



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES

Saturday, October 14, 2017  
Lakewood Police Station  
Multi-Purpose Room  
9401 Lakewood Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi

### TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

City Manager Caulfield provided an overview of the transportation improvement projects for today's retreat.

#### Chip seal program

Transportation Manager Weston Ott provided a brief history on the chip sealing program and reviewed the areas proposed for chip sealing in 2018.

Discussion ensued on chipsealing around Lake Louise; and how the areas are selected and prioritized (based on a pavement condition rating and preference of a 10 year rotation schedule).

#### Streetlight design

Transportation Manager Ott reviewed the street design options for streets in the Oakbrook neighborhood and what elements should be included in street design.

Discussion ensued on an urban design and have the designs been prioritized in the Transportation Improvement Plan; would the changes require a Comprehensive Plan amendment (it would be a map and text change in the Comprehensive Plan); what is planned for the City gateways; and the ability to seek grants be considered in design and cost estimates.

Transportation Manager Ott then reviewed proposed areas for street lights in 2018 and 2019. He then reviewed various street design options.

Discussion ensued on areas that are eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding; and is there a correlation to police activity.

Further discussion ensued about streetlight design in the Oakbrook neighborhood and to seek neighborhood input; are some of the streetlight designs less compatible for internet; are there streetlights that were privately erected; and where should pedestrian scale lighting be erected (pedestrian walkway areas).

### **Onyx Drive improvement options**

Transportation Manager Ott reviewed the options for Onyx Drive improvements and projected costs. The two block improvements on Onyx (87<sup>th</sup> to 89<sup>th</sup>) would cost approximately \$400,000. He then reviewed the full project from Oakbrook Park at 97<sup>th</sup> to Onyx to Phillips Road.

Discussion ensued on providing the neighborhood the opportunity to create a Local Improvement District in addition to what the City would provide.

### **Gravelly Lake Drive from 112<sup>th</sup> to Washington Boulevard**

Transportation Manager Ott reviewed the improvements on Gravelly Lake Drive to Nyanza.

Discussion ensued about site line visibility, proposed construction schedule, issues with potholes, what is the right-of-way width on Nyanza and costs for streetlights; what is the cost differential between different streetlight designs; and is the Lakewood Water District coordinating their improvements with the City.

### **Washington Boulevard improvements**

Associate Civil Engineer Will Schuur reviewed the Washington Boulevard improvement project and options including right-of-way variances and traffic circles.

Discussion ensued on traffic counts on Washington Boulevard by the various options now and the future; and what are the cost estimates for the options.

### **Steilacoom Boulevard improvements**

Transportation Manager Ott reviewed a proposed \$13.5 million option for Steilacoom Boulevard improvements, and design options along the Western State Hospital rock wall.

Discussion ensued on City funding for this project (City currently budgeted for overlay funding only); amount of traffic flow and safety concerns, where would the gateway entry sign be placed at Steilacoom Boulevard and Farwest Drive; and have discussions occurred with Pierce College regarding streetlighting and maintenance.

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Council recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

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## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

### **State Legislative Priorities**

Ms. Briahna Murray and Ms. Shelly Hedler, Government Relations Lobbyists, provided an overview of the 2017-2019 Biennial Legislative Agenda and priorities.

Ms. Murray spoke about creating a Military Benefit Zone district to support economic development around JBLM.

Discussion ensued on how the boundaries for the district is defined and what public improvements could be funded; would these funds be applicable for relocation (no); what happens if there is a decrease in sales and how does it affect general revenue bonds; what opposition might there be for such projects.

Ms. Murray reviewed expediting funding for the Lake City Business District Project to align with another construction project in Lake City.

Ms. Murray then spoke about the City requesting the State's partnership in developing 25 acres of property along Pacific Highway South to include the relocation of the Washington State Department of Transportation facility, capital funding for Ft. Steilacoom Park and the Lakewood Colonial Plaza.

Discussion ensued on changing the name of Ft. Steilacoom Park to Ft. Steilacoom Regional Park to distinguish it as a regional park versus as a city park.

Ms. Hedler reviewed the Community Policing Program funding and restricting adult family homes and enhanced services facilities in the Legislative Policy Manual.

Discussion ensued on better defining the definition of severe mental health patients and that adult family homes be limited and protected by federal housing rules so that sex offenders and defect of mental health can be excluded from residential settings.

Ms. Murray then spoke about siting of small cell wireless network equipment and is working on strategies to address this, construction claims processing and bolstering abandoned homes.

Discussion ensued on what is the small cell network facilities argument.

**Federal Legislative Priorities**

Mr. Jake Johnston, Federal Relations Lobbyist, provided an overview of the Federal legislative priorities.

He spoke about a BRAC bill to come forward to make headway with transportation plans. He noted that Senator McCain will emphasize a military agenda. He spoke about supporting the OEA.

Discussion ensued about clear zone solutions outside the OEA; what is Congressman Heck doing this year on the Commute Act; and has DuPont been an active participant;

Mr. Johnston noted that the AMTRAK commitment to conduct a Station Assessment study is on track. He commented that a Lakewood delegation trip to Washington, DC is proposed for the first week of December 2017.

**Pierce County Legislative Priorities**

Assistant to the City Manager Brazitis provided an overview of the Pierce County Legislative agenda including annexations, sewers, transfer of E911 tax from Pierce County Department of Emergency Management to South Sound 911 and Pierce County Regional Council.

Assistant City Manager Bugher reviewed the City's coordination with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) with efforts to receive the City's fair share of federal transportation funding; and, if Pierce County desires, Lakewood would take the lead in developing a Municipal Planning Organization.

Discussion ensued on the Pierce County Executive becoming the President of the PSRC next year; Delta Works will be reviewing/studying the E911 tax; some City Councils may want to see performance measures of South Sound 911, and removing the E911 priority from the Pierce County Legislative priorities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

  
DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CITY CLERK