

2016 04 11 Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 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 7:19 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:

Western State Hospital update.

Mr. Ron Adler, CEO, Western State Hospital, provided an update on the Western State Hospital renovations.

Discussion ensued on staffing at Western State Hospital; what can the Council do to assist Western State Hospital and what can local government do relative to mental care funding; stressing the value of community policing funding to the State legislature; is Western State Hospital the right facility for housing patients due to civil infractions; what are some of the success stories at Western State Hospital; how do we address safety issues of violent types of criminals housed at Western State Hospital and provide assurance of the safety of employees and citizens of Lakewood; does the hospital have the ability to turn people away; what other services (health care) are provided on Western State Hospital grounds that are not operated by the hospital; what happens if Western State Hospital is decertified; how are employee assaults at Western State Hospital comparable to other similar hospitals; and when patients are released where are they relocated to.

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department presentation.

Mr. John Sherman, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Assistant Division Director for Environmental Health, and Health Department staff provided an overview of the Health Department, and its role in health. An overview was provided on sewage and septic systems.

Discussion ensued the number of asthma home visits provided in Lakewood; are there guidelines that would assist with dealing with mold issues between tenants and landlords; how many different languages are available in providing information; how are landlords being contacted in providing information and education (rental housing association, smoke free housing association); concerns about potential septic system impacts to American Lake and what can be done to impose a testing program to ensure ground water and drinking water is not contaminated; and sharing data of the 1187 septic systems with Lakewood Public Works Department.

Review of the Towne Center Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and easements.

City Attorney Wachter and Economic Development Manager Newton provided an overview of the Lakewood Towne Center's history, its covenants and restrictions. From that information, the types of retailers that could locate in the Towne Center include sporting goods, beauty supplies and furniture retailers.

Discussion ensued on what is the attitude of RPAI in working with the City; are more sophisticated data looked at such as credit card data by retailers versus household income; have RPAI looked at having more public/open space to draw more people; would getting something at the former QFC building make a difference to RPAI; are there zoning changes that could be made; what could the City do through eminent domain where the City could have assisted RPAI because of CC&R lease restrictions; is it feasible for the City to invest in a \$500,000 subarea plan at this time; should eminent domain be used to

provide for a public use space for a Library and Senior Center in the Towne Center or at another location; and what does the subarea plan accomplish (becomes incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan).

Economic Development update.

Economic Development Manager Becky Newton provided an update on economic development priorities including government contracting, developer outreach on housing, Motor Avenue and the Central Business District, Pacific Highway Redevelopment, potential Woodbrook Industrial users, Springbrook and South Tacoma Way activities, business activities, and map of economic development activities.

Discussion ensued if the Georgian House property on Steilacoom Boulevard that is being turned into Pierce College dormitory housing is off the property tax rolls; new economic development of the Welchers Gun Shop and Range, and what is being proposed at Lakewood Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard and the masonry over the walkway at Sound Transit building; and what the strengths of an outlet mall would need (high volumes of traffic) to be successful.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield called on City Attorney Wachter to review the City Council goals and objectives.

Review of City Council goals and objectives.

City Attorney Wachter reviewed the goals and objectives reviewed by the Council at its City Council's Retreat on March 19, 2016.

Discussion ensued about the CBD subarea plan.

City Manager Caulfield asked for Council's approval to reach out to Senators Murray and Cantwell to request their support to ensure that local control is maintained by cities and states to regulate the use of drones. Council concurred.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 18, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation declaring April 23, 2016 as Parks Appreciation Day.
2. Business showcase. – Ardesson's Shoe Repair
3. Approving a collective bargaining agreement with the Lakewood Police Independent Guild.
4. This is the date set for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Action Plan and Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Action Plans.
5. This is the date set for a public hearing on vacating a portion of the 84th Street SW right-of-way.
6. Authorizing the deferral of sewer connections.
7. Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for Harry Todd Park waterfront improvements.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK