

2016 03 14 Study Session Minutes

LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 14, 2016
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01p.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 the 2015 Human Services Annual Report.

Human Resources Coordinator Shields reported on the human services program, clients served and benefits returned.

Discussion ensued on services provided; the return to benefit ratios; why is there a focus based on language skills instead of need as it relates to medical health conditions; what services are being provided by LASA Client Services Center to the community; concerns about the homeless issues and how it is evolving.

Review of Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and funding recommendations.

Program Manager Gumm reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and amendments to the Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 Consolidated Annual Action Plans and a Section 108 loan guarantee for improvements on 108th Street.

Edith Owens, Chair of the Community Services Advisory Board, reviewed the proposed funding recommendations for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act Grants. Projects recommended for funding include improvements on 108th Street, low income streetlighting, major home repairs, sewer loans, emergency assistance for displaced residents, affordable housing projects and housing rehabilitation loans.

Discussion ensued on the sewer loan and major home repair program; how healthy is the revolving loan accounts and how are funds prioritized and used; and can there be a strategy section in the Consolidated Action Plan to include a coordinated process to address the needs of homeless persons.

Abatement program update.

Program Manager Jeff Gumm provided an update of the abatement program including the number of abatements completed, pending abatements and their locations.

Discussion ensued on how rental housing abatements are handled and how was the City able to enter the apartment complex; how are buildings that are damaged by fire handled; are abated properties rentals or owner-occupied properties (most often they are bank-owned); what happens to the mobile home park when a mobile home is abated; is there the possibility of lending other funds besides the General Fund for the abatement program.

Review of cottage housing Ordinance No. 620.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher provided an overview of the proposed substitute ordinance relative to cottage housing. Assistant to the City Manager Courtney Cassaday then reviewed various scenarios using multiple densities for cottage housing options based on R1, R2, R3 and R4.

Discussion ensued on the definition of the average lot size.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield called on Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher to provide an update on the Motor Avenue Design project.

Motor Avenue Design Update.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reported on the community outreach meetings that were conducted on the Motor Avenue design project and the positive community feedback received.

Discussion ensued if there were any impediments raised from the community outreach meetings (none); how would the closing of Motor Avenue alternative incorporate with the improvements to be made on Gravelly Lake Drive; and that this project can be a positive stimulus for downtown improvements.

City Manager Caulfield provided an update on the Legislative session and the bills that the Governor had vetoed. He reported that the City will be submitting applications for six Puget Sound Regional Council transportation projects:

- 1) Steilacoom Blvd/88th St. Overlay-Weller Rd to Custer Rd.
- 2) Lakewood ITS Phase VI
- 3) Steilacoom Blvd – Farwest Dr. to Phillips Rd Right of Way Acquisition (only)
- 4) 112th/111th Street Improvement – Bridgeport Way to Kendrick
- 5) Gravelly Lake Drive Non-Motorized Trail (Design only)
- 6) South Tacoma Way-88th St. to North City Limits (Design/Right of Way Acquisition only)

He then provided an update on code enforcement efforts. He reported that the County's homeless count information will become available in April. He noted that the Air Show is back and will be held in August. He complimented Bill Adamson, SSMCP Program Manager for his work in Lakewood being recognized as a defense community by the Association of Defense Communities.

He reported that Albertson's will be coming back to the Steilacoom Boulevard location. He noted that the Council's Retreat will be held on March 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Agenda items include the review of the Community Satisfaction Survey and a review of goals and priorities in advance of 2017/2018 biennial budget.

He also noted that on March 15, 7:00 p.m., Lakeview Light & Power's Annual Meeting will be held at First Baptist Church of Lakewood.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 21, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business showcase.
2. Pierce Transit Destination 2040 Long Range Plan. – Mr. Darin Stavish, Principal Planner and Ms. Rebecca Japhet, Public Relations Officer, Pierce Transit
3. Appointing a member to serve on the Community Services Advisory Board. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Approving a collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117 from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Ordinance No. 620 – (continued from the meeting of February 1, 2016)
 - Amending Title 18A of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to cottage housing. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
6. Amending Chapter 12A.9 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to street classifications. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss commented on the Community Collaboration meeting she attended. She then spoke about the

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting and the Teen Award Annual banquet.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Father Daughter dance at Lakes High School. He asked if a Councilmember could attend the Pacific Neighborhood Association meeting because of a PCRC meeting he needs to attend.

Councilmember Simpson commented on the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting he attended.

Mayor Anderson commented on the Coffee with the Mayor meeting. He then commented on a meeting he held with CPSD Board President Schafer to hold a joint meeting with the Council and CPSD Board. He commented on a Ft. Lewis spouse dinner event he attended with the special forces group commander and leadership.

Mayor Anderson announced that Council will move into a closed session to discuss employee relations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK