

2015 04 27 Study Session Minutes

LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

April 27, 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 7:00 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:

Economic Development update.

Economic Development Manager Newton provided an economic development update and reviewed business retention and expansion, business recruitment and attraction and investments.

Discussion ensued on the status of building permit activities; what health care sector is involved with purchasing property (both private and non-profit health care sectors); will on-line permitting be tested prior to going live; what is the level of customer satisfaction on permits that are in the pending status; what percentage of permits in pending status do not come to fruition (almost all come to fruition); what is the valuation of the housing development off of Farwest Drive (\$420,000-\$450,000) and concerns expressed by citizens about traffic access/egress with the new development; what leverage does the City have to enforce property owners to clean empty/abandoned sites; will the design decisions on Bridgeport Way be kept on hold until the completion of the Motor Avenue complete street study; what is the status of the building where a medical facility was located next to Fed Ex in the Colonial Center; how many parking spaces would be lost in the proposed linear park proposal for the Towne Center; has the linear park proposal been rated in the parks and open space Legacy Plan; what is the outlook for the previous QFC facility; and budgeting for consultant services to develop a subarea plan.

U.S. Open update.

Parks and Recreation Director Dodsworth provided an overview of the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay to be held on June 15-21, 2015.

Communications Manager Champaco reviewed the various ways the City is communicating about the U. S. Open through the website, City newsletter and social media.

Discussion ensued about free tickets for active and military retirees on practice days.

Transportation Manager Winkler reviewed the transportation provisions, traffic patterns and routes in preparation of the U. S. Open to help accommodate the anticipated traffic volumes.

Discussion ensued on when is “rush” hour traffic; and is Pierce College also offering parking spaces (Pierce College has offered spaces for U.S. Open workers and volunteers and parking backup for Ft. Steilacoom Park).

Interim Police Chief Zaro reviewed the public safety concerns and noted there may be other Police officers from other jurisdictions handling traffic. He added that Police will also be monitoring the amount of cell phone activities.

Discussion ensued on placing a sign at Coral and Onyx to direct vehicles to use 83rd Street to exit out of Oakbrook.

Economic Development Manager Newton spoke about sending a letter to those along the gateway routes to welcome U.S. Open attendees by planting and cleaning up their properties to prepare for the U.S. Open. She explained that the Chamber of Commerce will be going door-to-door to hand out posters to businesses.

Discussion ensued on removing feather banners on Bridgeport Way.

Parks and Recreation Director Dodsworth reviewed the parking areas at Ft. Steilacoom Park to accommodate visitors.

Discussion ensued about concerns with parking in the baseball fields; what is the plan to keep landscapes and streets clean; what is the status with the work with WSDOT and clean-up at the interchange; what kind of pavement damage could be done on Angle Lane; what are the plans for restrooms and where will they be located (near the screening area).

National Night Out update.

Interim Police Chief Zaro reported that August 4, 2015 is the National Night Out event and had suggested restructuring it to have one event at each park. However, from feedback from neighborhood districts, neighborhoods want to keep the event in their neighborhoods.

Review of business license code amendments.

City Attorney Wachter reviewed the proposed amendments to the business license code.

Discussion ensued on the "taking" of a business license based on the change of the business license code; can businesses be notified and educated on the proposed changes to the business code relative to second-hand sales; would food trucks require a general business license (temporary business license) depending on its operation; business licenses for minors seem limiting such as being able to mow lawns and is there a list of business activities where a business license would not be needed; clarifying the definition of animals; how are weekend pop-up tents to fix car windows handled and is there a method for such vendors to post something so a police officer can see a visible business license; what is the distinction between second-hand property and military second-hand property.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

Review of public art options.

Assistant to the City Manager Lincoln and Management Intern Casady reviewed the responses to questions Council had raised earlier with regard to public art options.

Discussion ensued if the Arts Commission is a 501c3 organization (no); could the Arts Commission raise funds and donate the funds to the City earmarked for public art (yes); what is the Arts Commission fundraising strategy; and presenting the public art options before the Arts Commission.

City Manager Caulfield reported that the Legislature did not come to agreement on a wide variety of issues on the budget. He reported that the Legislature will be holding a Special Session on Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

He reminded the Council that Council ipads will be collected following tonight's meeting for maintenance.

He reported that South Sound 911 is holding public meetings in conjunction with the Rotary Club on June 3, 2015.

He indicated that the Bridgeport Way gateway will be completed by the first of June 2015.

He noted that JBLM has designated three bars to be off limits to service members, two of which are in Lakewood - the New World Lounge and Champion Sports Bar.

He announced that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be holding a second community meeting on April 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

On April 29, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, I-5 JBLM Vicinity Congestion Relief Study – Elected Officials Briefing, will be held at DuPont City Hall.

On April 30, 2015 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly, will be held at the Washington State Convention Center.

On May 2-3, 2015, the Lakewood Sister City Association International Festival and Lakewood ArtsFest Celebration, will be held at Pierce College.

On May 5, 2015, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, I-5 the JBLM Vicinity Congestion Relief Study -- Public Open House, will be held at the McGavick Center.

On May 6, 2015, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, the Law Enforcement Memorial, will be held at McGavick Center.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 4, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Amending the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to business licenses.
2. Welcoming Lakewood Sister City Bauang, LaUnion, Philippines.
3. Proclamation declaring the week of May 3 – 9, 2015 as Teachers Appreciation Week.
4. Proclamation recognizing Taj Jensen as 2015 Washington State's Elementary Principal of the Year.
5. Proclamation declaring May 10-16, 2015 as Police Week.
6. Proclamation declaring the week of May 17 – 23, 2015 as National Public Works Week.
7. Appointing a member to the Public Safety Advisory Committee through August 6, 2016.
8. Appointing a member to the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board through May 21, 2018.
9. Awarding a bid for the 2015 chip sealing program.
10. Awarding a bid for San Francisco Avenue street improvements.
11. This is the date set for a public hearing on vacating a portion of Lakeholme Road SW.
12. Adopting the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget amendments.
13. Establishing a line of credit with Heritage Bank.
14. Approving the Five Year 2015-2019 and Fiscal Year 2015 Joint Tacoma-Lakewood Consolidated Plan and proposed use of funds.
15. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with New Cingular Wireless, LLC, in the amount of \$10,500 relative to a local utility tax claim settlement.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss commented on the change of command event she attended. She also noted that she attended the CPTC Scholarship luncheon and the Rebuilding Together South Sound homes that the organization rehabilitated. She then commented on Parks Appreciation Day.

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about Parks Appreciation Day and the Lakewood, Steilacoom, DuPont banquet at Lake City Community Church.

Councilmember Brandstetter spoke about Parks Appreciation Day, Rebuilding Together South Sound and the Oakbrook gateway clean-up he attended.

He then commented on the plaque presentation event he attended at the Old Settler Cemetery. He suggested that the Arts Commission consider the idea of erecting fencing at Ft. Steilacoom Park as a way to deter vehicle access to prevent further vandalism of the ball fields. He then asked Councilmembers to support the Relay for Life event.

Councilmember Barth commented on the Lakewood Historical Society meeting, Old Settlers Cemetery and the community gate dedication she attended.

Councilmember Simpson commented on the Pacific Neighborhood Association meeting he attended.

Deputy Mayor Whalen spoke about the dedication of the community gate, Parks Appreciation Day, and the Young Life Celebration event he attended. He indicated that he will be attending the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Community meeting on April 28, 2015 and encouraged the public to attend.

Mayor Anderson commented on an I-5/JBLM meeting he attended with the City Manager. He then commented on the Lakes High School Art exhibition at St. Clare Hospital. He announced that International Festival will be held on May 2-3 and Mayor De Guzman from the Philippines will be attending the Council's May 4, 2015 meeting. He commented on Mayor Emeritus Harrison's dinner he attended for the leadership of the 7th Infantry Division command staff. He noted that Mayor Strickland has requested a letter of support encouraging the congressional delegation to support the President's trade policy.

Executive Session

Mayor Anderson announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss the performance of a public official.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m. At 10:45 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional 15 minutes.

Council reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK