



LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 12, 2018
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of the 2019-2020 human services funding strategies

Human Services Coordinator Shields introduced Mr. Paul Calta, Chair of the Community Services Advisory Board and other members of the Board in the audience.

Ms. Shields provided a historical review of agencies who have been funded with human services funding and number of clients served over the past ten years.

Discussion ensued about past Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act funds that have also been expended to provide human services that should be included in the data presented.

Mr. Calta reviewed the 2019-2020 human services funding application and allocation process.

Discussion ensued on the what is the purpose and value of having agencies file financial audits with their application; what is the description of HIV case management services; what percentage of funding has been allocated to the various strategies such as youth, health, safety, and basic needs.

Further discussion ensued as to whether clothing and school supplies fit with the emergency food and supplies funding strategy.

Review of the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and amendments to the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan proposed use of Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act funding allocations

Program Manager Gumm provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and amendments to the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Act funding allocations. Mr. Calt, Chair of the Community Services Funding Advisory Board, explained that the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 CDBG funding allocations includes physical improvements of 123rd Street roadway improvement (\$250,000 CDBG), 108th Street roadway improvements (\$51,000 Section 108 loan funds), major home repair sewer loan program of (\$59,000 CDBG), affordable housing (\$30,000 HOME) and housing rehabilitation (\$150,000 HOME).

Discussion ensued on the repayment of the Curbside loan Section 108 loan; and will there not be an economic development loan fund (no).

Abatement program update

Program Manager Gumm provided an update on the 2017 abatement program and abatements currently underway in 2018.

Discussion ensued on the status of the Lakewood Center Building at 9616 Gravelly Lake Drive; what is the intention of the Metropolitan Development Council property that was demolished; will the new legislative bill on housing be helpful by allowing banks to be able to access dangerous buildings/properties; and how many properties on the pending abatement list are rental housing that are in the rental housing program that may need to be relocated.

Central Business District Subarea Plan update

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher provided an update on the Central Business District Subarea Plan that will include an environmental impact statement, a Downtown Plan, downtown policy, revised zoning code, revised Comprehensive Plan and capital facilities plan.

Discussion ensued on the Central Business District boundaries; how should the Council prepare for the April 9, 2018 joint meeting with the Planning Commission; can citizen comments about the subarea Plan be compiled and posted to the website and providing the Council with materials to review a week prior to the joint meeting.

Council recessed at 8:58 p.m. and reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

Strategic Plan update

Assistant to the City Manager Kelley-Fong provided an overview of the Strategic Plan, Goals, Objectives and Work Plan.

Discussion ensued on creating a municipal dashboard; why not start the public safety goal with "Lakewood is safe" as opposed to "increase the perception of public safety"; if the goal is to promote or ensure safety as a priority, and perception is a problem, perhaps perception would be more appropriately addressed under the transparency goal versus public safety.

Further discussion ensued on what is the thought surrounding the development of a small business incentive program; adding infrastructure improvements in economic development; and providing the documents for Council review in "Word" format.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 19, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business showcase. – Lakewood Appliance – *Mr. Ted Warner, Co-owner*
2. Proclamation declaring March 11 – May 11, 2018 as Pierce County READS. - *Ms. Kim Archer, Branch Manager, and Ms. Jeanine Adams, Community Branch Supervisor, Pierce County Library System.*
3. Awarding a bid on the Fort Steilacoom Park road improvement project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Awarding a bid for 2018 pavement patching. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Adopting zone code amendments relative to flea markets. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
6. Adopting Title 5 business license amendments relative to flea markets. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that there were a couple train issues over the weekend that included positive train controls in which no communication was provided. He indicated that City staff is working on this.

He reported that the State Legislature has concluded their session and has transferred Ft. Steilacoom Park to the City, budgeted \$400,000 to extend water to Ft. Steilacoom Park, budgeted \$500,000 for the Lakewood Colonial Center, budgeted approximately \$1 million for Harry Todd Park waterfront improvements, and advanced \$2 million for sidewalk improvements on Veterans Drive from Alameda to American Lake Park. A post-session report from the City's government relations team has been scheduled as part of the City Council's April 2, 2018 regular meeting. A proclamation is being prepared to thank and recognize the 28th and 29th District legislators for their work during this session and to thank them at a future City Council meeting, similar to what has been done in the past.

