



## **LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, July 10, 2017  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Marie Barth.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Members Present: 3 - Mayor Don Anderson, Chair; Committee Members Phillip Raschke and Linda Smith

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **Joint Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting**

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Member Phil Raschke reviewed the accomplishments of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, the lodging tax allocations made by the Committee, and the lodging tax guidelines. He then reviewed the 2017 application schedule.

Discussion ensued on the Ft. Steilacoom Park Pavilion award of \$450,000; what are the restrictions for the 4 percent and 3 percent lodging tax requirement by law; has the Committee reviewed the year-end report from the lodging tax recipients; is the \$750,000 revenues a conservative estimate (yes) and is there indication of a down trend (not necessarily); are lodging taxes being spent in the right venues; and there are 700 hotel rooms available on JBLM for providing activities/services to draw them into Lakewood.

#### **Review of purchasing policy amendments**

Acting City Manager Kraus reviewed the proposed amendments to the purchasing policies to include the purchasing of electronic data processing and telecommunications systems.

Discussion ensued on the purchasing amount of the firewall software to retroactively cover all previous actions.

### **Review of BERK Consulting agreement to prepare the Central Business District Subarea Plan**

Assistant to the City Manager for Development Services Bugher reviewed the proposed agreement with BERK Consulting to prepare the Central Business District Subarea Plan.

Discussion ensued on how the Plan will incentivize the Towne Center; concerns that what is developed is actually what the community desires; the public outreach seems frontloaded and unclear; at the time the contract is considered for Council approval (July 17, 2017) will it be known what environmental review the City must undertake for the subarea plan; and if there is some cost savings as it relates to an environmental review, is there a plan for the use of the funds.

### **Review of the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities 20 year electric utility system franchise**

Assistant to the City Manager Brazitis reviewed the proposed 20 year electric utility system franchise with the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities.

Discussion ensued on the pros and cons for a 20 year franchise versus a shorter term.

### **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

Acting City Manager Kraus provided an update on Summerfest and noted that approximately 30,000 attended the event. Many positive comments have been received.

She also announced that the film project regarding the fallen officers that Police Chief Zaro is participating in is scheduled for July 20, 2017.

She then announced the following meetings and events:

- July 25, 6:00 PM, JBLM HQ Farewell Event for COL Morgan, American Lake Conference Center, 8085 NCO Beach Road, JBLM
- July 26, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, Site Tour of Tactical Tailor, 2916 107th St S, Lakewood
- July 28, 8:45 AM, Joint Base (Garrison) Change of Command Ceremony, Colonel Daniel Morgan will relinquish command to Colonel Nicole Lucas, Watkins Field, JBLM. Awards Ceremony begins at 8:45 AM and the Change of Command Ceremony begins at 9:00 AM
- July 30 to August 12, Air Mobility Command's Mobility Guardian Readiness Exercise (formerly known as Rodeo), JBLM

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 17, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Business showcase. – The Fairy Store – *Ms. Shirley Ritter, owner*
2. Larry Saunders Service Award update. – *Mr. Bob Warfield, Lakewood Community Foundation Fund*
3. Proclamation recognizing Lakewood is a Pierce County Trail city. – *Mr. Chris Beale, President, Forever Green Trails*
4. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, in the amount of \$621,000 for the Western State Hospital Community Partnership program from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, in the amount of \$90,000 for the Western State Hospital Police Protection program from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Puyallup for jail services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Granting the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities a 20 year electric utility system franchise. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
8. Amending the purchasing policy. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
9. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with BERK Consulting, in the amount of \$257,290, to prepare a Central Business District subarea plan through August 31, 2018. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss commented on the Summerfest event she attended. She also spoke about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade she attended in Steilacoom. She commented on the renaming ceremony of the C-17 she attended. She also reported on the Sound Transit meeting she attended and the use of Orca cards for youths providing reduced rates.

Councilmember Brandstetter spoke about the Summerfest event and recruitment of corporate sponsors and volunteers. He indicated that the International Festival went well.

Councilmember Simpson spoke about a JBLM change of command ceremony. He announced that the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board is looking for

members to serve on the Board and asked Councilmembers to encourage interested volunteers to apply. He spoke about the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting he attended and concerns that were expressed about adding speed bumps at Tillicum Elementary School, why the walk-in gate to Harry Todd Park is locked and could the traffic lights between Thorne Lane and left onto Union Avenue be synchronized. He then indicated that the fireworks this year were fine, however, he did receive some complaints about making Lakewood a non-fireworks city. He suggested and asked that the Council act on the marijuana matter.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented that fireworks this year seemed more under control. He commented on Summerfest and his participation in the triathlon. He also commented on the new restaurants in the Towne Center.

Mayor Anderson indicated that the lobbyist from the Behavioral Health Hospital sponsored by Multi-Care would like to talk to the Council again to contribute for the construction of a facility and asked Councilmembers to let him know if the Council is interested in meeting with them.


With regard to the fire at the Colonial Motel, which was likely not insured and not likely be rebuilt, Mayor Anderson reported that the abatement process of the motel/property is in motion. He commented on a ribbon cutting ceremony at a JBLM Work Source transition job placement center (quasi-public facility) that he attended. He then commented on a Samoa cultural day ceremony he attended on Saturday, July 8, 2017 followed by Summerfest. He then attended a social function at the home of Colonel Miseli, 2-2 Stryker Brigade Commanding Officer. He then spoke about activities and use of Springbrook Park with over 100 people over the weekend.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

  
DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CITY CLERK