

RESOLUTION NO. 937

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON,
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2021 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 2021 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 2021 Legislative Priorities. The City of University Place's 2021 legislative priorities are as follows:

- **Police Reform.** The City supports Support the Association of Washington Cities' police reform priorities:
 - Legislative leadership in addressing racial equity statewide in all aspects of policing.
 - A statewide standard for use of force that preserves the right of local jurisdictions to enact more restrictive standards based on community needs.
 - Expansion of the grounds for an officer to be decertified to include use of force violations.
 - Requirement that officer misconduct investigations be completed, regardless of an officer's resignation.
 - Establishment of a duty for all officers to immediately intervene and report misconduct by a fellow officer.
 - Increased mental health supports and resources for officers.
 - Additional training for officers, including adequate financial investments from the state.
 - A fully funded Basic Law Enforcement Academy to reduce wait times.
 - Police reforms that are not subject to the collective bargaining process.
- **Initiative 976 –** The City supports the Association of Washington Cities' ("AWC") request for state adoption of a comprehensive set of transportation policies that provide robust new resources and local options. Although I-976 was declared invalid, we believe that the initiative will likely not be the last voter approved initiative calling into question the use of vehicle license fees as a sustainable revenue source for local transportation funding. We urge the Legislature to adopt a new transportation revenue package that emphasizes maintenance/preservation funding and provides an equitable level of local funding as well as additional local revenue options for cities.
- **Financial Flexibility –** The City supports AWC's request for greater flexibility to use funds from existing revenue sources to help cities manage the impacts of the current economic crisis. In particular, we support removing all restrictions on the use of real estate excise tax (REET). Cities understand local needs best and should have the authority to redirect scarce resources where they are most needed when responding to pressing community concerns.
- **City-State Partnership –** The City supports the existing partnership between the State and its cities, in particular the distribution of liquor revenues and criminal justice assistance funding, which has advanced our shared goals of maintaining safe, successful communities. We urge the Legislature to maintain revenue sharing with cities, to support increased shared revenue distributions to cities when there is a commensurate increase in state revenue, and to look for other areas where we can expand revenue sharing opportunities.
- **Infrastructure. Infrastructure investment –** 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 \$150,000.00 for a study to explore ways in which sewer service can be provided to unsewered areas of University Place.

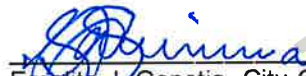
Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020.




Caroline Belleci, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney