

2016/07/25 Study Session Minutes

LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 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 7:01 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:

Emergency Preparedness Cascadia Rising Earthquake Exercise update.

Assistant Police Chief Unfred and Emergency Coordinator Badger provided an overview of the Cascadia Rising earthquake exercise based on a 9.0 earthquake along the Cascadia subduction zone in which 8 million people would be affected. The magnitude would feel like a 7.2 earthquake in Lakewood and University Place.

Discussion ensued on the emergency management plan as it relates to the role of the Council; how many City personnel have dual roles and may be asked to step into their national/military guard role; does McChord play to our advantage or does it create a magnet where others may want to come to McChord; when children are separated from parents, who takes the lead in assisting (care providers); how does/will the information come to the City to communicate to the public; what is the status of securing equipment and local assets in emergencies; and what are the plans for radio communication capabilities.

2nd Quarter 2016 Police Report.

Police Chief Zaro reviewed the 2nd Quarter 2016 Police Department report.

Discussion ensued on how many of the 15,712 calls for service were for Western State Hospital and how many were actually emergency (emergency calls may be subjective); and with increased legalization of marijuana has it reduced criminal activity.

Review of Lakewood Senior Center lease agreement extension.

Ms. Scheid, Lakewood Senior Center coordinator, reviewed the Senior Center three-year lease agreement extension.

Discussion ensued on the “without cause” termination clause of the agreement; the number of phone lines available for the Senior Center; the status of the repairs of the HVAC system; what kind of suggestions are being requested by participants of the Senior Center; where do most of the seniors come from (word of mouth, widowers); should travel trips and tours be considered to be added back to the program and consider using chartered buses; and could some of the senior center program like line dancing be incorporated with Summerfest.

Review of an interlocal agreement with the Lakewood Water District relative to backflow testing.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reviewed the interlocal agreement with the Lakewood Water District relative to backflow testing.

Discussion ensued on what is the Water District’s cost for testing and the cost for administration; what would the cost be if the City conducted the backflow testing; how is the City responsible for the cross-connection backflow prevention when it appears the Washington Administrative Code seem to indicate it is the responsibility of the purveyor; will the Water District be assuming responsibility for issuance of all

permits for backflow prevention devices as indicated in the proposed agreement; how does the inspection program actually work and does it also include areas outside the city limits; and is there a similar situation in the State where a water system not owned by a municipality is requesting a municipality to pay for the program.

Review of a multi-family tax exemption for the Rainier Terrace Apartments at 4108 and 4110 108th Street SW.

Economic Development Manager Newton and Assistant to the City Manager Casady reviewed a proposed multi-family exemption for the Rainier Terrace Apartments at 4108 and 4110 108th Street SW.

Discussion ensued on the term of the agreement (eight years); and the property site plan.

Review of the rental housing safety program.

Council recessed at 9:12 p.m. and reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reviewed prior questions and concerns of the Council and provided comparisons of rental safety programs of Bellingham, Mount Lake Terrace, Pasco, Tacoma and Tukwila.

Discussion ensued about the data on the overall health safety code and improving overall housing stock; the liabilities and risks with an inspection program; could a business licensing requirement providing for a rental housing safety checklist through an educational method be applied; crafting an ordinance of administrative guidelines for enforcement; why can't the tools that are available be used to enforce code violators; what is the appeal process for inspections; consider setting a sunset clause and include a reporting system; will the rental housing program preserve the quality of housing and address the aging housing stock.

BRIEFING BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported on the financial exit audit conference and noted that there were no findings, no management letter and no exit items. The accountability audit will be completed in September 2016.

He noted that the Joint Transportation Committee of the Washington State Legislature will be held on September 22, 2016 in Tillicum. He asked Councilmembers to let him know if members were interested in attending.

He reported that a letter was sent to the Department of Social and Health Services on the transfer of ownership of Ft. Steilacoom Park and a letter was also sent regarding Western State Hospital and the community policing program. He indicated that City of Medical Lake was contacted to partner with them in a preparing a legislative bill for permanent funding relative to community policing. He noted that a letter was sent to State legislators regarding the real property act relative to JBLM using their various public facilities and the City has offered to facilitate a discussion with the Department of Licensing.

He reported that a team meeting on the Springbrook Park Apartments will be held to discuss the multi-tax exemption application.

He then reported that the Union 76 on Gravelly Lake Drive was purchased by the Puyallup Tribe and staff is assisting with preparing a similar agreement like it did with the Nisqually Tribe.

He reported that the City is working with Pierce County about issuing timely sewer permits and that the County is currently experiencing a backlog. He noted that turnaround times for the City's building permitting is meeting or exceeding expectations.

He announced that the Golden Lion Motel is officially closed and out of business. The next step is to move into the abatement process.

He indicated that the Ft. Steilacoom Park gathering place proponents held a meeting regarding design.

He then reported that the Motor Avenue project cost estimate is \$2.16 million.

He announced that SSMCP approved a contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell to spearhead SSMCP's legislative agenda. SSMCP is preparing a work plan and that SSMCP will soon have 44 members.

He announced that lodging tax funding applications are available and have been advertised.

He then announced the following calendar of events:

- * July 26, Kids day at July 29, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Lakewood's CHOICE Springbrook Summer Daycamp Block Party, Springbrook Park
- * August 2, National Night Out
- * August 27 and 28, JBLM Airshow and Warrior Expo (AWE)
- * September 9, noon, Joint 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony City and West Pierce Fire & Rescue, City Hall
- * September 15, 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, Past Mayors & City Councilmembers Briefing, City Council Chambers
- * September 23, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, AUSA and City sponsored Military Appreciation Day for 2-2 SBCT, Fort Steilacoom Park is cancelled.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 1, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Appointing a member to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.
2. Authorizing the execution of an extension to the lease agreement with Pierce County relative to the Lakewood Senior Center.
3. Adopting the rental housing safety program.
4. Approving a multi-family tax exemption conditional certificate for the Rainier Terrace Apartments at 4108 and 4110 108th Street SW.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the U.S. Open event that he and Councilmember Moss attended. Mayor Anderson commented on a meeting he and the City Manager held with Clover Park School District (CPSD) President Schafer and CPSD Superintendent LeBeau. It was the consensus that quarterly non-quorum meetings of City Council and the CPSD Board will be held starting in September and that semi-annual joint meetings of the full City Council and CPSD Board will be held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK
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