



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2017
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

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

Landmarks Heritage Advisory Board Members Present: 3 – Glen Spieth, Chair; Joan Cooley, Vice-Chair; and Beth Campbell, Board Member.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board meeting

Members of the Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board (LHAB) introduced themselves. LHAB Chair Glen Spieth reviewed the 2017 accomplishments of the Board and LHAB's work plan.

Discussion ensued on updating the historical road map, how many historical markers have been designated, how are landmark designations determined and owners involved, why was fourth grade students selected as the target group to provide a curriculum segment about Lakewood's history, how the work of LHAB has helped to grow inspiration about historic preservation and promote Lakewood's history, what would the Woodbrook Hunt Clubhouse landmark designation mean, and consider the Leschi landmark designation as a possibility for an interpretive park.

Review of Memorandum of Understanding with Pierce County Library System

Economic Development Manager Becky Newton, Ms. Georgina Lomax, Pierce County Library Director and City Attorney Heidi Wachter reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pierce County Library to build a library in the Central Business District and in Tillicum.

Discussion ensued on what is the meaning of the City's responsibility for securing sufficient library properties, consider adding a provision for engaging the community in a capital campaign (Library has a Foundation that would take the lead in developing a funding plan), and consider planning for a library to meet needs 20 years from now that involve land use changes.

Transportation Capital Improvement Program update

Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services Kraus, Public Works Director Cunningham and Transportation Manager Ott provided an update of transportation capital improvement projects to be completed in 2018, projects funded and grants contingent from 2019-2023, unfunded projects, and the Steilacoom Boulevard project.

Discussion ensued on what is the cost for the traffic calming projects (in the past \$25,000 was spent however, with the complexity of materials it is costing more), Gravelly Lake Drive striping might not be done until 2018 due to weather, what is the cost for sidewalks in the city and prioritizing them; how do we enhance and prioritize projects to make them grant eligible and more competitive, what is the status of right-of-way purchases, preparing a map of sidewalks, adding roadway improvements at the subdivisions on Interlaaken and behind Lakes High School on the maps, and should an earthquake or disaster occur, planning for the Steilacoom Boulevard bridge.

Further discussion ensued on how can the City work with other jurisdictions to invest in capital (have other jurisdictions help by supporting the City's grant application(s)), and putting the transportation capital improvement exhibits on the City's website.

Review of 2nd Quarter 2017 Financial Report

Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services Kraus reviewed the 2nd quarter 2017 Financial Report.

Discussion ensued on pass through police contracts, and will the 110 percent Community Development cost recovery even out to what was projected at 85 percent.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business showcase. – Pizza Casa, *Mr. Dan Harris, owner*
2. Business showcase. – Bruno's European Restaurant – *Mr. Bruno Tomaszewska, owner*
3. Appointing a Youth Council representative to serve on the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Awarding a bid for improvements on John Dower Road and Phillips Road Safe Routes to Schools project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Robert Half Technology for development of the rental housing safety program database and website portal. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pierce County Library District relative to the acquisition and construction of libraries in Lakewood. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gray and Osborne, Inc., for the design of road improvements at Ft. Steilacoom Park. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that a team to assist with the hurricane damage in Florida was deployed to assist for 14 days.

He announced that nominations for the Larry Saunders Service award is due September 29, 2017.

He also announced that informational meetings about the rental housing safety program is scheduled for September 27, 2017 and October 9, 2017.

He reported that the City is submitting nominations to the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Healthy Communities Award for Springbrook Park, Farmers Market and the Rental Housing Safety Program.

He announced that the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Board is recommending full certification of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

He reported that the Clover Park School District Board is interested in holding a joint meeting with the City Council in early 2018 as well as holding joint subcommittee meetings.

He announced that Representative Kilduff has confirmed that Western State Hospital's patient, Mr. Butterfield, will not be released.

He provided a Sound Transit status report on the connector road with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

He reported that the City will be submitting a Capstone project request for graduate students at the University of Washington to develop performance measurements for the City.

He then announced that on September 28, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Clover Park Technical College will be celebrating the college's 75 anniversary.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss spoke about the Air Force ball she attended. She then shared comments she received in relation to the work that was done concerning the issue of the release of a patient at Western State Hospital.

She then spoke about the veterans golf tournament she participated in over the weekend. She also spoke about the 9-11 ceremony she attended today.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Clover Park School District Board meeting he attended tonight. He spoke about the Waughop Lake celebration. He then commented about the issue of the Western State Hospital patient release.

Councilmember Brandstetter commented on the Waughop Lake grand opening ceremony and the 5K Tillicum run. He then spoke about the City Hall Veterans Memorial as a catalyst for remembrance.

Councilmember Barth spoke about the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting. She spoke about the Chamber of Commerce luncheon she attended. She complimented Parks and Recreation Director Dodsworth for organizing the Waughop Lake grand opening. She then spoke about the police ride along and 9-11 ceremony she attended.

Councilmember Simpson indicated he was glad to be back.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the Economic Development Board meeting he attended and a memo concerning an amendment to a planning strategy relative to industrial and activity centers. He then commented on the Waughop Lake grand opening. He spoke about the Tillicum 5K run and the 9-11 ceremony. He indicated that he will be attending the Coffee with the Mayor event.

Mayor Anderson commented on the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting. He then spoke about the 9-11 ceremony. He indicated that Bruce Kendall, Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board has requested letters of opposition to Tacoma's interim regulation on fossil fuel and asked for Council's feedback. The Council directed the City Manager to prepare a letter of opposition from the City Council with copies sent to the Tacoma City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK