

2016 04 25 Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 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 7:00 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.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members Present: 6 – Sylvia Allen; Alan Billingsley, Jason Gerwen, Heinz Haskins, Vito Iacobazzi and Anessa McClendon.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Chair Gerwen spoke about the PRAB accomplishments. Members of the PRAB then reviewed current work plan items including naming and sponsorship policies; Motor Avenue design; cost recovery report for parks and recreation; gathering place project; expansion of Springbrook Park; Waughop Lake trail; Ft. Steilacoom Park sports field enhancements and Chamber Creek trail projects; partnerships enhancements; designs for Harry Todd waterfront improvements; review of Legacy Plan and budgeting for 2017-2018.

Discussion ensued on public participation relative to the review of the Legacy Plan; what is the proposed design of the gathering place space and that it be brought before the Council with the business plan proposal; looking at cost recovery for some of the gathering space costs; possibly seeing the Motor Avenue project as a cost recovery project; what are the options and problems associated with relocating the Senior Center (space and that there are not much space available at this time); what options are available for Harry Todd Park improvements.

Farmer's Market analysis study

University of Puget Sound students provided an overview of the Lakewood Farmer's Market analysis study they conducted and explained the strategic short term, medium term and long term recommendations from one to five years.

Discussion ensued on educating the Towne Center businesses to sponsor a Towne Center Tuesday and perhaps offer 10 percent discounts to encourage sales tax generation in the Towne Center; how were businesses contacted when surveyed (by phone); were radio, TV spots, new media considered for outreach (facebook, social media are found to be more effective for public outreach and awareness); are other Farmers Markets supported by corporate sponsors; is Lakewood the right size for its location; and what kind of variety can Lakewood offer (variety in types of meats offered).

Review of naming and sponsorship policy

PRAB Chair Gerwen reviewed a proposed naming and sponsorship policy.

Discussion ensued on naming a facility after a donor of a living person; is the 1997 policy broken; and should there be separate policies for naming and renaming City parks and facilities.

Sound Transit yard and shop presentation and Sound Transit 3 update.

Ms. Sax, Project Manager, Sound Transit, provided an overview of the Sound Transit yard and shop project.

Discussion ensued on what steps will be taken to minimize interference with 100th Street crossings; has Sound Transit acquired the Tacoma Towing property (Board has not authorized acquisition at this time); how many employees will work at the maintenance shop (31 staff when fully operational); where will employees park; were notices of property acquisition for the yard and shop also sent to residents in the area (yes); how will one compete for jobs that will be created at the yard and shop; was their feedback from businesses relative to impacts on 100th street and staging of Sounder trains; would Sound Transit provide relocation assistance for Lakewood small businesses to locate back into Lakewood; and who makes the determination on noise level thresholds.

Ms. Levy, Government and Community Relations Officer, Sound Transit provided an update on Sound Transit 3.

Discussion ensued on what is the fare recovery on Sounder (23 percent); what is the capital contribution toward the Pierce Transit BRT on Pacific Avenue/SR 7 consist of (could be a myriad of improvements such as a more sophisticated traffic control system, potential off board payment system, making sure buses run more efficiently); what is the ridership from Lakewood and the capacity of the parking garage; is there a potential for another station prior to 2033; is there a potential to run another train on a track without having to construct a double track; what has happened to rental housing costs as a result of Sound Transit development; how was the \$200 per person cost for Sound Transit 3 derived; how much is the bonding cost to arrive at the \$50.1 billion funding needed for Sound Transit 3; and what is plan B if Sound Transit 3 does not pass.

Council recessed at 9:51 p.m. and reconvened at 9:58 p.m.

Review of Walker Ridge Final Plat.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reviewed a final plat for Walker Ridge development.

Discussion ensued on what were the challenges with the project; and does the sewer lines connect to Pierce County's main sewer lines.

Review of 2015 Year End Financial Report.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus reviewed the 2015 Year End Financial Report and noted the \$1.4 million ending fund balance.

Discussion ensued on the decrease in sales tax; what are the revenues and expenditures for public art; and where do internet sales fall (under the "other" category).

Review of 2016 carry forward budget adjustments.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus reviewed the 2015-2016 biennial budget adjustments.

Discussion ensued on the Nyanza gateway budget.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield announced that the City received a \$200,000 grant from the Names Foundation for Springbrook Park to build a basketball court and a community garden.

He reported that staff is drafting a letter to the legislators of the 28th District relative to Western State Hospital and drafting a letter for Council review to Sound Transit concerning Sound Transit 3 by Friday, April 29, 2016.

He announced that Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher was asked to serve on the Clover Park School District Facilities Advisory Committee and their first kick-off meeting will be held in June, 2016.

He indicated that in a meeting with Clover Park School District Superintendent LeBeau, he informed the Superintendent that the Council is interested in holding a joint meeting with the Clover Park School District Board.

He then reported that Executive Assistant Schumacher has been working on 2-2 Stryker Brigade community connector meetings. A May 25, 2016, 2-2 SBCT Command Social will be held at Lakewood Gardens and a Military Appreciation Day is being planned at Ft. Steilacoom Park.

He then reported on volunteer activities completed on Parks Appreciation Day at various parks by 200 participants.

He reported that with the recent media coverage about Tacoma Water and lead in the water, Mr. Bob Mack from Tacoma Public Utilities offered to provide an update on the matter.

He then announced several calendar events:

* May 4, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with 6:30 PM presentation, WSDOT I5/JBLM Corridor Improvement Project, Tillicum Elementary School

* May 6, 6:50 AM, Pierce County Prayer Breakfast, Tacoma Dome

* May 11, 6:00 PM, The Pierce County Law Enforcement Memorial, McGavick Center

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 2, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation declaring May 2 – 6, 2016 as Certificated Employee Appreciation Week. – *Mr. Jim Schell, Clover Park Education Association President*
2. Proclamation declaring May 15 – 21, 2016 as National Public Works Week. – *Mr. Don Wickstrom, Public Works Director*
3. Proclamation declaring May 15 – 21, 2016 as National Police Week. – *Police Chief Mike Zaro*
4. Approving the Walker Ridge Final plat. – (Ordinance – Consent Agenda)
5. Setting Monday, June 6, 2016, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
6. This is the date set for a public hearing by the City Council on the 2015-2016 carry forward budget adjustments. – (Public Hearing – Regular Agenda)
7. Vacating a portion of 84th Street right-of-way. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
8. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 Amendments to the Consolidated Annual Action Plans for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act funds. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
9. Adopting the financial policies. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the art competition he attended at St. Clare Hospital. He expressed his thanks for the University of Puget Sound student presentation on the Farmers Market study.

Councilmember Brandstetter announced that the Youth Council has raised \$700 for Relay for Life.

Councilmember Simpson commented on the State of City address he provided to the Lake City Neighborhood Association. He then commented on the Parks Appreciation Day event and the Art competition at St. Clare Hospital.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the Economic Development Board Investment Briefing he attended in Puyallup. He then commented on the Lakewood Rotary event he attended on Saturday night.

Mayor Anderson reported on an Economic Development meeting he attended with Economic Development Manager Newton on Tuesday, April 23, 2016. He then commented on a Sound Transit 3 pre-meeting he attended with Sound Transit CEO and Councilmembers Moss and Brandstetter and City Manager Caulfield. He spoke about the Lakes High School art competition at St. Clare Hospital and Lakewood Rotary event he attended on Saturday night.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK