

2009 09 28 Study Session

LAKESIDE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 28, 2009
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 ? Mayor Douglas Richardson; Deputy Mayor Don Anderson; Councilmembers Ron Cronk, Pad Finnigan, Helen McGovern, Walter Neary and Claudia Thomas.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of the FY2010 Consolidated Plan policies on the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Partnership Act Program (HOME) funds and the Five-Year FY2010-2015 Consolidated Plan proposed strategies.

City Manager Neiditz noted recent discussions in the shifting of priorities on the use of CDBG funds and that both the CDBG Citizens Advisory Board and City staff developed the proposed use of funds along Council's priorities. He then introduced the Board Chair, Mr. Michael Lacadie.

Mr. Michael Lacadie, Chair of the CDBG Citizens Advisory Board, introduced Board members present. He provided background on the CDBG funding process for FY 2010 including a joint session with the City Council to identify the Council's goals and priorities and a public hearing with the Human Services Funding Advisory Board to receive citizen input to better define community needs. He spoke about the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirements to prepare a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds, and to adopt a draft policy statement to reflect the Council's goals and priorities, which are (1) economic development, (2) public service, (3) physical/infrastructure improvements and (4) housing, in that order. The Board provided their recommendations of the FY 2010 CDBG and HOME policies and proposed use of funds.

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Mr. Lacadie also spoke about the types of economic development that can be funded under HUD's definition. He also spoke about a previous \$50,000 funding set-aside for an economic development-related project which failed to generate any interest. He asked the Council to establish an alternative eligible option up front, after six months, if no project is identified in this area to help address the Board's concerns. He also reviewed the proposed funding allocation for public services for the Tillicum Community Center.

Discussion ensued on the \$50,000 failed economic development project in FY 2000 and how to better generate interest and the two-

year retention of low and moderate income jobs; that the City of Tacoma has implemented a successful program and to partner with them; HUD's percentage limitations (up to 20 percent Administrative and up to 15 percent Public Service); whether there is a HUD limitation on how long to maintain a park (five-year use); potential funding for Woodbrook neighborhood projects; enhancing existing park facilities versus funding a park in the midst of an industrial area at Woodbrook; business creation and job creation to leverage CDBG funding with other federal funds; fewer and targeted projects to meet intensive HUD requirements; seek City of Tacoma's assistance to administer the economic development loan funds; and the benefits of micro-enterprise lending.

City Manager Neiditz indicated that City staff will provide specific recommendations based on the actual amounts which small businesses might need to borrow within 60 days.

Further discussion ensued on how funding amounts were arrived at; housing program allocation that includes side-sewer connections funding to assist with meeting minimum flow; reasons for establishing a minimum \$2,000 business loan amount; parameters for the economic development set-aside; and deadline of December 2010 for an alternative eligible project.

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Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about the benefits of businesses to a community and Lakewood's bureaucracy repels those that it hopes to attract.

Darrel Shiley, Lakewood resident, spoke about the recommendations on the \$50,000 human services set-aside for the Boys and Girls Club. He also spoke about the how the Tillicum Community Center has a great program such as the food bank.

Levi Wilhelmsen, Lakewood resident, spoke about the micro-loans of \$2,000 to \$5,000 which are extremely useful to start small businesses, not necessarily to hire new people but assist with supplies.

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Review of 2010 Lodging Tax Grant Recommendations.

Economic Development Manager Chambers-Grady reviewed the 2010 Lodging Tax Grant recommendations.

Discussion ensued on the what the NW Cultural Foundation application is about; that the lodging tax program is on a reimbursable basis; the BCRA feasibility study, threshold amount for sole-source once authorized; costs involved to bring the restaurant and Lakewood Theatre to standards and to a level where it could be occupied and alternative uses of the facility.

Ms. Linda Smith, Board member of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), expressed her appreciation on funding a signature visitor center near Interstate 5. Economic Development Manager Chambers-Grady indicated that the visitor center will be included in the Pacific Highway real estate hotel feasibility study. She added that the proposed form to be used for the evaluation for use and applicability has been reviewed by the Legal Department and it will be used as part of the review of Lodging Tax applications next year.

The Council expressed their appreciation for the work of the Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued on the Daffodil Festival application that was not recommended for funding; the economic viability study of the 9-hole golf course near Western State Hospital and whether it promotes use of hotel beds; taking a look at the Ft. Steilacoom Park complex as a whole and have a feasibility study to determine how it will draw events and people; and investing in the future.

City Manager Neiditz also spoke about the Steilacoom Park maintenance agreement with Pierce County.

Mayor Richardson indicated that Pierce County has an application of \$25,000 from lodging tax funds from various municipalities to support the U.S. Amateur event in 2010 and that the State will provide matching funds.

Discussion ensued on whether the funding recommendations should be part of the 2010 Budget or as a separate item for Council approval.

Mayor Richardson asked the Council to review the recommendations and determine action on the supplemental application from Pierce County.

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Speaking before the Council were:

Erica Chung, My Service Mind, asked for reconsideration to fund the My Service Mind application and spoke about the benefits of their program as a way to integrate the International District with the rest of the community and bring tourism into the area.

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Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about his own research on LaQuinta Inn pricing relative to other competitors and his sense that it is targeting a specialized market.

Ken Severe, Lakewood resident, asked the Council to be cautious of taking on the golf course in Ft. Steilacoom Park in terms of its fixed maintenance cost versus the uncertainty of the number of golfers who would utilize it.

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Discussion ensued on the type of program My Service Mind is asking to be funded including hiring staff to plan an event; provide the Council with the funding applications and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes to review prior to determining funding as part of the budget.

Mayor Richardson expressed appreciation for the LTAC members and agencies for staying through the item's discussion.

Review of the proposed amendments to the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to streets, sidewalks and public thoroughfares and the Site Development Regulations.

Surface Water Division Manager Vigoren spoke about what the impacts are of said amendments to parades and motorcades at interstate ramps and arterial streets, and the reasons for combining Title 12 and Chapter 17.46 of the Lakewood Municipal Code into a

new Title 12A. He indicated that the draft Engineering Standards Manual will aid City staff and developers with their development process and capital projects. He noted that changes to stormwater management were made to comply with State requirements.

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Speaking before the Council was:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about his trip and compared Fargo with Lakewood and how long Lakewood takes to plan.

Amending the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to prostitution and sex crimes.

Assistant Chief Zaro spoke about the reasons behind the need to amend the current policy on loitering for prostitution purposes, which is professional enforcement and protection for our officers from diseases and due to a "moral" gray area. He commented that officers would be able to ask a question to show evidence of prostitution activity. He indicated that the changes are modeled after an ordinance in Las Vegas.

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Discussion ensued on creating a presumption of guilt of a crime as a factor of developing evidence of prostitution; its effectiveness in Nevada; how asking a question might undermine the investigation or impede the ability to arrest for prostitution; what is the conviction rate (based on demographics of the arrestees); and the ability of officers to detect other factors to determine evidence of prostitution.

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Speaking before the Council were:

Ken Severe, Lakewood resident, spoke about how an officer might have a wrong perception of an innocent bystander's encounter with prostitution activity being at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about new investigative techniques to get rid of prostitution by getting rid of drugs and gangs which in turn creates the need for prostitution, and also setting up cameras at "hot spots."

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reminded the Council that the budget process will begin next week with the Budget Workshops to will be held here at the Council Chambers on the first and third Mondays in October; and the second and fourth Mondays at the Lakewood Police Station in the Multi-Purpose Room, and that the October 14, 2009 Budget Workshop with the Citizens Advisory Boards and Committees will also be held at the Lakewood Police Station.

City Manager Neiditz indicated that the Preliminary Budget will be provided to the Council this week.

IT EMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2009 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Adopting the FY2010 Consolidated Plan policies on the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Partnership Act Program (HOME) funds and the Five-Year FY2010-2015 Consolidated Plan proposed strategies. ? (Resolution ? Regular Agenda)

2. Amending the proposed amendments to the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to streets, sidewalks and public thoroughfares and the Site Development Regulations. ? (Ordinance ? Regular Agenda)

3. Amending the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to prostitution and sex crimes. ? (Ordinance ? Regular Agenda)

4. Proclamation declaring October 4-10, 2009 as National Fire Prevention Week. - *Ms. Hallie McCurdy, Assistant Fire Marshal, Lakewood Fire District 2*

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5. Appointing individuals to serve on the Landmarks Heritage Advisory Board.? (Motion ? Regular Agenda)

6. Appointing individuals to serve on the Human Services Funding Advisory Board.? (Motion ? Regular Agenda)

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to an agreement with the Washington State Patrol, in the amount of \$109,000, relative to the continuation of services on the Missing and Exploited Children program through June 30, 2010. ? (Motion - Consent Agenda)

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Anderson congratulated the Mayor Richardson for winning the Dancing with the Tacoma Stars contest as best male star.

Mayor Richardson announced that it is important for the public to provide comment relative to the budget on the first and third Monday in October.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

DOUGLAS G. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK