RESOLUTION NO. 905

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 City Council goals call for the identification and adoption of intergovernmental legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, an adopted list of priorities will assist in developing effective communication between the City Council and other elected officials, provide policy guidance to the City Manager, and inform residents of issues of importance to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to formally adopt a list of 2020 City legislative priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Approval of 2020 Legislative Priorities</u>. The City of University Place's 2020 legislative priorities are as follows:

- Initiative 976 The City supports the Association of Washington Cities' ("AWC") request for state adoption of a comprehensive set of transportation policies that provide robust new resources and local options. In light of the passage of I-976, we believe addressing the impending deficiency in state and local transportation funding must be the paramount objective for this legislative session. For University Place, we are seeking the replacement of over \$850,000 a year, or 40% of our street maintenance budget.
- Local Infrastructure The City supports AWC's request for additional economic development tools to assist in maintaining, expanding and modernizing local infrastructure to help spur local private sector investment.
- City-State Partnership The City supports the existing partnership between the State and its cities, in particular the distribution of liquor revenues and criminal justice assistance funding, which has advanced our shared goals of maintaining safe, successful communities.
- New Housing Tools The City supports AWC's request for additional State investment in affordable housing, including the creation of new tools to attract multi-family housing in the urban centers of cities like University Place.
- Four Corners The City supports a coordinated effort between the City, Sound Transit, the City of Tacoma, the City of Fircrest, Pierce County, Pierce Transit, Tacoma Housing Authority, Metro Parks and Tacoma Community College to obtain a grant to study potential zoning changes, transportation and other infrastructure improvements, and economic development incentives to achieve redevelopment of the "Four Corners" area of our communities, consistent with the State's Growth Management Act.

Section 2. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 2, 2019.

Kent Keel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney