

URBAN EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA FOR MONDAY April 13, 2020
1:15 p.m. — Streaming Live Online & Airing on City Cable 5

4/13/20

The Spokane City Council's Urban Experience meeting will be held at 1:15 p.m. on April 13, 2020 – Streaming Live Online & Airing on City Cable 5. Council members and presenters will be attending virtually and the meeting will be streamed live at <https://my.spokanecity.org/citycable5/live> and will also air on City Cable 5.

The meeting will be conducted in a standing committee format. Because a quorum of the City Council may be present, the standing committee meeting will be conducted as a committee of the whole council.

The physical meeting will not be open to the public and no public testimony will be taken. Discussion will be limited to appropriate officials, presenters and staff. The public is encouraged to tune in live at the address above.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
[February 10th](#) and [March 9th](#)
- III. Consent Items**
 - A. [Sewer Bend Value Blanket Renewal](#) – Mike Lowdon
 - B. [Volt Workforce Solutions – Contract Funding Extension for 2020](#) – Dusty Fredrickson
- IV. Staff Reports**
 - A. Spokane Arts: Artist Assistance Fund – CM Stratton & Melissa Hudgins, Spokane Arts (10 min.)
 - B. Parks Update: Impacts of COVID-19 (physical, staffing, event revenue) and Strategies Moving Forward – Garrett Jones (10 min.)
 - C. Joint COVID-19 EOC: Business Recovery Work and Our Spokane Small Business COVID-19 Assistance – Teri Stripes (10 min.)
 - D. Equity and Business Recovery during COVID-19 – CM Wilkerson (10 min.)
 - E. General Update on COVID-19 community outreach – Wes Crago & Brian Coddington (10 min.)
 - F. [Permit Extension Interim Ordinance](#) – Brian McClatchey (10 min.)
 - G. [Year-Round Speed Limits Adjacent to Parks and Park Properties](#) – CM Kinnear (10 min.)
 - H. [Essentiality of Residential Construction](#) – CM Cathcart (10 min.)
- V. Adjournment:**

Next Urban Experience Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2020.

STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Urban Experience Committee
2/10/20 – MINUTES

Attendance

Andrew Chanse, Eldon Brown, Fianna Dickson, Teri Stripes, Kris Becker, Danielle Arnold, Tyler Benner, Paul Warfield, Paul Krupp, Sally Stopher, CM Betsy Wilkerson, Tirrell Black, Colin Quinn-Hurst, CM Lori Kinnear, Louis Meuler, Giacobbe Byrd, Melissa Morrison, Matt Davis, Inga Note, Nate Gwinn, Brian McClatchey, Garrett Jones, CM Karen Stratton, Cm Breean Beggs, Kyle Overbust, CM Michael Cathcart, Mike Sloon, Erik Poulson, Tim Sigler, Tija Danzig, Mike Piccolo, CM Kate Burke, Hannahlee Allers, Berry Ellison, Kandace Watkins, CM Candace Mumm, Danielle Cossey, Riley Smith, Paul Trautman, Shae Blackwell

Non-City Employees:

Larissa Nolte, Tara Alfano, Alisha Shaw (SAO), Toby Hatley (WRA), Mike Tresidder, Andrew Rowles, Judge Lawson

The meeting started at 1:16p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes for January were approved.

Agenda Items:

1. Riverfront Park Re-Development Update- Garrett Jones

Berry presented on the updates for the North Bank park and Havermale Island renovations along with budget and timeline. Update on the maintenance post construction after question. Question on bathrooms for the Pavilion and discussion on permanent vs temporary restrooms.

2. Accountability Audit Exit with SAO- Sally Stopher

Council requested a copy of the recommendations, SAO team gave update on report and where additional information can be found and/or requested. Listed off areas that they reviewed. No recommendations pertaining to OT expenses, clean report with minor suggestions. Estimated 2020 cost \$255,000 and \$150,000.

3. Highway Safety Improvement Grants- Inga Note

Presentation on Federal Grant to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Focus on Vulnerable User (car hitting pedestrian or bicyclist). Discussion on some options available.

4. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Threshold Determination- Kevin Freibott

Moved to a Study Session.

5. Delayed Funding on 2 Projects- Tija Danzig

All projects for the 5 year grant approved except for Pioneer Human Services (20 units at Carlyle) and Transition with plan to find funding elsewhere. \$140k per year for both for 2 years (\$100k and \$40k), Transition 24 cottages with 3 rooms. Discussion on funding and looking at other areas for funding than general fund reserves.

6. Youth Bus Pass Program Funding- CM Kate Burke

Wanted to know if there was funding set aside. There wasn't, email conversation saying there was. Andrew gave an update on the costs/estimates. Discussion on passes and data that was tracked.

7. Housing Project Updates- Melissa Morrison

Affordable housing update, 1406 measure, funds for housing should be received in May. \$401,000 per year. House bill 1590, 1/10 of 1% of sales tax to affordable housing. For Spokane about \$6 million per year. Judge gave input from Community Court perspective and re-entry.

8. City/County PDA Revenue District Tracking and Distribution Process- Teri Stripes

Packet identifies how the PDA's would like to see the tax revenue come in. Look at the methodology portion of the packet.

9. Economic Update- Kris Becker

Update by Kris with current numbers.

Consent Items:

All consent items were approved and moved forward.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session at this meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Prepared by:

Danielle Norman

Approved by:

Chair

For further information contact: Danielle Norman, 625-6195

STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Urban Experience Committee
3/9/20 – MINUTES

Attendance

City Employees: Mike Tressider, David Paine, Louis Meuler, Andrew Chanse, Eric Finch, Teri Stripes, Kris Becker, Kyle Twohig, Katherine Miller, Marlene Feist, Kyle Overbust, CM Karen Stratton, Garrett Jones, Maren Murphy, Melissa Wittstruck, Tirrell Black, Chris Green, Scott Simmons, CM Lori Kinnear, CP Breann Beggs, CM Michael Cathcart, Hannahlee Allers, CM Betsy Wilkerson, CM Candace Mumm, Patrick Jones, CM Kate Burke, Danielle Cossey, Giacobbe Byrd, Paul Ingiosi, Sally Stopher

Non-City Employees: Paul Kropp, Taylor Stevens, Drew Kleman, Daniel Zepetocke, Barry Barfield, Geri Rathman

The meeting started at 1:16 p.m.

Board & Commission Nominees:

Citizens who have applied to City Boards & Commissions introduced themselves and shared some of the reasons they want to be a part of the board or commission they applied to. All applicants have been forwarded to the City Council for approval to their respective boards or commissions.

Taylor Stevens (BAB), Drew Kleman (DRB), Daniel Zepetocke (SHLC), Barry Barfield & Geri Rathman (CHHS Board)

Approval of Minutes:

There were no minutes from February's meeting, so they could not be approved. The committee will approve them, along with March's minutes, at the April meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. Shared Mobility Contract and Ordinances Updates – Colin Quinn-Hurst

Colin shared statistics from the 2019 WheelShare Program, followed by updates to the Shared Mobility Contract and to City ordinances to include clarifying language specifying prohibited sidewalk behaviors on shared mobility vehicles, the addition of enforcement requirements, and adjustments to bicycle requirements.

2. Grand Blvd Transportation & Land Use Study – Melissa Wittstruck

Melissa gave an update on the results from the February 27th open house and market analysis regarding the Grand Boulevard Study. She advised feedback and results from the open house/workshop have been combined with consultant studies and several hundred SurveyMonkey responses and comments as building blocks for the final study.

3. Update on South University District Subarea Plan – Chris Green

Chris gave an update on the South University District draft subarea plan, discussing the goals, policies, and proposed zone changes to guide future development in the South U-District. Chris also advised the committee Plan Commission would be holding a public hearing on the draft plan March 25th and would be forwarding a recommendation to City Council.

4. STA Summer Youth Passes – Eric Finch & Andrew Chanse

Eric and Andrew shared youth bus-riding statistics with the committee and discussed how that information is being used to create this year's summer youth pass program that will start in June.

5. Economic Update – Kris Becker

Kris provided the monthly update on permitting activity.

Consent Items:

All consent items were approved and moved forward.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session at this meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM

Prepared by:

Stephanie Bishop

Approved by:

Chair – Karen Stratton

For further information contact: Stephanie Bishop, 625-6244

Briefing Paper

Urban Experience Committee

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| Division & Department: | Public Works, 4310 Wastewater Maintenance |
| Subject: | Sewer Bend Value Blanket Renewal |
| Date: | 4/13/2020 |
| Author (email & phone): | Mike Lowdon, mldowdon@spokanecity.org , x7927 |
| City Council Sponsor: | Council President Breean Beggs |
| Executive Sponsor: | Scott Simmons, Director – Public Works |
| Committee(s) Impacted: | PIES |
| Type of Agenda item: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Initiative |
| Alignment: | Funding for these purchases has been included in the Wastewater Maintenance Warehouse budget |
| Strategic Initiative: | Innovative Infrastructure |
| Deadline: | The last order expired on 2/28/2020 |
| Outcome: (deliverables, delivery duties, milestones to meet) | This blanket order supports efficient and competitive procurement of galvanized sheet metal sewer bends in sizes ranging four (4) to twelve (12) inches for the 2020 construction/repair season (80% of this expenditure estimated to be used on eight (8) inch bends). |
| <p>Background/History: Bid #4326-17 was issued in January of 2017 to twenty-one companies and plan holders. Two bid responses were received. Spokane Tin & Sheet Iron Works, Inc. was correspondingly awarded a one year value blanket order as the low, responsive bidder.</p> <p>Spokane Tin & Sheet Iron Works, Inc. has agreed to renew that order for an additional year at no increase over the original bid pricing. This represents the third of four (4) optional annual renewals upon mutual consent. One annual renewal option remains.</p> | |
| <p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal of existing value blanket order with Spokane Tin & Sheet Iron Works, Inc. (Spokane, WA) for \$75,000.00 including tax Original Bid #4326-17 Existing order expired at the end of February 2020 This renewal represents the third of four annual renewal options at mutual consent This renewal maintains the 2017 pricing through February 2021 | |
| <p>Budget Impact:</p> <p>Approved in current year budget? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Annual/Reoccurring expenditure? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If new, specify funding source: Wastewater Maintenance Warehouse Budget</p> <p>Other budget impacts: None</p> | |
| <p>Operations Impact:</p> <p>Consistent with current operations/policy? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Requires change in current operations/policy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Specify changes required: None</p> <p>Known challenges/barriers: None</p> | |

Briefing Paper

Urban Experience Committee

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| Division & Department: | Office of Performance Management/Project Management Office |
| Subject: | Volt Workforce Solutions – Contract Funding Extension for 2020 |
| Date: | 3/20/2020 |
| Author (email & phone): | Dusty Fredrickson, PMO - Sr. Project Manager, x-6482 |
| City Council Sponsor: | |
| Executive Sponsor: | Eric Finch |
| Committee(s) Impacted: | Urban Experience Committee |
| Type of Agenda item: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Initiative |
| Alignment: (link agenda item to guiding document – i.e., Master Plan, Budget, Comp Plan, Policy, Charter, Strategic Plan) | This agenda item directly supports the completion of the eSuite Legal Case Management solution. |
| Strategic Initiative: | Safe and Healthy |
| Deadline: | 4/30/2020 |
| Outcome: (deliverables, delivery duties, milestones to meet) | Approve budgeted PMO 2020 Contractual Service funds be used to extend funding of existing Volt contract (2017-0876) for critical path resources. |

Background/History:

Volt has been a key strategic partner in providing scarce skill-setted resources critical to the successful completion of the eSuite Legal Case Management solution.

The current Volt contract extends to the end of 2020, but is only funded through the end of April, 2020.

Funding this contract for the balance of 2020 will allow the eSuite project to retain:

- 1) Project Management capacity necessary to support the project's complexity and size
- 2) Business/Technical Analyst capacity to complete technically complex project deliverables

If the contract cannot be funded, the eSuite project team will lose valuable content knowledge, as well as, team capacity that will put the project's completion at risk.

Executive Summary:

Requesting approval use \$145,000 of PMO 2020 Contractual Services to fund Volt Contract 2017-0876 to the end of 2020:

- Project Management Services: \$84,000 @ \$72/hour
- Business/Technical Analyst Services: \$61,000 @ \$52/hour

This amount is funded via the PMO's internal services departmental allocation model.

Budget Impact:

Approved in current year budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Annual/Reoccurring expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If new, specify funding source:

Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)

Operations Impact:

Consistent with current operations/policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No



Requires change in current operations/policy?

Yes



No

Specify changes required:

Known challenges/barriers:

March 26, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Governor Inslee:

On behalf of Washington's 281 cities and towns, I want to thank you for your leadership and support during the COVID-19 emergency. We have appreciated the consideration that you have shown local government as you and your Administration respond.

We are very appreciative of your recent action to provide modifications to the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act during the emergency. These actions will be very helpful to mayors, councilmembers and their cities as they balance the need for transparency with public health and safety. We need and would ask for some additional clarification and flexibility around "necessary and routine" matters as reason to hold meetings. City councils conduct a wide variety of business that can continue during the emergency but may not be interpreted as "necessary and routine". Flexibility is needed during our emergency response.

As you continue to evaluate and take additional steps to address this emergency, we have identified several items for your consideration. These are policy areas where cities need additional clarification or support to help with our shared response.

Financial reporting to State Auditor and audit requirement delays

- AWC respectfully requests that the annual financial reporting deadline of May 29 be postponed for up to 90 days to allow city staff time to adequately respond to the emergency and give the important financial reporting requirements the attention that they require.
- Additionally, AWC requests that currently scheduled financial and compliance audits conducted by the State Auditor's Office (SAO) be postponed until the state of emergency has ended for the same reason.

April election timing

- Provide clarification as soon as possible on whether or not April elections will be held as scheduled. RCW 84.09.030 requires Assessors to fix the boundaries for 2021 tax collections as they exist as of August 1. Should the decision be made to cancel April elections, AWC requests that an emergency accommodation be made to allow property tax boundary determinations to be postponed from the current date of August 1 to ten days after certification of the next election. This accommodation will allow ballot measures with property tax implications to be moved to a subsequent election and still allow for the changes to be included in the 2021 property tax collections. Without this change, waiting for August or November elections will result in a year-long delay in collecting taxes within the new boundaries.

Toll or temporarily suspend permitting review and approval requirements

- Several land use and permit review statutes include deadlines and public meeting requirements that will likely not be achievable in the current emergency. AWC has identified the following key statutes that we request be suspended or tolled until the end of the emergency declaration. There are many other statutes with related deadlines; a blanket suspension on land use statutory deadlines may be appropriate. We can share the comprehensive list if desired.

- RCW 58.17.095 (public hearing on the proposed subdivision shall be held if any person files a request for a hearing within 21 days of the publishing of notice)
- RCW 58.17.140 (preliminary plats shall be approved, disapproved, or returned to applicant for modification/correction within 90 days from date of filing; final plats within 30 days)
- RCW 36.70B.070 (project permit applications (28 days), notice to applicant)
- RCW 36.70B.080 (development regulations requirements (120 days to process a completed permit application subject to damages))
- RCW 36.70B.110 (notice of application, public comments, hearing, appeal deadlines)

Public Disclosure F-1 reporting delay

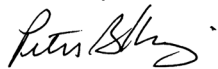
- Elected officials are required to file a Personal Financial Affairs statement (F-1) with the Public Disclosure Commission on April 15 per RCW 42.17A and Title 390 WAC. Given that many elected officials are focused on responding to and supporting their community during the emergency, AWC requests that the deadline be postponed for up to 90 days.

AWC also respectfully requests you consider a mechanism to provide emergency financial support to cities which may find themselves struggling to cover basic and emergency essential services. We ask that any relief help cover costs related to overtime pay for first responders and emergency housing needed to quarantine any first responders exposed to the virus. This could take the form of grants or low/no interest loans to cover public safety and essential operations.

In addition to these measures, we would like to address any consideration of postponing collection of state and local property taxes due in April. As you are aware, property tax revenue is one of the most important revenue sources for cities in our state. It is an even more important source with the economic impact of COVID-19 on retail sales tax collections. Cities across the state are already expressing concern about their ability to cover the costs of emergency response while continuing to provide essential government services. For those reasons, we ask that collection of local property taxes not be delayed and continue to be collected and distributed on schedule.

Again, we thank you for your leadership and support. Together we will get through this emergency. We appreciate your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



Peter B. King
CEO

c: Keith Phillips, Policy Director
Kathryn Leathers, General Counsel
Nick Streuli, External Relations Director

ORDINANCE NO. C-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TEMPORARILY POSTPONING EXPIRATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND APPROVED LAND USE ACTIONS AND CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND TEMPORARILY TOLLING PROCEDURAL DEADLINES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has determined that a pandemic exists due to the global spread of a highly contagious virus commonly known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been declared by the federal, state, county, and municipal governments in response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Emergency Proclamation 20-25 ("Stay Home - Stay Healthy") and Emergency Proclamation 20-28 (prohibiting in-person meetings at physical locations through April 23, 2020) requiring all people in Washington State to immediately cease leaving their home or place of residence except to conduct or participate in essential activities and/or for employment in essential business services (collectively, the "Governor's Emergency Proclamations"); and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Governor Inslee provided official guidance stating that construction activities are not considered essential under Proclamation 20-25, except in limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic and the emergency declarations and proclamations are causing delays for an indeterminate period of time in the construction, inspection, and review of development projects with an active application or permit with the City of Spokane and will cause delays with any project or permit applications filed during the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, a number of land use and permit review statutes and municipal code provisions include deadlines and public meeting requirements that are not achievable in the current emergency; and the purpose of this ordinance is to recognize the infeasibility/impossibility of meeting certain process requirements and time limitations on development permit applications while complying with Governor's Emergency Proclamations.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to encourage a continuation of construction activity delayed by the emergency restrictions and by the economic impacts of the

pandemic through postponement of the deadlines and expiration dates for applications and permits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes the necessity for staff telecommuting, for City compliance with the Governor's restrictions on non-essential activities, and for prioritizing work to address the emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, this public health and economic crisis creates a time-sensitive emergency requiring the use of an interim zoning ordinance extending development application processing and permit expiration time periods; and

WHEREAS, this interim ordinance is intended to be temporary until public health and economic conditions improve and the provisions of this Ordinance are procedural in nature, in that they only modify the amount of time an application or an issued permit remains viable. Accordingly, this Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of a threshold determination under the State Environmental Policy Act pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19) and does not require transmittal to the Washington State Department of Commerce for comment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to adopt this interim Ordinance and that such Ordinance is necessary for the immediate protection of the public health, safety, property, or peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The Recitals set forth above are adopted as the Findings of Fact required pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390.

Section 2. Extensions of Development Applications and Permits.

A. This section relates to all development project applications and permits under Title 17 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

B. A permit or development approval (for example, a preliminary subdivision plat or preliminary PUD) that is currently valid or was valid as of January 1, 2020, shall not lapse, terminate, or otherwise expire prior to December 31, 2020, and the expiration date of the permit or development approval or time period for meeting a deadline or for performance of a condition of the permit or development approval shall be either the time currently provided by code or December 31, 2020, whichever date is later, unless the specific time period is required by state law and cannot be waived.

C. Any application that is currently actively processing or that is determined to be complete between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, will not be lapsed, cancelled, or expired prior to December 31, 2020, and time period for meeting a

deadline or for performance of a condition of the application (including deadlines for obtaining permits that are ready for issuance) shall be either the time currently provided by code or December 31, 2020, whichever date is later, unless the specific time period is required by state law and cannot be waived.

D. Application processing timelines relating to project permit applications processed under Title 17 SMC that are impossible or infeasible to meet while complying with the Governor's emergency proclamations are suspended and will be tolled while the Governor's emergency proclamations are in effect.

Section 3. State Law. The Council recognizes that in addition to the City's local ordinances and regulations there are associated state statutory deadlines and timelines in Chapters 36.70A, 36.70B, 43.21C, 58.17, and 90.58 RCW, among others, which the Council does not have the authority to waive or extend. If the Governor issues an emergency proclamation or other order providing relief from state statutory deadlines and other requirements for development projects, the Council authorizes the Development Services Director, Planning Director, Public Works & Utilities Director, and/or Fire Marshal, as applicable, to implement or adopt any available measures or relief from those statutory deadlines and requirements provided such interpretations are temporary and consistent with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Director Interpretations. Council further authorizes the Development Services Director, the Planning Director, the Public Works & Utilities Director, and/or the Fire Marshal, as applicable, to issue temporary procedural interpretations to address deadlines, notices (where the technical requirements of SMC 17G.060.110 and .120 cannot be satisfied due to closure of public buildings, etc.), or other requirements related to development activities that were not specifically addressed in this Ordinance, provided such interpretations are temporary and consistent with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Public Hearing. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390, a public hearing on the interim official controls established by this Ordinance shall be held within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Ordinance to hear and consider public comment.

Section 6. Declaration of Emergency and Effective Date. This Ordinance, passed by at least a majority plus one of the whole membership of the City Council as a public emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, property, or safety and for the immediate support of City government and its existing public institutions, shall be effective immediately upon its adoption as provided in Section 19 of the City Charter.

Section 7. Expiration. The City Council adopts this interim regulation under the authority of RCW 36.70A.390. Therefore, the interim controls adopted herein shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Ordinance and shall

automatically expire after a period of six months, unless extended as provided by statute or otherwise superseded by action of Council, whichever occurs first.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 9. Corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Section 10. Use of Alternative Means to Conduct Meetings and Hearings Not Precluded. The Ordinance is not intended to preclude acceptance, processing, and action on development permit applications. Nor is it intended to preclude using alternative means to conduct meetings or hearings, e.g. telephone conference or web conference, when feasible and when can be conducted in a manner that is consistent the Governor's Emergency Proclamations and with the spirit and intent of a particular meeting or hearing that is required under Title 17 SMC, as determined by the division or department director charged with making the decision.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON _____

Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

Assistant City Attorney

Mayor

Date

Effective Date

Briefing Paper

Urban Experience

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| Division & Department: | City Council |
| Subject: | Year-Round Speed Limits Adjacent to Parks and Park Properties |
| Date: | April 13, 2020 |
| Contact (email & phone): | Giacobbe Byrd (gbyrd@spokanecity.org) (509) 625-6715 |
| City Council Sponsor: | Breean Beggs and Lori Kinnear |
| Executive Sponsor: | |
| Committee(s) Impacted: | Urban Experience; Public Safety & Community Health; PIES |
| Type of Agenda item: | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Initiative |
| Alignment: (link agenda item to guiding document – i.e., Master Plan, Budget, Comp Plan, Policy, Charter, Strategic Plan) | |
| Strategic Initiative: | Safe and Healthy |
| Deadline: | Will be filed as an Emergency Resolution for Council consideration at the April 13 th 2020 legislative session. |
| Outcome: (deliverables, delivery duties, milestones to meet) | This resolution makes streets around parks safer for pedestrians and cyclists and provides a solution for drivers either speeding around parks or ignoring the summer speed limit signs. |
| Background/History: Over the past two years, CM Kinnear worked with former-CM Fagan and the PeTT committee to find a mutually agreeable solution for drivers either speeding around parks or ignoring the summer speed limit signs. This resolution captures the spirit of what they have been trying to accomplish to make streets around parks safer for pedestrians and cyclists. | |
| Executive Summary: Council allocated \$500,000 for SPD to hire four new traffic officers last year; this resolution will not be a burden for police officers to enforce. The resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is in direct response to the COVID-19 virus and increased pedestrians visiting parks outside of the summer season • Establishes a two-year pilot project that institutes year-round 20 mph speed limits on streets adjacent to certain City parks and park properties that currently have seasonal 20 mph speed limits • Creates a mechanism by which Neighborhood Councils can request additional year-round speed reductions on streets adjacent to City parks or park properties • Will save staff time by eliminating the need for seasonal installation and de-installation of speed limit signage | |
| Budget Impact: Approved in current year budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Annual/Reoccurring expenditure? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A If new, specify funding source: Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.) | |
| Operations Impact: Consistent with current operations/policy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Requires change in current operations/policy? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | |

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____.

A resolution establishing a two-year pilot project instituting a year-long 20 mph speed limit around parks and park properties, as identified in the attached addendum.

WHEREAS, this resolution is in direct response to the COVID-19 virus and increased pedestrians visiting parks outside of the summer season; and

WHEREAS, due to the Governor's 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' order, it is imperative to protect pedestrians and cyclists who are utilizing City parks at an increased rate during the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, outdoor exercise is vital to the physical and emotional well-being of Spokane citizens during the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, playgrounds have been closed, necessitating that passive recreation in parks and park properties be accessible to the public, especially children; and

WHEREAS, during the winter months, arterials adjacent to parks and park properties currently have a 30 mph speed limit and residential streets adjacent to parks and park properties currently have a 25 mph speed limit; and

WHEREAS, with increased pedestrian and bike activity, 25- mph is often an unsafe speed; and

WHEREAS, some streets adjacent to neighborhood parks and park properties are already designated 20 mph zones seasonally; and

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks to formalize that 20 mph zone designation year-round; and

WHEREAS, by a majority vote of its respective Neighborhood Council, any neighborhood may submit to the City Council traffic calming subcommittee a request to include an additional park or park property in the attached addendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL, that speed signs that reflect a 20 mph speed limit year-round shall be installed around the parks and park properties included in the attached addendum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the installation of these speed signs around the designated parks and park properties is a pilot program that expires October 31st 2021, but may be extended by majority vote of the City Council; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of installing any new signs will be paid from the Traffic Calming Measures Fund, into which is deposited automated traffic safety camera infraction fines.

PASSED by the City Council on _____.

Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

Assistant City Attorney

Mayor

Date

Effective Date

ADDENDUM TO RESOLUTION NO. C-_____.

The following are parks and park properties subject to a pilot project, ending October 31st 2021, instituting a year-round 20mph speed limit around the perimeters of the following parks or the described streets directly adjacent to park property, as established in Resolution No. C- :

AM Cannon Hill Park;

Audubon Park;

Chief Gary Park;

Comstock Park;

Hays Park;

Lincoln Park;

Mission Park;

Shadle Park;

Manito Park;

West Cliff Drive from South Ben Garnett Way to the Tiger Trail;

South High Drive from 21st to 29th

High Drive Pkwy from 29th to 33rd; and

West High Drive from 33rd to Manito Blvd.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

A resolution requesting that residential home construction activity be added to the list of essential businesses under the Governor's recent "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order.

WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency in all counties of Washington state, and in a series of proclamations, imposed restrictions on a wide range of activities, including construction, to ensure that people are practicing the appropriate physical distancing to help prevent the spread of the virus (the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, Proclamation No. 20-25); and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the construction industry employed about 12,000 workers in Spokane County, some 4,400 of whom are now out of work; and

WHEREAS, according to the Journal of Light Construction, Washington is one of only six states in the country to not include residential construction activities as essential to some degree during the COVID-19 pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, construction activities, particularly the construction of residential structures, can be effectively undertaken using the required physical distancing and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE); and

WHEREAS, Spokane continues to see a housing shortage, which requires increased residential construction, and the effort to address this shortage and the associated public health and quality of life issues, would be hampered by continuing to exclude residential construction from the list of essential businesses under the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Spokane requests that Governor Inslee add residential home construction to the list of essential businesses under Proclamation No. 20-25, the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, require that residential construction workers maintain the use of the required physical distancing, and require that employers at residential construction job sites provide the appropriate personal protective equipment and require their use while on the job site.

PASSED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2020.

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Assistant City Attorney