. This change would allow existing nonmotorized vehicle for hire companies to add additional licenses and also allow new applicants to become licensed in the City. Additional minor changes to the Chapter are proposed to clarify code requirements and address code consistency.

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

- Draft LMC Chapter 5.37 Nonmotorized Vehicle Amendments

9:15 – 9:45 Shoreline Master Program Workshop Chapters 4 - 8

The Development Services staff will review with the Council mandatory updates to the Shoreline Master Program. The City of Leavenworth is updating the 2012 Shoreline Master Program, as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The review ensures the Shoreline Master Program stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other City plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data. Additionally, the City will consider ways to streamline the regulations and permit processes.

The Shoreline Master Program is both a comprehensive plan element and a regulating document for the lands within 200' of the ordinary high-water mark or associated floodplain, known as the shoreline jurisdiction. For the City of Leavenworth that covers lands from the Golf Course downstream to the KOA campgrounds. The shoreline jurisdiction is managed by both the City and Department of Ecology. This governing partnership includes an optional joint planning and updating process which is being used for this update.

During this workshop, staff will review the checklists and specific changes to chapters 4-8.

There are no items under **TAB E**, items provided electronically, by request or online at: <https://cityofleavenworth.com/city-government/development-services-department/shoreline-master-program-update/>, see:

- Draft Leavenworth SMP
- Checklist from Dept of Ecology
- Checklist for additional amendments

9:45 – 10:15 LIFE 2.5

Mayor Florea presented the main component of his LIFE 2.5 vision at the April retreat: community sustainability. He discussed the dangers that communities like Leavenworth suffer due to their beauty and proximity to larger, wealthy cities. The City's desirability is both its strength and weakness. The Mayor presents the logic model his Administration will embrace for the next few years.

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

- Logic Model

10:15 – 10:30 Memorandum of Understanding with the Wenatchee River Institute: Story Trail

The Wenatchee River Institute requested use of a City shoreline trail, just east of the Barn Beach Reserve, to place displays along a trail. The displays would hold various story book pages for people to read as they walk. Displays will be changed out with new stories each month. The memorandum of understanding outlines an agreement on placement and maintenance of the displays. This concept was favorably reviewed at the May 11, 2021 Parks Committee and is on the consent agenda for this evening meeting.

The following item is included under **TAB 6 (Evening Meeting):**

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding

10:30 – 11:35 River Pilot Program

Staff presented a logic model to guide the work of a 2021 pilot program to manage tubing activity. Staff presents the first draft of this pilot program.

The following item is included under **TAB 11 (Evening Meeting):**

- Slideshow for Proposed Pilot Program

11:35 – 11:45 Council Open Discussion / Public Comment Period

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

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