

2012 04 23 Council Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 23, 2012
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 Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Jason Whalen, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

Human Services Funding Advisory Board Present: 5 - Mary Green, Chair, Julie Washburn, Vice-Chair, Amy Backlund-Nelson, Susan Hart, and Christine Turner.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint meeting with the Human Services Funding Advisory Board (HSFAB).

HSFAB Chair Mary Green introduced members of the HSFAB present. She reviewed the significant accomplishments of the HSAB. Ms. Turner reviewed the background of the human services program and its current status. Ms. Washburn reviewed the human services needs survey assessment.

Discussion ensued on providing data on actual persons served by each funded agency; how does the needs survey affect the HSFAB funding recommendations and as it relates to health care and dental services; how funding should be allocated for the upcoming year based on the results of the needs survey; how was the survey questions developed; and the importance of including education in the funding priorities.

Ms. Washburn then reviewed the 2011 human services output achievements. The Board then asked questions of Council.

Further discussion ensued on ways to assist the Clover Park School District so they may further enhance education and perhaps filling holes that State and Federal programs may not be able to fill such as veteran needs. Council concurred with the funding categories for basic needs, education, safety and health care. In response to a question of the HSAB, Council indicated that it is not a requirement for the HSFAB to meet with Council prior to the release of the 2013-2014 human services funding application.

Speaking before the Council was:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about cost indexes.

University Place Urban Center Proposal.

Senior Planner Deborah Johnson provided information regarding the potential designation of the City of University Place proposal as a regional growth center.

Discussion ensued on charges for flood control. Council asked for information on how the proposed areas are impacted with flood zones; and have the University Place proposal been considered by the GMCC and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

Mr. David Swindle, University Place Planning and Community Development Director, spoke about supporting the growth to 2040 coming to the area and the PSRC priorities for regional transportation. He explained that only King County has been designating new regional centers and Pierce County has lagged. He explained how University Place meets the criteria for becoming a regional center. Without regional designation, University Place is being targeted to accommodate increased growth in population and transportation without funding.

Further discussion ensued on the GMCC scoring process; any attempts to quantify the impact of adding more centers; and what is Tacoma's decision.

Speaking before the Council was:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about flood water situations and the Council getting focused.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz spoke about a homicide and a suicide attempt at Western State Hospital. There was also a drowning on Lake Steilacoom over the weekend. He then spoke about Parks Appreciation Day.

He reminded the Council that the next City Connections will be combined with the Recreation guide which will result in an annual \$45,000 savings in printing costs. The City's annual Year End report will be a stand-alone report.

He then announced that Interim Communications Director Mike Savage who has been filling in for Jeff Brewster will be leaving the City and becoming the Deputy Director for the Medicaid Fraud department of the Attorney General's Office.

In regard to the Camp Murray Gate appeal, an appeal was submitted by the Tillicum Action Committee and that process will be moving forward to the Hearings Examiner.

He reported that staff did meet with the Chamber of Commerce leadership relative to the proposed business code changes and the Chamber is supportive of the changes. The proposed changes are scheduled for Council's consideration on May 7, 2012.

City Manager Neiditz distributed a proposal relative to the Community Development Block Grant to reallocate funding for the traffic signal at Durango and Steilacoom Boulevard over two fiscal years (2012 and 2013). The funding would come from reallocated savings from major housing, emergency assistance, Pierce County Housing Authority project, Rebuilding Together South Sound project and the FY 2011 microenterprise loan program. He explained that due to the significant change to the Consolidated Plan another public hearing will need to be held with amendments to the plan. Staff is recommending that the proposed funding recommendations that were presented at last week's Study Session move forward for the May 7, 2012 Council meeting and that the significant changes for Durango and Steilacoom Boulevard come later with a Consolidated Plan amendment and hold another public hearing for the substantial amendment.

Discussion ensued on the status of applications for the Major Home Repair/Sewer loan program; what happens if a developer delays a project in meeting timely expenditure requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; concerns were expressed about funding projects that are non-conforming (Brookridge Apartments) in an area that is zoned industrial; do we have a functional sewer system prior to actual hookup to the main sewers for Brookridge Apartments; and that a study session be scheduled for further discussion of funding the Durango and Steilacoom Boulevard traffic signal project and review of the CDBG funding process.

City Manager Neiditz reminded Council that there is no Council meeting on April 30, 2012 and that he will be sending the Council an agenda for the Council's Retreat.

Councilmember Brandstetter requested that Council be provided information on the business license code amendments prior to the May 7, 2012 Council meeting packet delivery.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE May 7, 2012 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Item No. 2 above.
2. Proclamation declaring May 19, 2012 as Lakewood Community Cleanup Day. – *Mr. Malcolm Russell, Keep Lakewood Beautiful*
3. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council to abate a dangerous building and public nuisance at 15004 Grant Avenue SW.
4. Appointing individuals to serve on the Redevelopment Advisory Board through May 22, 2015.
5. Reappointing Don Anderson to serve on the newly composed Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners.
6. Amending Chapter 5.02 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to business licenses.
7. Approving the Fiscal Year 2012 Consolidated Plan and amendments to the Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 Annual Action Plans and the proposed use of funds.

8. Awarding a bid for the construction of a pedestrian bridge for the Lakewood Connection Project.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter noted that he will be attending the Association of Washington Cities program in Federal Way.

Councilmember Moss indicated she participated in Parks Appreciation Day. She also helped to arrange headstones on the graves to replace the numbers at Fort Steilacoom Park. She reported that "Adopt a Company" presented her with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Military Intelligence Company.

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about the Parks Appreciate Day work he participated in removing scotch broom at Ft. Steilacoom Park. He reported that the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee will be meeting on April 24, 2012. He spoke about the road work on 100th Street. He announced that Council is invited to attend the Young Life banquet on Sunday, April 29, 2012.

Councilmember Whalen spoke about the Farmers Market meeting he attended and displayed a marketing flyer. He also displayed a flyer advertising the triathlon. He indicated that he will be attending a Civic Leader dinner for the 18th Air force Command.

Mayor Richardson spoke about the "helmets and shields" basketball game in which the Police Department won and suggested that the Council consider recognizing our basketball team. He then spoke about the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting he attended. The Committee agreed to fund Summerfest an additional \$6,000. He announced that he will be attending the briefing by the Port of Tacoma on April 24, 2012.

Deputy Mayor Anderson spoke about the Northeast Neighborhood Association meeting he attended. He suggested that for potential developers, there should be some comparisons of hypothetical calculations of what the impact fee would be if they were to develop in another city.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

DOUGLAS G. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK