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**CONVENE:** 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pete Kmet and Councilmembers Joan Cathey, Eileen Swarthout, Ed Hildreth, Nicole Hill, Tom Oliva, and Debbie Sullivan.

Excused: Councilmember Neil McClanahan.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan, Assistant City Administrator Heidi Behrends-Cerniwey, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Finance Director Ursula Euler, Public Works Director Jay Eaton, Police Chief John Stines, School Resource Officer/Police Detective Chuck Liska, and Recording Secretary Tom Gow.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** The Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Lacey for Application and Administration of a Thurston County Treatment Sales Tax was pulled from the Consent Calendar (item h) and moved to Council Considerations for discussion.

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO CHUCK LISKA, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:** Mayor Kmet recognized School Resource Officer and Police Detective Chuck Liska for receiving TOGETHER's *Champion for Kids* award this year. Mayor Kmet reviewed Officer Liska's contributions to the Tumwater School District.

Police Chief Stines reported that because of Officer's Liska efforts and dedication to make schools a better place, a cultural transformation has occurred at the high schools. Tumwater's School Resource Officer program is unique and different from other similar programs. Officer Liska takes the time to develop relationships and serves as a mentor to help guide many students. Officer Liska is deserving of the award and recognition as a *Champion for Kids*.

Officer Liska shared that he developed a program to ensure that all students feel valued. He held a similar position in the City of Federal Way. Creating a positive climate where all students feel valued helps to improve a student's relationship with others.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, February 17, 2015.
- b. Payment of Vouchers
- c. Resolution No. R2015-003, SAFER Grant
- d. Tree Board Appointment of Dr. Brent Chapman and Reappointment of Richard G. Phillips III

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- e. Master Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County
- f. Storm Water Facilities Easement – Port of Olympia
- g. Barnes Lake Management District (LMD) 2015 Work Plan, Operating Budget and Vendor Contract
- h. Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Lacey for Application and Administration of a Thurston County Treatment Sales Tax Grant (*Pulled*)

**MOTION:** **Councilmember Hill moved, seconded by Councilmember Oliva, to approve the consent calendar as amended. Motion carried.**

Mayor Kmet reviewed the items approved on the consent calendar.

**COUNCIL  
CONSIDERATIONS:**

**MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING  
WITH THE CITY OF  
LACEY FOR  
APPLICATION AND  
ADMINISTRATION  
OF A THURSTON  
COUNTY  
TREATMENT  
SALES TAX GRANT**

City Administrator Doan reported the proposal is a partnership with the City of Lacey through a memorandum of understanding to hire a diversion/re-entry counselor to work at the Nisqually Tribal Jail to screen individuals charged with misdemeanors to ascertain the need for mental health and substance abuse services. The program would divert those individuals to other programs rather than serving time in jail. Thurston County has provided \$100,000 in funds for the program. The position would be located at the Nisqually Tribal Jail.

Additionally, a similar grant application is being proposed for a federal government grant to provide the same service for tribal members in the Nisqually Tribal Jail.

The City of Lacey has agreed to administer the grant pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. The proposal is for a one-year program.

**MOTION:** **Councilmember Hildreth moved, seconded by Councilmember Oliva, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lacey and the City of Tumwater. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** There was no report.  
*Ed Hildreth*

**GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT:** There was no report.  
*Joan Cathey*

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**PUBLIC WORKS:** All items reviewed by the committee were included within the consent calendar.  
*Neil McClanahan*

**BUDGET AND FINANCE:** There was no report.  
*Pete Kmet*

**MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Kmet shared information on his attendance to several community events on behalf of the City.

City Administrator Doan reported on several open positions for participating in Tumwater University. He encouraged citizens to consider enrolling and participating in the two, three-hour sessions on March 9 and March 16. More information is available by calling 360.252.5424.

The Neighborhood Project Grant program has been initiated. The program provides up to a \$1,000 grant to community groups for neighborhood or community improvement projects. More information is available by calling 360.252.5424.

Mayor Kmet reported the Irving Street neighborhood met with City staff and officials and shared feedback on the City's plan to replace the temporary neighborhood traffic calming devices with permanent traffic calming devices.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

*Tom Oliva:* The meetings of Thurston Regional Planning Council and the LOTT Clean Water Alliance Board are scheduled later in the month.

Attended the recent American Chestnut trees dedication at the Mills and Mills Funeral Home to recognize a pair of rare 170-year old American Chestnut trees. Millions of American Chestnut trees across the nation were killed by a rare disease affecting only Chestnut trees.

Visited "T" Street Park to observe work on the LOTT Clean Water Alliance/golf course reclaimed water tank and park improvements. The park should open sometime in April/May.

*Debbie Sullivan:* At the last Intercity Transit worksession, members reviewed items for consideration at its March 4 meeting. Councilmember Sullivan is attending the American Public Transportation Association conference next week.

Members of the Thurston Mason Lewis Community Council reviewed recent

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grants and the receipt of discount bus passes for clients, a community block grant, and a grant for a weatherization program.

*Councilmember Cathey arrived at the meeting.*

***Nicole Hill:*** At the last Thurston County Economic Development Council meeting, members received a copy of the 2015 activity report. Ice Chips, a company in Yelm has expanded and relocated its production to Tumwater's urban growth area.

***Ed Hildreth:*** Councilmember Hildreth reported he is a member of the panel tasked with selecting the new Tumwater School District Superintendent. Councilmember Swarthout is scheduled to attend on his behalf at the next meeting of the panel, which includes the final review of candidates.

***Eileen Swarthout:*** Tumwater United for Families (TUFF) is scheduled to meet on Friday, March 6.

Attended the tree ceremony at Mills and Mills. Historical information shared during the ceremony was very interesting.

Participated in the trash pick-up with other Councilmembers and volunteers.

***Joan Cathey:*** Councilmember Cathey shared that she attended the panel interviews of the final three candidates for the Superintendent of the Tumwater School District. She was asked by several of her constituents to attend the panel interviews.

The next meeting of the Community Investment Partnership (CIP) is on Monday, March 9 to consider the allocation of \$600,000 in human services grants.

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is on Thursday, March 5. Members are scheduled to receive an update on results of the plastic bag ban.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **With there being no further business, Mayor Kmet adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.**