

2016/06/13 Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 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 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, and Marie Barth.

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Paul Bocchi.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Alliance for South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition Presentation.

The Alliance for South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition spoke about the need for mental health facilities and asked community partners to assist building a \$42 million hospital at the Allenmore site to be operational in 2018. The Coalition requested that the City pledge \$350,000.

Discussion ensued on how this facility will alleviate homelessness issues in the community; will funding for this project also serve the youth; is the request for funding a one time pledge or is it spread over time; how was Lakewood's amount of \$350,000 determined (primarily population); how much time is the Coalition considering the funding be spread (three years); how will funding those that do not have insurance be handled; Lakewood has been subsidizing other communities with community policing at Western State Hospital, services provided by Greater Lakes Mental Health, the Veterans Hospital and human services funding for mental health issues; and the City is an advocate for mental health and notes that mental health is a State constitution responsibility.

Review of a franchise agreement with Astound Broadband, LLC dba WAVE, to install, operate and maintain a telecommunications system in city rights-of-way.

Assistant to the City Manager Lincoln reviewed a proposed franchise agreement with Astound Broadband to operate a telecommunications system in city rights-of-way. The current project is to run telecommunications fiber to the Lakewood Library.

Discussion ensued if the agreement also includes fiber to the Tillicum Library; how many miles of rights-of-way is the initial project; is the project underground (project is above ground); and is 15 years the maximum term of the agreement;

Review of a boundary line adjustment at Tacoma Mall Boulevard right-of-way from 84th Street to 80th Street.

Surface Water Manager Vigoren reviewed the boundary line adjustment at Tacoma Mall Boulevard right-of-way from 84th Street to 80th Street. The reason for the adjustment is to avoid conflicts between municipalities relative to police response.

Discussion ensued if Hosmer was in the city boundaries; what is the widest width of the right-of-way near 84th street used for (it was a "turn back" area during the construction of the interchange which has turned into parking for the casino).

Rental housing safety program update.

City Attorney Wachter and Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reviewed a draft ordinance on the rental housing safety program.

Discussion ensued that the ordinance provides for no rent control; and if the wording “neighborhood stability” was overreaching in the second “Whereas” clause that broadens the scope of the housing checklist.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield congratulated Brent Champaco for placing first for most improved City Connections newsletter by the National Association of Government Communicators.

After tomorrow’s Farmer’s Market on June 14, 2016, at 3:15 p.m., a celebratory event will be held thanking vendors for participating in the Market in the Council Chambers.

He reported that he has been working with Congressman Denny Heck on transportation funding to be set aside for rural and military communities.

He then spoke about the Cascadia Rising emergency management exercise that City staff participated in on June 8, 2016. He noted that a Washington National Guard was placed as a direct liaison in our EOC.

He then reported that JBLM are being forced to deny entry to approximately 300 persons per week because individuals do not have any real ID Act compliant credentials, the result to Washington State not putting into place the policies and procedures to ensure state drivers licenses and ID cards are compliant with federal law. He suggested that a letter be sent to State legislators expressing concerns about this matter.

He then noted the following calendar events:

- * June 14, 3:15 PM to 5:00 PM, Farmers Market Vendor Appreciation Reception, please join us in the City Council Chambers for snacks and mingling to show our appreciation to the market vendors
- * June 15, 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Developer’s Forum, McGavick Center
- * June 20, 2016, 20th Anniversary Pizza with Letter-Writing Student Contestants & Jury Panel, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM, American Lake Room (Conference Room 1E)

Discussion ensued on where would the City find funding for the Alliance for South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition if the Council were to fund this capital project.

Review of a Washington State Department of Commerce grant for the South Sound Military Community Partnership to conduct a JBLM North Clear Zone Land/Property Evaluation and Relocation Study.

City Manager Caulfield noted that a \$50,000 grant was received from the Department of Commerce to conduct a study for the north clear zone.

Discussion ensued on the June 11, 2016 Joint Council and Clover Park School District Board meeting.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 20, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business showcase. – Bite Me!
2. Recognizing the City’s 20th Anniversary letter-writing competition winners and student art murals.
3. Approving an amendment to the agreement with Bruce Dees and Associates relative to Springbrook Park improvements. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$50,000, relative to a JBLM North Clear Zone Land/Property Evaluation and Relocation Study. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
5. Awarding a bid for chip sealing city streets. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Granting a franchise to Astound Broadband, LLC, dba Wave, to install, operate and maintain a fiber optic-based telecommunications system within the public rights-of-way in the city of Lakewood. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
7. Adopting the 2017-2022 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss commented on the Farmers Market and the Army Ball event she attend. She then commented on the Air Lift Change of Command ceremony she attended/

Councilmember Barth commented on the opening of Farmers Market.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on his daughter’s graduation. He then commented on Commander Lanza’s event on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

Mayor Anderson commented on the Farmers Market opening. He spoke on a meeting he attended with Western State Hospital’s new CEO. He then spoke about a meeting he attended on mental health issues with Mayor Lucas and Pierce County Councilmember Doug Richardson. He encouraged Councilmembers to encourage Congressman Denny Heck to move his office to City Hall. He noted that he will not be attending the June 20, 2016 Council meeting. He then asked if Councilmembers supported sending a letter to State legislators concerning the ID compliance issue relative to entry into JBLM. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with preparing such a letter.

Executive Session

Mayor Anderson announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss a pending litigation.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK