



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 23, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember John Simpson (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present: 4 – Chair Ellie Wilson, Members Mary Dodsworth, Elise Doney, and Echo Curry.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting.

Chair Ellie Wilson reported that this year the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board focused on communication and portable programs.

Councilmember Simpson arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Ms. Doney distributed copies of the Lakewood's Promise quarterly newsletter that is being distributed to students in the Clover Park School District.

Ms. Curry displayed the Lakewood's Promise banners in English and Spanish that were used to promote Lakewood's Promise at Summerfest, Farmer's Market and various neighborhood block parties.

Ms. Dodsworth spoke about the Lakewood's Promise Memorandum of Understanding with partners to develop a strategic plan on what is the role of Lakewood's Promise and how it intersects with the partnerships to help meet community needs.

Discussion ensued on what is the status of America's Promise and its focus; how is the effect of Lakewood's Promise measured; information such as addresses and phone numbers were missing for some of the events and activities in the Lakewood's Promise newsletter; how greater emphasis is being placed on metrics and the delivery of Promise; and what input did the youth provide on the assessment/survey on the five promises.

Review of 2018 City Legislative priorities.

Acting City Manager Kraus provided an overview of the 2018 City legislative priorities and highlighted the changes from the Council's October 14, 2017 Retreat.

Discussion ensued that under the 2017-2019 Biennial Legislative Agenda, Expedite Funding to Lake City Business District Project, the second sentence should read, "The City requests that the funding be expedited to align with the construction schedule of another sidewalk project along the same road that has time-limited funds that must be obligated by 2020." Further discussion ensued on what was the rationale for the \$600,000 capital funding request for Fort Steilacoom Regional Park improvements.

Third Quarter 2017 Police Report.

Assistant Police Chief Unfred provided an overview of the third quarter 2017 Police report.

Discussion ensued on the gap between NIBRS Crimes against persons and crimes against person without Western State Hospital; might Walmart contract with Police to act as a deterrent in preventing property crimes; what were the kidnapping statistics comprised of; data showing what were the most common calls for service, as it relates to safety, without the welfare check data would be more helpful (welfare check includes mental health calls); are welfare checks self-initiated (about 20-30%); is police required to respond to hang up calls for service; what policies can Council implement to make Lakewood safer; is there a correlation between calls for service and adult family homes; is there a correlation between calls for service and substandard housing; are the two ordinances (traffic obstruction and domestic violence in front of children) that Council adopted effective tools; and who is monitoring social media.

Central Business District Subarea Plan update.

Assistant to the City Manager Ms. Kelley-Fong and Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher provided an update on the Central Business District subarea plan branding campaign and outreach.

Discussion ensued if a non-impact environmental statement will reduce consultant costs (yes); how will social media be used (solicit information and receive comments); and should the additional nine transportation intersections be included in the consultants agreement in developing the Central Business District Plan.

South Sound Military and Communities Partnership update.

Program Manager Adamson provided an update on the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership activities.

Discussion ensued about the status of reducing the clear zone; the Army's questioning of the reversionary clause as it relates to a portion of the property; and what are the short term WSDOT projects.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Kraus reported on the work of the Operations & Maintenance staff sweeping clean-up activities throughout the fall and winter. She reported that Superintendent Scott Williams will be providing weather service forecasting updates every 12 to 24 hours starting November 1 through the end of February, 2018.

She then announced that effective this week, the City Clerk will be reaching out to the Mayor and Council liaisons to schedule brief interviews of applicants who volunteer to serve on the Council's citizens' advisory boards, committees and commissions.

She announced that the City was awarded a Department of Natural Resources \$15,000 grant to conduct a survey of trees on city property. The report was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the next step is to develop a comprehensive tree maintenance and management plan. If Council was interested in a presentation of the report, it can be scheduled for an upcoming Council meeting. Councilmember Brandstetter indicated that he was not interested in a presentation but asked that prompt action be taken on any dangerous trees identified.

She then reported that the Library Team is working on identifying potential properties that would work for the new libraries in Lakewood. The Team will be defining advantages and disadvantages, developing a timeline for a capital bond proposition for voter consideration in November 2019, and a timeline for design, construction and opening of the new libraries.

She then spoke about the Cohen Veterans Network, a private non-profit foundation, that provides veterans and their family members with free accessible mental health care across the country. They are looking to add eight additional cities to their current network of clinics in 2017, and may have an interest in establishing a clinic in Lakewood. She noted that the City is working with Pierce County to develop a collective package on why Lakewood is the most optimal location. She explained that they are on a tight timeline. In November, Cohen will have discussions with prospective South Sound partners in the area. In December they will make a decision and enter into a contractual agreement with a local partner and in February, 2018 occupy the clinic.

She then reported that the Lakewood Community Foundation is requesting that a representative from the City serve on the selection committee to review submittals and select a recipient for the Larry Saunders Service award. Councilmember Barth agreed to serve as the City's representative on the selection committee.

She announced that the Parks & Recreation Department submitted a Levitt Foundation grant to help support a summer concert series in 2018. The Foundation requires that the City partner with a non-profit and the City would partner with the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts. This week, the City was notified that the City was selected as a possible awardee for the 2018 summer concerts. The City is working with the Broadway Center to promote the online voting campaign between November 1-20, 2017 to determine the top finalists who will obtain the grant.

She also announced that John Cunningham, Interim Public Works Director has agreed to stay on with the City for an additional six months. A contract amendment for Council consideration will be included as part of the November 6, 2017 Council's regular meeting.

She then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- October 28, 8:30 AM, Make A Difference Day, Ft. Steilacoom Park
- October 28 and 29, 8 AM to 2 PM, 2017 Fall Community Cleanup, Lakewood Transfer Station, 3869 94th St SW
- October 28, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, EFN Abundance Dinner and Auction Event, McGavick Conference Center
- November 8, 5:45 PM to 8:00 PM, AWC Regional Legislative Meeting, Federal Way Community Center, 876 S. 333rd St. Federal Way, WA
- November 11, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Veteran's Day Ceremony for 100 Commemoration of WW1 and JBLM 100th Anniversary, Lakewood City Council Chambers
- November 16, 6:00 PM, Special Meeting with State Legislators from 28th and 29th Districts, Review of 2018 State Legislative Agenda, City Council Chambers

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Proclamation recognizing Veterans Day. –*Colonel Rebecca Sonkiss, 62nd Airlift Wing Commander, JBLM, Colonel Nicole Lucas, JBLM Base Commander, Colonel Jay Miseli, 2/2 SBCT Commander, and Mr. Charlie Bailey, USO Senior Director of Site Development & Operations*
2. Police Chief's Commendation Award. – *Mr. Shawn Bruner*
3. Youth Council Report.
4. Clover Park School District Report.
5. Awarding a bid on the DeKoven Traffic Calming project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Appointing members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for State governmental relations services from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Johnston Group for Federal governmental relations services from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
9. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2018 property tax levy. - (Public Hearings & Appeals – Regular Agenda)
10. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2017-2018 Biennium budget amendments. – (Public Hearings & Appeals – Regular Agenda)
11. Vacating a portion of Wildaire Road SW. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
12. Approving the 2018 City Legislative priorities. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)
13. Approving a grant agreement with the Washington State Office of Public Defense, in the amount of \$80,000, for social work services to assist public defense attorneys, investigator services and public defense attorney training. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss commented on the Northeast Neighborhood Association meeting she attended and the 2/2 Stryker Brigade event she attended.

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about Pierce County Regional Council meeting he attended and their discussion on the regional centers framework.

Councilmember Brandstetter thanked the Council and City leadership team for the flowers, cards and thoughtfulness for the death of his father. He indicated that no service will be held in Lakewood but held in Milwaukee. He spoke about the Bicentennial celebration of the Bahá'í community at Clover Park Technical College over the weekend and how appreciative they were of the proclamation that was presented. He then spoke about the dinner with the JBLM military brigade on October 20, 2017.

Councilmember Simpson read a Wall Street Journal article called Six Seconds to Live.

Deputy Mayor Whalen encouraged everyone to participate in the Levitt Foundation voting opportunity for the summer concert series. He also spoke about the JBLM military brigade gathering on October 20, 2017.

Mayor Anderson commented that the Cohen Veterans Network Foundation's focus is to serve mild to moderate post 911 war veterans. He spoke about the 2/2 Stryker Brigade event on October 20, 2017. He then spoke about the Museum of Glass Filipino Heritage event he attended over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.


DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK