**County Council Notes June 28, 2022**

**Retiring Service Dog:** Public hearing set to change county ordinance to allow handler to adopt retired service dog set for July 15 at 9:15 am.

Appointments of Rick Hoffman, Ken Ewen and one more to **Lopez Village Committee**

First 2022 **budget adjustments** were approved.

**Community Food Assessment**: was presented by Coordinator Faith Van de Putte and team, including The Food System Study which will inform the food system plan. A request for proposals for a consultant to work on the plan will be released soon. The study showed lack of housing was a key factor limiting growth of the food sector as businesses could not hire as employees could not find housing.

**The Planning Commission** received a total of five requests for changes to planning regulations, out of which one was withdrawn, two were not recommended for further action and two will be moved to the public hearing stage on the hearing date set for August 2.

The Community Development Commission has set a Public Hearing for the **Comprehensive Plan Update** for July 15. From August to October, they will work on drafting the plan targeting a December adoption with implementation in 2023.

The **Fire Marshalls’ Office** is struggling with reduced staff and thus longer times for issuing permits. The Comprehensive plan requires more field inspections. They are working on getting more staff accredited.

**County Communications:** New county communications coordinator Erin Wygant presented a report on her review of county public and internal communications and has drafted a plan for improved branding, and public outreach, which includes providing regularly published updates of County Council and other public meetings.

The County **is lobbying at the state level** on issues regarding Housing, Public Works, Police/Public Safety**. Funding for a sewer line was approved**. There is proposed change in the distribution of environmental stewardship funds that counties are opposing.

**Solid Waste:** There is a shortage of shipping containers for removing trash

They are applying to a non-profit to **renovate the log cabin on Fairgrounds**

There is a **road levy proposal** being prepared,

Request for proposals for the **Argyle lots.**