

RESOLUTION NO. 961

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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 2022 City legislative priorities.

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

Section 1. Approval of 2022 Legislative Priorities. The City of University Place's 2021 legislative priorities are as follows:

- Pass a transportation package. The City supports the Association of Washington Cities' proposal to adopt a new transportation revenue package that emphasizes maintenance/preservation funding and provides an equitable level of local funding and additional long-term, sustainable revenue options for cities.
- Ensure basic infrastructure funding. The City also supports the AWC's efforts to provide flexible state and federal dollars through programs like the Public Works Assistance Account to help cities finance basic infrastructure, such as drinking water and wastewater.
- Protect Transportation Benefit District funding authority. The City further supports the efforts of the AWC to ensure expanded local authority for Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDs) so cities can continue using the sales tax funding tool beyond the current time limitations.
- Capital and Long-Term Sustainable Investments. – The City seeks legislative support for expanding and/or developing tools and eliminating restrictions on the use of existing City revenues to fund infrastructure improvements that support economic development. More specifically, the City seeks funding in the following areas and for the following projects:
 - Chambers Creek Pedestrian Bridge – \$1.264 million. The City, together with the City of Lakewood and Pierce County, are partners in completing the Chambers Creek Trail. The City requests funding to complete the next phase of the project.
 - Day Island Bridge study – \$250,000. Day Island is accessed only by a bridge that spans a critical rail line. In a seismic event, this bridge may fail, block rail traffic and isolate residents. Funds are sought now to identify a long-term solution.
 - Homestead Park Pavilion – \$500,000. The City is seeking financial support in the design and construction of a community oriented public recreational facility in its downtown adjacent to Homestead Park.
 - Sewer Infrastructure – \$1 million. In 2021, the Legislature provided the City with \$2.1 million to assist in the expansion of Pierce County's sewer infrastructure within the City. The City is seeking additional funds to address an approximately \$80 million deficit in the City's sewer infrastructure.
 - Community Center Study – \$ 150,000. The City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan has long included the development of a community center. The City is seeking funding to take the next step in development of the center – a study to evaluate the appropriate design of the facility.
 - Nuisance Abatement – \$250,000. The City is seeking financial support to address increasing incidents of hazardous/contaminated properties. These properties often attract a public safety response and impede economic development.

- Chambers Creek Road Phase II – \$3.5 million. Chambers Creek Road is the entry-point to the Chambers Bay Regional Park, which is one of the top draws of the Pacific Northwest. Completion of the next phase of the road is desired to ensure that the Park remains a top draw.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2021.


Caroline Belleci, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emetta J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney