

2014 09 08 Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2014
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Mary Moss.

Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board Members Present: 3 – Chair Stephanie Walsh, Vice-Chair Glen Spieth and Walter Neary.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting.

Chair Walsh introduced Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board (LHAB) members present. She then reviewed the significant accomplishments of the LHAB. Vice Chair Spieth spoke about the historic driving tour map completed by the LHAB and asked that additional maps be reprinted and if there were City funds to do so. He also spoke about the need for a consultant to prepare historic designation documents and to place a historic marker at the Little Red School House. Board member Walter Neary thanked staff for their support. He then spoke about community landmarks. He requested a budget for a historic preservation consultant in the amount of \$5,000.

Discussion ensued on where do funds come from for major historic renovation projects; what are the impediments to designating some of the Western State Hospital properties, like the chapel, and are there advantages by publishing such; what are the options for designating the Lakewood Theatre at the Colonial Center as a historical landmark; the cost to rehabilitate the Lakewood Theatre and former restaurant can be exorbitant; perhaps the current Lakewood Library could be considered as a potential historic landmark; could there be historical markers for events such as the Sounder Station; and the remnants of the Madera rose garden might be an area of historic recognition.

Review of proposed boundary amendments relative to multi-family Tax Incentive Urban Use Centers.

Assistant City Manager Bugher reviewed the proposed boundary changes relative to the multi-family tax incentive urban use centers. He began reviewing the existing boundary areas for the central business district and the existing residential tax areas.

Discussion ensued on the connectivity between the proposed RTA 1 and 2 and why not connect both areas; what the market analysis might be for connecting these two areas; the area includes the Colonial Center and the Lakewood Theatre and incentivizes multi-family development and it excludes the Towne Center where mixed use development might be incentivized; are there tax incentives for commercial development; and the RTA 2 residential target area could be based on current condition use, historical preservation, and multi-uses.

Review of amendments to the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Local Improvement Districts.

Assistant City Attorney Kaser reviewed the proposed housekeeping amendments to the Municipal Code to recodify the Local Improvement District from the Criminal Code to the Public Works code.

Review of proposed amendments to the interlocal agreement with South Sound 911.

City Attorney Wachter reviewed the proposed amendments to the interlocal agreement with South Sound 911 to include the City of Puyallup and funding of the communications center.

Discussion ensued on the financing of a new communications center; proposal for a developer to construct the building then lease the building back and over time, the lessee would own the building; concerns about how the lease option is mischaracterizes when costs have gone up and consolidation has not occurred; some consolidation occurring by bringing Puyallup into South Sound 911 will help reduce redundancy; and how will future radio replacement costs be accounted for.

Review of indigent defense standards.

City Attorney Wachter reviewed the draft resolution for adopting standards for indigent defense standards.

Discussion ensued on why the name of the City's defense services contractor is listed in a Whereas clause and is the City required to report to Pierce County; and will the Supreme Superior Court re-review the standards in the future.

Review of amendments to the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Citizens Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions.

City Attorney Wachter and Assistant to the City Manager/Executive Assistant Lincoln reviewed the proposed ordinance to repeal the existing Planning Advisory Board, Redevelopment Advisory Board, Human Services Funding Advisory Board and CDBG Citizens Advisory Board and propose to amend the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board, create a Human Services and CDBG Citizens Advisory Board, Planning Commission and adhoc committees.

Discussion ensued that on an annual basis the Council may want to determine how much CDBG public service funding the new Board may want to seek applications for and maybe the Planning Commission might be the best group to make recommendations on capital improvements; and there might be an increase in workload for human services to also consider CDBG infrastructure needs.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that Farmers Market concludes September 16, 2014. He suggested that Friday, October 10, 2014 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. be scheduled for the Camp Murray tour and on October 11, 2014 the Council Retreat be scheduled at City Hall. He announced that the Clover Park School District Board joint meeting with Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

He complimented the Parks and Recreation Department staff for ranking high on two parks grant applications submitted for Springbrook Park acquisition and Waughop Lake trail improvements. The Parks Department is also working with WSDOT for maintaining City entrances.

In preparation for the October 11, 2014 Council Retreat agenda, Western State Hospital is looking for State budgetary allocations in which staff will be bringing before Council for discussion as well as funding for community policing. He also reported on discussions with Sound Transit on the Point Defiance Bypass rail project.

He noted that the Governor will announce an OEA grant which Community and Economic Development staff submitted relative to SSMCP. He also announced that the Governor launched the WA Military Alliance, a consortium of public and quasi-public agencies to focus on military issues. He noted that some of the Consortium members include the Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board, the Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, and the SSMCP Steering Committee.

He announced that Mark Nelson, the City's building official will be retiring on October 3, 2014.

He announced that the Pierce College Foundation Breakfast event is scheduled for September 12 and 19, 2014.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Local Improvement Districts.
2. Authorizing the execution of amendments to the interlocal agreement with South Sound 911.
3. Approval of indigent defense standards.
4. Amending the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to Citizens Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions.

5. Proclamation recognizing Ms. Earlene Fantz.
6. Proclamation declaring the month of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.
7. Second Quarter Financial Report.
8. Appointing members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
9. Awarding a bid for the Bridgeport Way 83rd to 75th Street improvements project.
10. Adopting the financial policies.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association meeting he attended. He indicated that the Tillicum Center has a new Executive Director.

Councilmember Barth commented on the Rally Point 6 event she attended. She also commented on the Planning Advisory Board meeting she attended and the number of citizens' comments heard about the Ruby Apartments development. She commented on the Lakewood United Meeting she attended and the Harrison Hall dedication ceremony at JBLM.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the Living Access Support Alliance ground breaking ceremony. He also commented on the Rally Point 6 event he attended as well as General Lanza's event. He also spoke about the Harrison Hall dedication ceremony he attended.

Mayor Anderson announced that Coffee with the Mayor will be held on September 9, 2014. Mayor Anderson suggested that a Proclamation be prepared reaffirming Bill Harrison as Mayor emeritus and congratulating him for the Harrison Hall dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK