

CITY OF LYNDEN



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	September 3, 2019	
Name of Agenda Item:	Contract with Whatcom County – Buildable Lands Program	
Section of Agenda:	Consent	
Department:	Planning	
Council Committee Review:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Legal Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
Attachments:		
Contract with Whatcom County re Buildable Lands Report Phase 2, Scope of Work, Funding Shares Spreadsheet		
Summary Statement:		
<p>The Buildable Lands program was introduced to the City Council in 2018. The State mandated program is one that examines achieved build-out densities and property availability. The report will also strive to account for in the constraints of critical areas and market factors. The planning period in focus for the first report is 2016 – 2036 with specific look at achieved build-out data from 2016 – 2020. The final report is due in June 2021.</p> <p>The Planning Department has been working Whatcom County and their consultant, Community Attributes, to develop methodology for creating the first Buildable Lands report for Whatcom County. State funding was made available for these efforts and was used toward staff time dedicated to the efforts.</p> <p>The next phase of the project is also eligible for State funds. Similar to the first phase the County has drafted the attached contract which indicates the City of Lynden’s share and the timeline for the expenditures of these funds. A \$36,432.69 share will be dispersed in two separate allocations as described in Exhibit B of the attached scope of work.</p> <p>To have access to this funding, staff is requesting review of the contract and subsequent Council approval of the contract.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Motion to approve the Buildable Lands Program contract with Whatcom County and authorize the Mayor’s signature on the document.		