He reported that the Parks and Recreation Director made a presentation before the State Legislature Heritage Caucus to discuss restoration of the Ft. Steilacoom barns.

He reported that a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rotary Club of Lakewood is being drafted relative to the Ft. Steilacoom Park Pavilion that will be brought before the City Council in the near future. City staff is checking with the contractor to schedule a ground breaking ceremony based on when they plan on mobilizing and starting the work.

He announced that the rental housing safety program lottery is almost ready. Internal testing is being finalized.

He reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing last week on adult family homes and have made recommendations for the City Council to consider adopting. This recommendation will be coming forward to the City Council as part of the Council's March 26, 2018 study session followed by a public hearing at the Council's April 2, 2018 regular meeting.

He noted that the stormwater utility rate study policy item will be coming back to the Council as part of the Council's March 26, 2018 Study Session.

He announced that more Habitat for Humanity Homes will be constructed in Tillicum.

He recognized Human Resources Director Mary McDougal and the Wellness Committee for receiving the 2018 Well City Award by the Association of Washington (AWC) Cities. This achievement earns the City of Lakewood a 2 percent discount on all AWC medical premiums in 2018.

He announced that six bids were received for the Fort Steilacoom Park road improvements projects. At this time, Tucci & Sons, yet to be confirmed, appears to be most responsive bid.

He reported that the Arts Commission is looking to moving the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony from a Friday to a Saturday this year.

He reported on a Pierce County Library System Advisory Committee meeting he attended to look at options on for providing library services and funding.

He reported that Mr. Tom Slee, a former veteran who served on the Veterans Memorial Committee approached the City expressing an interest to sell the remaining 242 bricks at the City's veterans' memorial site for engraving. The Parks and Recreation Director and City Clerk will be working with Mr. Slee.

He announced that the Pierce County Reads, chosen book is March, and their kick-off event will be held on May 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Olson Auditorium at Pacific Lutheran University.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- March 14, 4:00 PM, Police Department Commissioning and Awards Ceremony, City Council Chambers
- March 20, 6:00 PM, Neighborhood Meeting: Onyx Drive: 97th to Phillips Road Improvement Project, Oakbrook Elementary School Library

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss commented on an AUSA meeting she attended. She also spoke about the Hoops basketball game she attended at Pierce College and the Economic Development Board meeting she attended.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Economic Development Board meeting he attended. He announced that the Communities In Schools breakfast will be held on March 27, 2018. He also commented on the Clover Park School District Board meeting he attended. He noted that he will not be able to attend the Pierce County Regional Council meeting on March 15, 2018.

Councilmember Brandstetter commented on the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting and their discussion regarding weeds in American Lake. He then spoke about discussions he had with colleagues on the Flood Control Zoning District Advisory Board regarding federal matching dollars.

Councilmember Barth spoke about the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting she attended.

Deputy Mayor Whalen also commented on the Economic Development Board meeting he attended. He noted that he will be serving as Chair of the Economic Development Board meeting. He commented on the large attendance at Ft. Steilacoom Park over the weekend. He announced that he will be attending the Community Executive Leadership Team meeting this week.

Mayor Anderson commented on the Pierce Transit Board meeting he attended and noted the changes to the Board's makeup due to changes of being a Transportation Benefit District. He reported that the County will be meeting with the Beecher Foundation, who provides healthy food choices education, to invest in the Tillicum/Springbrook area. He spoke about the AUSA meeting he attended. He then commented on a memorial service he attended for Tom Swarner. He noted that the Ft. Steilacoom Park Golf course may be turned into another use.

Mayor Anderson announced that the Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss real estate acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Council recessed at 10:20 p.m.

At 10:35 p.m. Mayor Anderson announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional 10 minutes.

Council reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK