

2015 11 23 Study Session Minutes

LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

November 23, 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: 6 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Marie Barth.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of flood plain and critical area code regulations.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher and Planning Manager Fiori reviewed the proposed ordinance on flood plain and critical area regulations.

Discussion ensued on the effective date of FEMA's changes and what is the impact of making the ordinance changes effective the same date as FEMA's changes; what comments were made by citizens who testified at the Planning Commission meeting; are maps available of the flood plain changes; and was there a change in the Clover Creek channel/flood plain in the Raquet Club area.

Review of Waste Connections franchise.

Assistant to the City Manager Lincoln provided the history and background of the LeMay Refuse agreement.

Discussion ensued on increasing opportunities for recycling facilities and potentially providing for glass recycling drop off points; could wood recycling provide for credits; how is the exclusivity of holding recycling service providers to hauling only recyclables enforced; why would businesses need to have only a single hauler; a franchise could be split into residential, commercial, and/or recyclables; what would be the impact if there was glass recycling drop offs and what would the rates be (Waste Connections indicated that the concerns are with regard to safety and broken glass at sites and it is not a cost issue); are there clean-up accommodations to remove piles of garbage in low-income areas; and are there restrictions on where Lakewood's wastes are taken (Waste Connections follow the plan provided by the County).

Review of Puget Sound Energy franchise.

Assistant to the City Manager Lincoln provided the history and background information on the Puget Sound Energy franchise agreement. He explained that staff is recommending to continue with the automatic ten year extension option in the current agreement.

Discussion ensued on the undergrounding of utilities when street improvements are made, and if the City wishes to underground utility poles can the City do so at the 60%/40% cost split or must it be done by agreement between the parties; define what is the "applicable tariffs on file with the WUTC" as noted in Section 8.4 of the existing agreement if the City should direct PSE to replace (convert) its overhead electric distribution facilities then existing within the franchise area with underground facilities; why does the agreement state a utility tax rate of 5% for electricity and 5% for natural gas; how would you know that the City is receiving safe, effective and efficient electric and natural gas service; has PSE per Section 11 of the agreement provided the City with a list of actions in the franchise area in which vegetation management activities are being performed; there are certain areas of Lakewood that do not have natural gas and the agreement does not address expanding

natural gas to such areas and that it should be discussed; and the \$2 million insurance being maintained by PSE relative to property damage does not address if it is for electric and/or natural gas and natural gas could be more catastrophic.

Review of the Community Safety and Resource Team (CSRT) program.

Police Chief Zaro provided an update of the CSRT program and the staff who are serving the five Police districts in Lakewood.

Discussion ensued on district boundaries and if there are any proposed changes (no changes); can CSRT address panhandling issues in the Central Business District; consider distributing information/contact information sheet to businesses on who to call regarding panhandling issues; what will happen to the property in the area where the encampments were cleaned-up; how much clean-up time does it take when there is a transient property owner; is the CSRT workload manageable with also handling second-hand business licensing enforcement; and is Police involved with the School District on a homeless event being held at Four Heroes Elementary School.

Review of the Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare agreement for mental health services.

Police Chief Zaro provided an overview of the Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare agreement for mental health services in 2016.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield announced that the City received a \$325,000 Transportation Improvement Board grant for sidewalks along Gravelly Lake Drive between 59th Avenue and Steilacoom Boulevard.

He then reported that the Bridgeport Way project from I-5 to McChord Gate will be advertised and staff will be asking for Council's approval.

He reported that WSDOT Rail indicated that the Pt. Defiance Bypass project to accommodate Amtrak rail line is scheduled to begin in December to January.

A tour of cottage housing development for the Council is proposed for Saturday, January 9, 2016, departing at 7:00 a.m.

He reported that the closing of the Springbrook Park acquisition will be occurring soon. City staff is working with the JBLM Community Connector to help with demolition.

He noted that a letter was sent to the Sound Transit Board from DuPont, Steilacoom and Lakewood relative to Sound Transit 3. University Place will be sending a separate letter.

He then spoke about a meeting that Assistant City Manager Bugher held with the Department of Commerce relative to land use and the air corridor.

He announced that IKEA is coming to Lakewood in the Lakewood industrial park.

He reported that the next City Connections newsletter will focus on the attractiveness of the Lakewood industrial park, the development of Pierce Transit's property that recently sold and the Woodbrook Industrial park.

The City received a permit application from Tacoma Country Golf Club to remove trees on their property.

He noted that the Fallen Food drive is underway and non-perishable food can be left at City Hall or the Police Station.

He noted that the Council's November 24, 2015 meeting with State Legislators from the 28th and 29th Districts begins at 6:00 p.m.

He provided an update on the efforts for transferring Ft. Steilacoom Park property from the State to the City. He spoke about increasing funding for military affairs in Washington State. He then provided an update on the AWC's State legislative agenda priorities.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE DECEMBER 7, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business showcase. - Robi's Camera Center & Custom Framing
2. Appointing members to the Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board.
3. Confirming the City Manager's appointment of Stafford Smith and Phil Olbrechts as Hearings Examiners and approving agreements for said services.

4. Reappointing Don Anderson to the Pierce Transit Board from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare, in the amount of \$76,373, to provide mental health services from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
6. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Giovanna Franklin, in the amount of \$82,200, for prosecution services from January 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
7. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lisa Elliott, in the amount of \$43,680, for prosecution services from January 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
8. Granting a franchise to Waste Connections for garbage, recycling and yard waste collection services.
9. Adopting the 2015 Comprehensive Plan amendments and land use map.
10. Amending Titles 14A and 18A of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to flood plain and critical area regulations.
11. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Humane Society for Tacoma-Pierce County relative to animal sheltering services.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss announced that Peter Rogoff is the new Sound Transit CEO. She then spoke about the Springbrook Neighborhood Association meeting she attended.

Councilmember Simpson spoke about a second Fisher House at JBLM that he visited. He then spoke about Operation Turkey Drop where turkey was distributed to many JBLM families.

Deputy Mayor Whalen announced that the Pierce County Regional Council meeting was cancelled. He then spoke about the Tacoma Economic Development Board meeting that he and the City Manager attended.

Mayor Anderson spoke about the Volunteers recognition event at the Senior Center. He then spoke about the pre-opening event at Bruno's Restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK