



Staff Report – Ordinance

April 4, 2022 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 20-002 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan including the Capital Facilities Plan elements

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INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY: The City of Camas’s Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan (Plan) was adopted in December 2014 and is updated every six years. This updated PROS Plan will cover the six-year period from 2022 to 2028; and will serve as a guide for the acquisition, development, and management of the City of Camas system of parks, trails, open space and special facilities. It will also establish the City’s eligibility to apply for grants from a variety of state agencies including the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

In May 2021, the City contracted with Conservation Technix team, including their subconsultants JLA Public Involvement and MacKay Sposito, to work with the Parks and Recreation Department (P&R) to complete the PROS Plan update (the Project). The Parks and Recreation Commission (P&R Commission) served as the Project Advisory Committee for this Plan update.

At the [August 16, 2021 Council Workshop](#), the project team presented to Council a summary of the public engagement and data gathering that was completed to date. On [September 21, 2021](#), the project team presented similar information at a joint meeting between the Planning and P&R Commissions. The presentations included the following information:

- Baseline analysis and existing conditions
- Community survey (May 29 – July 2) – receiving 1,385 community responses
- Stakeholder discussions (June – Sept.) – included individual interviews (i.e. former Mayor, a former City Administrator, Camas Downtown Association, and a developer) and focus groups (i.e. a shared use trails, mountain biking/pump track, sports fields, and ADA access representative/underrepresented population)
- Project tabling at community events (events on July 31 and Aug. 12)
- [Engage Camas project page](#), and other online & social media promotions
- Online open house #1 on priorities (July 30 – Aug. 22)
- Parks & Recreation Commission meetings (April 28, July 28, Aug. 3)

In winter 2021-22, a draft PROS Plan was drafted and reviewed by the P&R Commission, Planning Commission, various stakeholders (including City staff) and the community at-large through a second online open house, to solicit feedback. Feedback was incorporated into the final PROS Plan.

Staff presented the draft PROS Plan to Council at the [February 22, 2022 Council Workshop](#) meeting. The presentation walked Council through the ten (10) chapters of the Plan which includes:

1. Introduction
2. Community Profile
3. Community Engagement
4. Classifications & Inventory
5. Parks & Trails
6. Open Space & Stewardship
7. Recreation & Events
8. Operations & Maintenance
9. Goals & Objectives
10. Capital Planning & Implementation

On [February 23, 2022](#), the Commission motioned and approved the recommendation to move the PROS Plan to Council for adoption on March 7, 2022.

The PROS Plan includes all requirements for a Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) to be consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) per [RCW 36.70A.070](#), which requires jurisdictions fully planning under GMA to have a capital facilities plan element within their comprehensive plans. Chapter 10 – *Capital Planning and Implementation* contains the CFP element (also been referred to as a Capital Improvement Plan or Capital Projects List). As outlined above, the PROS Plan included an extensive public engagement process, including a community survey that resulted in nearly 1400 responses. The results of the community survey along with the conditions assessment and gap analysis data informed the 20-year CFP elements. On [March 7, 2022](#), Council approved the PROS Plan for the limited and sole purpose of allowing timely application for the 2022 Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office grant cycle, and reserving consideration of the Plan’s Capital Facilities Plan elements adoption through ordinance as part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan or budget amendment process.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

Public hearing for Ordinance No. 22-002 shall run concurrent with considering adoption of amendments to the city budget through the Spring Omnibus. The public

hearing will be held open from April 4 – April 18. Staff will return to Council on April 18th for public hearing closure and Council consideration of the ordinance.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

This Plan was developed with input from the community. As noted in the Summary section above, the project team completed a thorough public engagement process along with comprehensive data gathering. Additionally, the Commission has served as the Project Advisory Committee and provided feedback and direction along the entire process.

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

The comprehensive public engagement process is outlined in the report above.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

The City of Camas, as a whole, will benefit from the PROS Plan. The updated PROS Plan will serve as a guide and strategic plan for the acquisition, development, and management of the City of Camas system of parks, trails, open space, and special facilities. It will also establish the City's eligibility to apply for grants from a variety of state agencies including the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?

As noted in the Chapter 10, the CFP element is a 20+ year list of proposed projects. Staff will continue to work with the Commission, Council and the community during the biennial budget process to update project and program priorities to recommend to Council for final budget approval.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.

This PROS Plan and many projects in the CFP improves accessibility to all users by recommending investments in recreational amenities that offer safe and accessible opportunities such as upgrades to ADA deficiencies and addition of an all-inclusive playground.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?

Yes

What potential hurdles exists in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?

Project prioritization and funding will be constraints in implementing this Plan. While the City currently have several sources of funding, dedicated new funding will be required to finance maintenance and operations, upgrades to and growth in the parks system to meet community needs. In addition, as noted in prior staff presentations and reports, major investments such as new community center, aquatics facility and sports complex will require extensive public and policy conversations.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

The Commission and Council will continue to guide and direct priorities and funding. Staff will work with the Commission to assess priorities as part of the biennial budget process and provide recommendations to Council.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

The PROS Plan is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The PROS Plan includes all requirements for a Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) to be consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) per [RCW 36.70A.070](#), which requires jurisdictions fully planning under GMA to have a capital facilities plan element within their comprehensive plans. The PROS Plan is updated every six years. The 2022 PROS Plan will cover the six-year period from 2022 to 2028.

RECOMMENDATION: Ordinance No. 22-002 public hearing will be held open from April 4 – April 18. Staff will return to Council on April 18th for your consideration.