

# 2013 01 07 Council Minutes

## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 7, 2013  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Richardson.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Neiditz reminded the Council that at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2013 is the deadline for submitting letters of interest for the vacant Council position, which will then be transmitted to the Council. He reported that City staff will be notifying applicants that the NEWS TRIBUNE has filed a public disclosure request for their letters of interest.

He then reported that the roundabout construction in Tillicum is nearly complete.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### Youth Council Report.

The Youth Council reported on the Tree Lighting event that the Youth Council participated in and the Holiday Fair coordinated by Caring for Kids during the month of December 2012. Upcoming events that the Youth Council will participate in include the Martin Luther King Celebration on January 19, 2013 and the Father Daughter Dance on March 2, 2013. Activities at Clover Park High School and Harrison Preparatory were reported.

#### Clover Park School District Board Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Board Director Marty Schafer thanked the Council for supporting CPSD schools. He spoke about mentoring in CPSD schools and explained the Lakes High School and Clover Park High Schools youth mentoring youth's program. He invited the Council to serve as mentors. He explained that Clover Park Junior ROTC cadets continue to mentor students at Park Lodge Elementary School. He then reported that a donor has donated \$25,000 worth of clothing to CPSD students. He announced that student information maintained at Clover Park School District system is being updated. He then provided a status report on the school construction projects at JBLM. He announced that CPSD is now connected to Facebook and Twitter.

#### Proclamation declaring January, 2013 as National Mentoring Month.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY, 2013 AS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH TO MR. DAVE O'KEEFE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF LAKEWOOD AND MS. ELLIE WILSON, CHAIRPERSON, CARING ADULT TASK FORCE, LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE.

#### Proclamation declaring January 21, 2013 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and February 2013 as Black History Month.

MAYOR RICHARDSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 21, 2013 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE AND FEBRUARY 2013 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO MS. JOETHEL SMITH, FOUNDER MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMITTEE.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

Robert Dean, Graham resident, spoke about former Police Officer Brian Wurts and asked the Council to provide Brian Wurts a hearing and asked that he be reinstated to his position.

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about the use of public funds and the growing bureaucracy. He spoke about the housing market that helps grow the economy.

Richard and Susan Tenney, Lakewood resident, spoke about Brian Wurts and asked that Mr. Wurts be given a fair chance to present his case.

Maureen Fife, Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, thanked Mayor Richardson for his leadership and service.

Virginia Wurts, Gig Harbor resident, read a letter that she had written to Chief Farrar relative to her son Brian Wurts.

## **C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Joint City Council and Washington 28th and 29th Legislators meeting of December 14, 2012.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 17, 2012.
- C. Approval of payroll check numbers 112825 to 112830 and direct deposits and automated clearing house in the amount of \$1,086,496.83, for the period December 1 - 15, 2012.
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 69328 through 69443, in the amount of \$219,927.98, for the period ending December 13, 2012.
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 900264, 10435074 and 69444 through 69524, in the amount of \$274,317.58, for the period ending December 20, 2012.
- F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 900265 and 69525 through 69616, in the amount of \$317,845.60, for the period ending, December 27, 2012.
- G. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 17, 2012.

DEPUTY MAYOR ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **R E G U L A R   A G E N D A**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion No. 2013-01 appointing Renee Hanna to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee through August 6, 2014.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO APPOINT RENEE HANNA TO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE THROUGH AUGUST 6, 2014. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **ORDINANCES**

[Ordinance No. 558](#) granting a ten year nonexclusive franchise to Zayo Group, LLC to construct, maintain, repair, replace, and operate telecommunications facilities in public rights-of-way of the City.

COUNCILMEMBER MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 558. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDERSON.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 558 THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SECTION 19, TO READ: "THE INITIAL TERM OF THE FRANCHISE SHALL BE TEN (10) SIX (6) YEARS COMMENCING ON THE DATE OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE FRANCHISEE." SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED ON THE AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 558 UNANIMOUSLY.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion No. 2013-02 authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, in the amount of \$121,367, for additional redevelopment at 8901 Commercial Street SW.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,367, FOR ADDITIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AT 8901 COMMERCIAL STREET SW. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Neiditz reported that at next week's January 14, 2013, Council's Study Session, the Council will be asked to consider a proposed fire marshal service contract with West-Pierce Fire District and an overview of the Shoreline Master Plan.

He then asked if the Council is interested in attending the AWC Conference on February 13 and 14, 2013.

He requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

On behalf of City employees, he thanked the Mayor for his support and service to the City of Lakewood.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss indicated that she will be attending the Clover Park Technical College ribbon cutting of the learning resources center and that she will be representing the Council at an Awards Banquet on Friday, January 11, 2013. She then thanked the Mayor for his leadership and mentorship.

Councilmember Bocchi thanked the Mayor for his service and wished the Mayor good luck in his new endeavors.

Councilmember Brandstetter indicated that he will be attending the strategic planning session of the Clover Park Technical College on January 14, 2013. He noted that he will also be attending the Fredrickson flood control meeting on January 19, 2013. He thanked the Mayor for his service.

Councilmember Barth commented on the Lakewood United and Lakewood Chamber of Commerce meetings she attended. She thanked the Mayor for his service and mentorship.

Councilmember Whalen spoke about his participation in putting together food packages with the Rotarians. He spoke about the Lakewood United and Lakewood Chamber of Commerce meetings he attended. He thanked the Mayor for mentoring and cultivating civic leaders.

Deputy Mayor Anderson thanked the Mayor for his service and his institutional memory. He announced that a formal recognition for the Mayor will be held on February 4, 2013.

Mayor Richardson thanked the Council for their comments. He noted that on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 there will be a South Sound 911 Board meeting in which he had been serving as Lakewood's representative. For the month of January, 2013 he indicated that he will be appointing Deputy Mayor Anderson as Lakewood's representative for the January 9 and 23, 2013 meetings. It was the consensus of the Council to appoint Deputy Mayor Anderson to represent Lakewood at the January 9 and 23, 2013 meetings of the South Sound 911 Board.

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Executive Session

Mayor Richardson announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss performance of a public official and potential litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m. At 9:30 p.m. Mayor Richardson announced that executive session would be extended an additional 5 minutes.

Council reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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DON ANDERSON, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CITY CLERK