

# 2015 05 11 Study Session Minutes

## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

May 11, 2015  
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: 5 –Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, and Marie Barth.

Councilmembers Excused: 2- Mayor Don Anderson and Councilmember Paul Bocchi.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### **Mental health professional services status report.**

Interim Police Chief Zaro provided an update on the mental health professional program at Greater Lakes Mental Health. He explained that the goal of the program is to connect individuals requiring mental health services with appropriate services.

Discussion ensued on homelessness; if grant funding is not forthcoming, looking at prioritizing funding for various programs; and has there been public disclosure requests filed about this program.

#### **Review of fee schedule amendments for temporary business licenses.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reviewed the proposed fee schedule for temporary business licenses at a fee of \$40 per license.

Discussion ensued on the process and implementation of issuing a new temporary business license fee; would consideration be given to a vendor who works a stall/booth for 200 days to obtain a general business license versus a temporary business license that could cost the vendor substantially more than a general business license; how will monitoring of temporary business licenses be conducted if a vendor roves; what is the rationale for a \$40 fee; will temporary business licenses apply to Farmers Market vendors (no); consideration of establishing a \$60 fee versus a \$40 fee for temporary business licenses; applying fairness when issuing temporary business licenses; can the City make temporary licensing applications available at the site such as at Starlite; and what is the vendor ratio between second hand sales and others.

Review of a sale of surplus City property.

City Attorney Wachter reviewed a process for selling surplus City property and suggested that a public hearing be held prior to the actual sale of surplus City property (Lakeland property).

Discussion ensued on whether the process would also include personal property; clarifying the options presented; potentially include street end properties that have no value and declare them as surplus property (waterfront street ends follow another State statute); perhaps having the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board look at including street-ends property in the Legacy Plan.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield noted that the matter about street-ends is scheduled for 2017, however, it can be brought forward sooner.

He reported that the State legislature continues to hold meetings and it has been somewhat quiet. He noted that Senator Cantwell will be asking Amtrak to conduct a study to determine if it is viable to have an Amtrak Station in Lakewood. He commented that Joni Earl, CEO of Sound Transit, is retiring in early 2016.

He reported that a stop sign will be erected at Montrose Avenue and Becker Drive in the Northeast Neighborhood Association area.

He announced that the Department of Ecology will be arranging to have volunteers to work on clean-up at the I-5 and SR 512 area prior to the US Open.

He provided an economic development update on the EB5 regional center, Habitat for Humanity looking at having a storefront in Lakewood, Bruno's restaurant, Babblin' Bas Bistro, Chick-Fil-A, and Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches are looking to locate in Lakewood. Tacoma Trophy is being sold, and Marriott Towne Place Suites is also looking to locate in Lakewood.

He then noted upcoming meetings and events include:

May 13, 2015, Senators Murray and O'Ban, telephone town hall conference meeting.

May 14, 2014, 2:30 PM, State Auditor Entrance conference

May 15, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, 2-2 SBCT (Lancer) Community Event, Fort Steilacoom Park.

May 16, 2015, Ray Evans Memorial Fishing Event, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, American Lake Park.

May 20, 2015 6:00 PM-8:30PM, Greater Lakes Mental Health 50th Anniversary, McGavick Center.

May 29, 2015 10:00 AM, 2/2 SBCT (Lancer) Monument Dedication, JBLM.

July 11, 2015, Summerfest, 11:00 AM, Ft. Steilacoom Park.

Councilmember Brandstetter asked that a Proclamation be prepared for Joni Earl in recognizing her contributions as Sound Transit's CEO.

Councilmember Simpson asked if the black letters on the Lakewood sign at Bridgeport Way could be painted white.

#### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 18, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Amending the fee schedule for temporary business licenses.
2. Vacating a portion of Lakeholme Road.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Barth commented on the WSDOT meeting, Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting, honoring heroes event at McGavick, reception for the Arts Commission at Lakewold Gardens, Tillicum Neighborhood Association, and Lakewood Historical Society display opening she attended.

Councilmember Moss commented on the honoring heroes event, Lakewood United breakfast, and the Pierce College poverty awareness session she attended. She asked if a Councilmember could attend the Thursday, May 14, 2015, 7:30 a.m., Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting as she has a conflict. She then suggested that proclamations be prepared for the outgoing commanders of JBLM and the Air Force.

Councilmember Brandstetter spoke about the Arts Commission reception at Lakewold Gardens. He noted that he will be attending the AUSA event in Lacey about high school leaders joining the armed services. He indicated that he will be interviewing Youth Council candidates for next year. He then spoke about the run he participated in to benefit the healthy start program.

Councilmember Simpson commented on the Pierce College poverty awareness program and complimented Councilmember Moss for her participation.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the honoring heroes event and the Studio Fitness run he attended. He indicated that he received a citizen comment about the JBLM/I-5 meeting that was held earlier. He asked that a lodging tax application be provided to Bob Lawrence relative to the Arts Fest. He then spoke about a University Place Whole Foods opening that he attended.

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**Executive Session**

Deputy Mayor Whalen announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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JASON WHALEN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CITY CLERK  
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