

2014 08 11 Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

August 11, 2014
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 –Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmember Excused: 1- Mayor Don Anderson.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Economic Development update.

Economic Development Specialist Becky Newton provided an update on strategies and primary objectives for economic development.

Discussion ensued on the net number of business growth; tools needed for economic development; tracking how many single family residential housing have been flipped, foreclosed, etc.; were there any surprising data from the economic development studies that are actionable; rezoning 100th Street as a strategy to make it a corridor to attract development; perceptions about public safety from those residing outside of Lakewood; promoting the City's successes; when is the marketing brochure scheduled to be published; and is there a need for more staffing to accomplish economic development.

Councilmember Barth left the Council Chambers at 8:30 p.m.

Review of franchise agreements.

Assistant to the City Manager Lincoln provided an overview of the current status of the City's franchise agreements including cable TV, electric, sewer, light, and solid waste. City Attorney Wachter then reviewed the terms of the solid waste franchise agreement with Waste Connections noting that the agreement expires on June 30, 2016.

Discussion ensued on how citizens will receive the services they desire; can franchises be made only for residential and/or commercial; what is the scope of customer relations; what is the scope of information needed to provide a formal review of the Lakewood Water District franchise; and prepare a standard addendum on Lakewood's expectations for each franchise **agreement.**

Review of Citizens Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Assistant to the City Manager Lincoln provided an overview of the Council appointed citizens advisory boards, committees and commissions. He then explained staff's recommendations to combine the CDBG Citizens Advisory Board and Human Services Funding Advisory Board and creating a Planning Commission by combining the Planning Advisory Board, Redevelopment Advisory Board and Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee. He suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding be entered into with the Sister Cities Association and reduce some of the requirements for the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board.

Deputy Mayor Whalen noted that Councilmember Barth is serving as the Council liaison for the Arts Commission. Discussion

ensued on whether the Planning Commission would continue to be a recommending body as it relates to quasi-legislative matters; do Planning Commission's typically review Six Year Transportation Plans; consider developing policies on when the Council would create ad hoc committees; concerns about creating expectations for a Planning Commission to take on all three areas of expertise; unclear role and mission of the Public Safety Committee; challenges for the Planning Advisory Board and Redevelopment Advisory Board giving up their authority; when consolidating into a larger group, sometimes having a more diverse/diffused approach may be lost; and consider holding a volunteer recognition event before any consolidation is made.

It was the consensus of the Council to consolidate the CDBG Citizens Advisory Board and the Human Services Funding Advisory Board, enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sister Cities Association; holding a meeting with the Chairs of the Planning Advisory Board, Redevelopment Advisory Board and Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee and Council Subcommittee to get their input on combining the three committees effective January 2015; possibly talking to the three committees; and developing a process on how to submit work plans for Citizens' Advisory Boards and Committees.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield thanked Lt. John Unfred and Sgt. Ralph Evans for assisting with the fires at Okanogan County.

He then reported on Congressman Denny Heck's SPEA meeting last week and that a number of letters have been coming in.

He reported that 796 responses have been received on the Visioning survey.

He noted that the increase for Pierce County sewer connection charges may be considered by the County Council on August 12, 2014. Once the County makes a decision, the City will commence to contact Tillicum/Woodbrook residents.

He reported that Brent Champaco is working with CGI in creating a video on tourism.

He reported that on September 2, 2014, the Bridgeport to 83rd to 75th Street Improvements bid opening will be held and awarding of the bid scheduled for the September 15, 2014 Council meeting.

He announced that on September 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. the Prairie Oaks groundbreaking ceremony will be held.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 18, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Appointing the 2014-2015 Youth Council members and Lakewood's Promise Youth Council representative.
2. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lakewood Water District relative to constructing water mains along South Tacoma Way from SR 512 to 96th Street SW.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss commented on the SSMCP meeting she attended. She also noted that on August 8, 2014 she attended Colonel Bower's retirement dinner and on August 9, 2014 she attended the Polynesian luau event.

Councilmember Bocchi reported that the County Rules Committee approved issuing bonds for sewer connection charges. He explained it appears that the increase will be a three-year phase from \$1250 to \$3450.

Councilmember Brandstetter indicated that he will be attending the AWC Budget Workshop training sessions on August 13 – 15, 2014. He noted that he visited 13 National Night Out sites.

Councilmember Simpson commented on Congressman Denny Heck's meeting last week. He then spoke about the Tillicum Woodbrook Neighborhood Association meeting he attended.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the National Night Out event. He then reported on the discussion at the CPSD Board meeting that the metal junk at Lakewood Drive next to Harrison Preparatory School be removed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

JASON WHALEN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK