

2015 02 09 Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

February 9, 2015
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of amendments to the 2015-2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Transportation Manager Winkler reviewed the proposed amendments to the 2015-2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program to include roadway improvements at 40th Avenue and 96th Street and Military Road and 112th Street.

Discussion ensued on the timeline for implementation between the design phase and construction for both projects; and how project priorities are determined (accident statistics).

Community Visioning Update.

Program Manager Catron provided background information on the Community Visioning workshop and called on the visioning consultants who reviewed the results from the workshop.

Consultants Elisabeth Schuck and Scott Fregonese reviewed four visioning scenarios. Scenario A is to try and maximize vacant land; scenario B was developed based on an integration of feedback received at the workshops, scenario C was a blend of scenarios A and B. Scenario D was scenario C with refinements from the consultant team and City staff to better reflect existing conditions. Under Scenario A, Lakewood would receive 4,544 net new housing units and 3,602 net new jobs. Under Scenario B, Lakewood would receive 3,822 net new housing units and 1,245 net new jobs. Under Scenario C Lakewood would receive 7,946 net new housing units and 4,989 net new jobs. Under Scenario D, Lakewood would receive 4,544 net new housing units and 2,304 net new jobs.

The consultants explained that under any scenario, substantial growth will be through redevelopment and infill. A majority of new housing units over the next 20 years will be in higher density housing such as townhomes, duplexes and condos. There is potential for some single-family redevelopment but that won't be a large portion of the household growth. Reinvesting in the Towne Center and areas with good public transit should be a focus for new growth.

Discussion ensued if the plan will tell the City something that the City didn't already know; is this process going to evaluate and summarize the ideas presented by the public and if they are achievable or not and what could the City facilitate.

Consultant Schuck reviewed the draft action plan elements that included establishing a Diversity Commission, developing a policy on tax-increment financing for redevelopment areas; creating a community center for youth/teens; providing a safe connected multi-modal transportation system; strengthening the quality and balance of housing options; encouraging diversification of businesses and industry; and preserving and protecting natural resources.

Further discussion ensued on whether a fair cross-section of input was received at the visioning workshops; what major changes were seen from the previous visioning plan to present; how tax-increment financing is not allowed in Washington State; what services are reaching non-English citizens which may likely be social service agencies who are providing social services which is not a City service; how do we connect the dots to the Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 1 of the Comprehensive

Plan addresses what is the vision and Chapter 10 is the City's goals and processes); placing the Visioning statement about K-12 and higher education institutions near the beginning of the visioning statement; what were the consultants' most unexpected information found through the visioning workshops (the perceptions of people outside of Lakewood is difficult to change; the community's openness to change and new ideas); creating neighborhood connectivity to the city; using the 100 Best Communities for Youth People designation as a visioning plan and did the youth bring this up; what is feeding the perception that Lakewood is not safe (at neighborhood meetings specific problem properties are raised); what can be done to create a better sense of place and connectivity (start out small - figure out what the identity is and infiltrate that identity on signs, beautifying the entry ways; and leveraging on what is going on that is great to create a sense of place).

Review of citizens' advisory boards, committees and commission work plans.

City Attorney Wachter called on City staff to describe the significant highlights of the citizens' advisory boards, committees and commissions work plans.

Recreation Coordinator Higashiyama noted that the significant work plan items for the Arts Commission are to find Commission members and work on public art signs.

Assistant City Manager Bugher explained that the Community Services Advisory Board's significant work plan items include reviewing the Consolidated Action Plan and the Consolidated Performance Annual Evaluation Report for the Community Development Block Grant program, and allocating human services funding.

Lakewood's Promise Coordinator Sample noted that the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board's significant work plan includes communication and helping sponsor collaborations.

Program Manager Catron commented that the Landmarks Heritage and Advisory Board's significant work plan includes promoting the history of Lakewood through the website and the driving tour map.

Economic Development Manager Newton reviewed the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee's significant work plan which is to review and make recommendations on the use of lodging tax funds.

Parks and Recreation Director Dodsworth commented that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's significant work plan are to develop a policy on remote control airplanes and drones in the parks, conduct a cost recovery fee analysis, develop an advertising and sponsorship policy, and implement an Acre for the Arts project.

Assistant City Manager Bugher reviewed the Planning Commission's significant work plan which is to review the Comprehensive Plan; review cottage housing; conduct a joint land use study, review Title 18 changes and satellite parking and review of the housing inventory.

Assistant City Manager Zaro commented that the Public Safety Advisory Committee's work plan is to advise the Police and West Pierce Fire on public safety matters and on events.

Program Coordinator Higashiyama reviewed the Youth Council work plan items to include being involved in the youth empowerment program and assisting with events.

Discussion ensued relative to the Acre of the Arts proposal. It was the consensus of the Council to inform the Lakewood Rotary of the City's partnership to move forward with that project. Further discussion ensued on providing a July deadline when the Council would expect to see recommendations on recreational aircrafts and drones; having the Public Safety Advisory Committee work on developing metrics and measurements on public awareness to combat public perceptions on crime; having the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board examine the Legacy Plan for a potential capital project utilizing lodging tax funds; having the Public Safety Advisory Committee review mental health issues in the context of what the County and Health Department are doing to address this matter; having the Planning Commission address a rental housing inspection program.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that Senator King from Yakima introduced a bill that would allow for WSDOT when it divests itself of property, to place such funds in a reserve for future facilities to be built.

He reported that a capital budget request has been submitted to remove the barn debris from Ft. Steilacoom Park.

He explained that the Building Official and Fire Department inspected a building at Western State Hospital and reported on its condition.

He explained that the Police Station east-gate is in need of repair for ingress/egress access and that he has authorized its

repair.

He announced that a Starbucks, 2,000 square feet, will be located in Tillicum.

He announced that Lakewood Ford acquired property to the north and will be developing a 2.6 acre site for pre-owned and new cars.

He noted that a potential land swap between JBLM and the City will be added to the Joint Land Use Study Report.

He announced that the Nisqually Tribe has awarded \$55,000 in grants for various City programs.

SSMCP has developed a new brochure to attract new members to SSMCP.

He noted that in conversations with Multicare, the City and Multicare are working together to pursue legislative changes with regard to insurance claims.

He reported that the City will be submitting an application for the AWC Excellence Award for innovative service delivery relative to the Municipal Court.

With regard to Council's comment about fire inspections, he suggested that the Building Official and Fire Marshal attend a study session to review inspections as it relates to new construction in terms of development.

He announced that on February 17, 2015, from 8:45 AM to noon, 2-2 SBCT Breakfast & Training Day Open House will be held.

He noted that the City's Community Connector, 2-2 SBCT has invited the Mayor, City Council and City Manager to attend a Leaders Breakfast with the Battalion Commanders.

On February 18 and 19, 2015, AWC's Legislative Conference will be held in Olympia.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Adopting the citizens' advisory boards, committees and commission work plans.
2. Business showcase - MACNAK Construction, Mr. TD King, Managing Partner
3. This is the date set for a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Six Year (2015-2020) Transportation Improvement Program to include roadway safety improvements at 40th Avenue SW and 96th Street SW and Military Road and 112th Street.
4. Adopting the amendments to the Six Year (2015-2020) Transportation Improvement Program to include roadway safety improvements at 40th Avenue SW and 96th Street SW and Military Road and 112th Street.
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for the LED streetlight retrofits.
6. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$50,214.52, for surface water management billing from December 31, 2014 through December 31, 2015.
7. Awarding a bid for the Bridgeport Way south gateway project.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter indicated that he will be attending the February 19, 2015 Pierce County Regional Council meeting and will not be attending the Boys and Girls Club function.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Planning Commission meeting he attended. He also commented on the Caring for Kids event he attended. He announced that he will be attending the Pierce County Regional Council meeting on February 19, 2015 and commented about the speakers who will be presenting at the event. He then commented on THE NEWS TRIBUNE article about placing homeless veteran housing at Western State Hospital.

Councilmember Moss commented on the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting she attended and their discussion about smoke alarms. She then commented on the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting she attended and their discussion on the Fiscal Year 2015 Consolidated Plan relative to Community Development Block Grant funds. She also commented on the Caring for Kids event. She reported that she will be attending the Lakewood Promise Advisory Board meeting, Municipal Court

tour and the Asian Pacific celebration.

Councilmember Barth spoke about the Lakewood Collaboration and Arts Commission meetings and the Washington Realty Association meetings she will be attending. She then commented on the Lakewood Chamber Chili cookoff where she and Mayor Anderson served chili.

Deputy Mayor Whalen indicated that he was interested in attending the Pierce County Regional Council event. Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the slippery hillside to the Harry Todd Park dock.

Mayor Anderson spoke about his observation of the excavation of Rainier Inn on South Tacoma Way. He then commented on the Lakewood Chamber Chili and noted that Assistant City Manager Kraus' recipe won the People's Choice award. He also spoke about the Caring for Kids event he attended. He then commented on the Starbucks near SR-512 event he attended. He then commented on a Pierce Transit Board meeting discussion regarding legislative requests for tax increases. He reported that he will be providing the key note speech at the Asian Pacific cultural event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK