



RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, TO
PRIORITIZE PROPOSED CITY CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENTS AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THAT
SUPPORT CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood is required under the state Growth Management Act and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) policy guidance to accommodate growth; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate growth, the Lynnwood City Council adopted the City Center Sub-Area Plan (Sub-Area Plan) in 2005 (amended in 2007) following the completion of the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Lynnwood City Center Sub-Area Plan (DSEIS and FSEIS); and

WHEREAS, the Lynnwood City Center is a Sub-Area of the PSRC designated Regional Growth Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, City Council adopted the City Center zoning (LMC 21.60) and the City Center Design Guidelines to guide the form of development envisioned in the Sub-Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City completed additional plans and studies regarding City Center implementation including the City Center Parks Master Plan, City Center Access Study, City Center Street Master Plan, Mode Split for City Center Street Master Plan, The City Center Vehicle-Miles Traveled and Co2 Emissions Modeling Report and the technical memorandum on the Extension of Light Rail to the Lynnwood City Center; and

WHEREAS, from the completed plans and studies, a large list of infrastructure projects and partnership opportunities to support City Center implementation and growth as required was created; and

WHEREAS, staff from multiple City departments including Public Works, Community Development, Fire Prevention, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, Finance and Economic Development comprise the City Center Work Group which reviews implementation strategies; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, based upon the lack of private City Center development to date, changed economic conditions due to the Great Recession, and findings from City Center plans and the City Center Work Group, the City Council adopted amendments (Ord. 2937 and Ord. 2938) to the City Center

development regulations including streamlining the public grid street network and providing greater flexibility for City Center park siting; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the City was successful in obtaining federal functional classification for the remaining future grid streets (42nd Avenue W and the 194th Street SW extension) making these streets eligible for state and federal grant opportunities; and

WHEREAS, with the City Center street and park locations further identified, the City is ready to prioritize projects for implementation and accommodation of growth identified for the City Center; and

WHEREAS, the City Center Work Group created evaluation criteria and points to score projects against based on multiple factors to best implement the City Center Sub-Area Plan and performed public outreach with the general public and several City Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2014 City Council received a briefing on the proposed evaluation criteria for City Center project prioritization and provided staff with comments to proceed with; and

WHEREAS, the City Center Work Group utilized Council guidance to score City Center projects against the evaluation criteria; and provided a recommendation for City Center project prioritization; and

WHEREAS, staff performed a second round of public outreach on the recommended City Center project prioritization including discussions with the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Diversity Commission, Public Facilities District Board, Arts Commission, Economic Development Advisory Group and held a public open house; and

WHEREAS, the City Center project prioritization will provide guidance for strategic investment opportunities and is a flexible list based on many determinants including current funding sources and opportunities, to be updated as needed; and

WHEREAS, the City Center project prioritization will be integrated into citywide funding plans including the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan and Capital Facilities Plan; and

WHEREAS, taking into consideration information received during the public outreach process, the City Center project prioritization will be a tool enabling the City to provide greater clarity and a roadmap for City Center implementation, as well as facilitate discussions with partners, private sector investors, and target funding opportunities more effectively; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Funding and construction of projects identified in the City Center project prioritization will implement adopted City plans and policies, including the Comprehensive Plan and City Center Sub-Area Plan.

2. That the City Center project prioritization be integrated into and implemented through the City's infrastructure funding plans, and potentially through new funding strategies that may be established in the future.

3. That the City Center project prioritization be updated as needed based upon changing conditions.

4. That the City Center project prioritization is an advisory ranking of desired capital improvement projects envisioned at the time of adoption; that the projects and their ranking are based upon the best knowledge at the time of adoption; and that this prioritization shall not preclude flexibility in making funding decisions.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, this 28th day of July, 2014.

APPROVED:



Nicola Smith, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:



Lorenzo Hines Jr., Finance Director

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