

RESOLUTION NO. M-2422

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. TWO TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THURSTON COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF OLYMPIA, LACEY, TUMWATER, AND YELM DISSOLVING THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL, THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND CREATING THE REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2018, the Olympia City Council passed Ordinance No. 7127, as authorized under RCW 82.14.530 to be used for the Olympia Home Fund to construct affordable and supportive housing and housing-related services, including mental and behavioral health-related facilities, and providing for other matters relating thereto and properly permitted by state law; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Thurston County and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Yelm (the Jurisdictions) entered into an Interlocal Agreement which dissolved the Health and Human Services Council, the Community Investment Partnership, and created the Regional Housing Council (the Agreement); and

WHEREAS, under the Agreement, the Jurisdictions mutually share decision making responsibilities related to homelessness and affordable housing in Thurston County, collaborate to expand affordable housing options, and share the planning for, identification of, and resource allocation to activities and programs intended to support individuals experiencing homelessness in Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, Amendment One to this agreement adopted on April 30, 2021, added clarification and requirements to how the signatories of the Agreement will manage and make decisions concerning RCW 82.14.540 ("SHB 1406") funds; and

WHEREAS, in the 2021 Regular Session, the Washington State Legislature approved, and the Governor signed, House Bill 1070 (Chapter 222, Laws of 2020), modifying allowed uses of local tax revenue for affordable housing and related services to include the acquisition and construction of affordable housing and facilities; amending RCW 82.14.530 and 67.28.180; and declaring an emergency; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2022, the Thurston County Board of Commissioners passed Ordinance No. 16128, as authorized under RCW 82.14.530 to be used for the Thurston County Home Fund to construct affordable and supportive housing and housing-related services, and providing for other matters relating thereto and properly permitted by state law; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston County Board of Commissioners in Ordinance No. 16128, directed the County Manager to a) develop an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Olympia outlining roles, responsibilities, administration, and other requirements related to combining the Sales and Use Tax funds For Housing and Related Services; and (b) work with participating jurisdictions to amend the Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement to create an administrative/executive arm to effectively guide the Regional Housing Council on the use of the Sales and Use Tax For Housing and Related Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia Council approved a Resolution of Intent on January 12, 2022, to bring their HOME fund dollars to the Regional Housing Council in coordination with the County's HOME fund to achieve a regional decision making process on these combined funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tenino approved an additional of one-tenth of one percent on the Sales and Use Tax per RCW 82.14.530, via a Councilmanic action under Ordinance No. 919 on January 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Housing Council has developed a strategic framework to create an initial stock of 150-200 Permanent Supportive Housing units which requires additional funding to fully implement; and

WHEREAS, a second amendment to the Agreement is needed to create an administrative/executive arm to effectively guide the Regional Housing Council on its recommendations for the use of the Sales and Use tax for Housing and Related services adopted by Thurston County and the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the Jurisdictions agree that it is mutually beneficial to share decision making responsibilities related to homelessness and affordable housing in Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, the Jurisdictions agree that it is mutually beneficial to collaborate to expand affordable housing options and share the planning for, identification of, and resource allocation to activities and programs intended to support individuals experiencing homelessness in Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, the Jurisdictions agree that by collaborating, these activities and programs will be delivered more efficiently and effectively and the costs and impacts of managing them will be shared equitably by the Jurisdictions;


NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Amendment No. Two to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia, the City of Lacey, the City of Tumwater, the City of Yelm, and Thurston County, as previously amended by Amendment No. One, regarding creation of an administrative/executive arm to effectively guide the Regional Housing Council on its recommendations for the use of the Sales and Use tax for Housing and Related services adopted by Thurston County and the City of Olympia and the terms and conditions contained therein.
2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia Amendment No. Two to the Interlocal Agreement, as previously amended by Amendment No. One, and any other documents necessary to execute said Amendment No. Two, to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of Amendment No. Two and the Interlocal Agreement, as previously amended by Amendment No. 1, and to execute any future amendments that are consistent with the intent of the Interlocal Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 7th day of March 2023.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY