

2013 04 15 Council Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 15, 2013
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Helen McGovern, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Anderson.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Wachter announced that April 20, 2013 is Parks Appreciation Day in the City of Lakewood.

She then announced that the State of the City address will be presented on April 19, 22 and 23, 2013.

On May 18, 2013, the Lakewood Sister Cities International Festival will be held at Pierce College.

She then announced that the City received an Association of Washington Cities Wellness award and will receive a 2 percent discount on employee health premiums in 2014.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Ken Sharp, West-Pierce Fire District.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING KEN SHARP, WEST-PIERCE FIRE DISTRICT FOR HIS SERVICE AS FIRE CHIEF.

Proclamation declaring April 20, 2013 as Parks Appreciation Day.

COUNCILMEMBER BARTH PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 20, 2013 AS PARKS APPRECIATION DAY TO MR. JASON GERWEN, CHAIR, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Proclamation on Pierce County Reads and presentation of the Pierce County Library's 2012 Annual Report.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGOVERN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PIERCE COUNTY READS TO MS. NEEL PARIKH, DIRECTOR, PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY. MS. PARIKH THEN PRESENTED THE PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY'S 2012 ANNUAL REPORT.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, showed a video of a flooding of the Red River.

Glen Spieth, Lakewood Historical Society, announced that the Lakewood Historical Society meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., on April 16, 2013 and the topic for discussion is the pioneer shopping centers of Lakewood.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 1, 2013.

- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council Study Session of April 8, 2013.
- C. Approval of payroll check numbers 112908 to 112921 and direct deposits and automated clearing house in the amount of \$1,316,201.39, for the period March 16 - 31, 2013.
- D. Approval of claim voucher numbers 900269 and 70664 through 70733, in the amount of \$762,330.45 for the period ending March 28, 2013.
- E. Approval of claim voucher numbers 70734 through 70837, in the amount of \$248,275.09 for the period ending April 4, 2013.
- F. Approval of claim voucher numbers 70838 through 70839, in the amount of \$13,295.00 for the period ending April 4, 2013.
- G. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of March 4, 2013.
 - 2. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 24, 2013.
 - 3. Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 12, 2013.
 - 4. Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 26, 2013.

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

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Draft Consolidated Annual Action Plan and Fiscal Years 2010, 2011 and 2012 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Amendments and the proposed use of funds.

Speaking before Council were:

Beth Ann Gartiez, Lakewood resident, and CEO for Pierce County Coalition for Developmental Disabilities, spoke about the need for safe affordable housing and the need for rental assistance.

Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident, spoke about the down economy and how mobility is important. He spoke about job opportunities in North Dakota.

Amy Allison, Associated Ministries, spoke in support of the Paint Tacoma-Pierce County Beautiful Program.

The hearing was declared closed.

This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed vacation of Chicago Avenue SW right-of-way.

Speaking before the Council were:

Betsy Elgar, Lakewood Resident, spoke about a variety of concerns. She referenced letters she had received from Senator Patty Murray and Senator Mike Carrell. She also expressed interest in local businesses.

The hearing was declared closed.

ORDINANCE

[Ordinance No. 560](#) amending Sections 12A.16.020, and 12A.16.040 and creating Section 12A.16.025 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the Transportation Benefit District.

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 560. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Wachter reported that the first quarter budget report will be presented to Council at next week's Study Session.

She noted that the Pierce County Conservation Futures Citizens' Advisory Board, in which Council can appoint a Lakewood representative, will begin their meetings on May 6, 2013.

Council Priority: Maintain and enhance public safety.

Interim City Manager Wachter called on Assistant Police Chief Zaro who presented a proposed Traffic Diversion Program.

Discussion ensued on what other jurisdictions have implemented a traffic diversion program; what is the cost of the program for the participant (\$100 based on Kent's experience) and what is the benefit of the program (participant do not pay the fine and it is not recorded on the participant's record); is the cost for the officer (i.e. instructor) paid on overtime status or part of their regular time; how does this affect the Guild; has the Public Safety Advisory Committee reviewed this program; how can the number of stops a participant must navigate through the program be minimized; provide the Council with the net impact to the budget if the program was implemented; and is University Place interested in jointly participating in this program.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about the Idlewild Elementary School auction. He then indicated that he will be attending Parks Appreciation Day activities. He announced that next week the County's Economic Development Council will meet to discuss the sewer opportunity fund. He explained that there are some questions by some of the County Councilmembers about the need for that fund and that Lakewood representatives should attend that meeting.

Councilmember Moss spoke about the Sound Transit meeting she attended and their discussion on the status of the budget. She explained that the Lakewood layover project environmental study will be done in the Spring 2013, with construction in 2015 and by 2016 there will be at least 10 round trips from Lakewood to Seattle.

She then spoke about the Kiwanis fundraiser with guest speaker Eric Olson. She noted that she will be attending the Planning Advisory Board meeting on April 17, 2013.

Councilmember Barth spoke about a Youth Council recruitment event she is hosting on April 24, 2013.

Councilmember Brandstetter spoke about the Council scheduling some time for discussion on the strategies and decision process about the Transportation Benefit District. He then spoke about a Supreme Court decision and looking at a range of savings that are efficiency related to provide better service.

Deputy Mayor Whalen spoke about the Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting he attended and their discussion about the redevelopment of the Towne Center. He then spoke about the Idlewild Elementary School fundraising event he attended. He also spoke about a tour of the LeMay facility he attended. He reminded Council that today is the deadline for filing their F-1 Public Disclosure Commission form. He announced that the Puget Sound Regional Council Generally Assembly will be held on April 24, 2013.

Councilmember McGovern spoke about the CPTC scholarship function.

Mayor Anderson spoke about City Talk and citizens' concerns about traffic on North Gate and possibly adding a stop sign in the area.

Mayor Anderson asked for Council input on the appointment of a Pierce County Conservation Futures representative.

Mayor Anderson spoke about an ESPN video. He announced that plans are underway on a September 15, 2013, homecoming for the 4-2 Stryker Brigade. A marching parade is planned to be staged at CPTC to City Hall and entertainment and food is being planned.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC

CITY CLERK