

# 2016/08/08 Study Session Minutes

## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 8, 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: 5 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter and John Simpson.

Councilmembers Excused: 2– Councilmembers Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### **Economic Development update.**

Economic Development Manager Newton provided an update on economic development activities. She reviewed the current priorities that included improving the housing stock, the Motor Avenue Urban Design project, Central Business District retail analysis, Pacific Highway retail and mixed use development, Woodbrook industrial park, business retention and expansion, recruitment and attraction city-wide.

Discussion ensued on tree retention; is Saar's leaving the Towne Center and what is going into that space; what is Davita's space going to be used for (clinical and office); what is envisioned for the 20,000 square foot building next to Davita (it is planned for retail); what is being planned for the open space area at Pacific Highway and the Transit Center (long term development); what is the cohesive campaign message of "Why Lakewood?" we are trying to convey for attracting businesses to Lakewood (Lakewood is business friendly and connected) and how do we encapsulate that message; what is the biggest obstacle for "Why Lakewood?" (land availability and that Lakewood is not a full-service city); if the City had its own sewer and water utility would it help in economic development; what is the street address of where the Lee Medical building will be constructed; is there potential for forming a Business Improvement Area in the International District; could Lakewood be a recipient of high technology businesses; what is the status of the EB-5 investments; and what is the City's relationship with the Economic Development Board and its value.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield noted that the budget process will be kicked-off next month when the 2017-2018 proposed biennial budget will be presented. He suggested that similar to the last biennial budget process, that the department presentations be held on October 5 and 12, 2016, followed by a public hearing scheduled for November 7, 2016, with further review on November 14, 2016 and consideration for Council adoption on November 21, 2016.

He reported that Public Works has submitted Innovative Safety Program grants for traffic signals on Steilacoom Boulevard and traffic calming improvements on Dekoven/Meadow Road and Dekoven/100th Street.

He then reported that West Pierce Cares donated \$1,000 to help families who were displaced from a fire at the Legacy Apartments on July 29, 2016.

He then announced the following calendar events:

- \* August 20, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Pierce College Housing Open House & Ribbon Cutting (Steilacoom Blvd)
- \* August 22, 2016, LASA presentation on community assessment
- \* August 27 and 28, JBLM Airshow and Warrior Expo (AWE), JBLM

### ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 15, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business showcase. – Hess Bakery & Deli
2. Appointing the 2016-2017 Youth Council members and the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Youth Council representative.
3. Setting Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on Sound Transit 3 ballot measure for voter approval in the November 8, 2016 election.
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lakeview Light & Power relative to streetlights within the city boundaries.
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lakeview Light & Power relative to electrical distribution utility poles within the city boundaries.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss commented on the National Night Out events she participated in. She spoke about the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting she attended.

Councilmember Brandstetter also commented on the National Night Out sites he visited and the positive discussions held at the events. He spoke about the positive feedback he received with regard to Council's action about the rental housing safety program.

Councilmember Simpson spoke about the positive comments he received from JBLM about the work on the bridge to McChord field.

Deputy Mayor Whalen also commented on the positive comments he received at the National Night Out events he attended. He also spoke about comments he received about the rental housing safety the program.

Mayor Anderson commented on the deliberative decision-making process of the Council on the rental housing safety program.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CITY CLERK