



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 26, 2018  
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 7:00 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 surface water utility rate study.**

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus summarized the February 2018 presentation that was provided to the Council on the surface water utility rate options. In response to Council's comments, she noted that the FCS Group developed Scenario 3 which provides for a 50 percent rate increase and 2.5 percent thereafter.

Mr. John Ghilarducci, Principal, of FCS Group reviewed the three options: Scenario 1 – 28 percent increase, Scenario 2 – 60 percent increase and Scenario 3 – 50 percent increase which includes what would happen if the unfunded capital improvement projects were excluded.

Discussion ensued on what would happen to the 2018 projects that were excluded (\$700,000 of excluded 2018 projects were moved to 2019 when the rate increase would take effect).

Mr. Tage Aaker, Project Manager of FCS Group, reviewed the capital funding strategy through 2022. He noted that in Scenario 3, the 2019 residential rate increase would be \$116.10 (\$3.23/month).

Discussion ensued if debt would be issued if there are no projects; how much of a difference does the 67 exempted parcels would amount to (\$100,000 per year) and is it a regulatory practice (it is a policy decision).

**Pierce County Library Systems update.**

Economic Development Manager Newton introduced Mr. Clifford Jo, Pierce County Library Systems Finance Director. Ms. Newtown provided an update on the Pierce County Library Systems acquisition for libraries in the Lakewood Central Business District and Tillicum area.

She reviewed the Library District's responsibility for acquiring the libraries and the City's responsibilities. She noted that the opening date for the Central Business District library is projected to be June 2023, and opening for the Tillicum library is projected to be September 2022.

Discussion ensued about the list of colocation partners and compatible uses; what is the definition of colocation (additional shared space for partners within the same building); having a meeting room that could be used for community events and possibly during evening hours; with the library serving as a catalyst site, the colocation list of partners and community needs in the Central Business District would be different than in Tillicum; and being mindful of completing the construction sooner than 40 months.

**Review of adult family homes and essential public facilities ordinance.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reviewed a proposed ordinance for adult family homes and essential service facilities.

Discussion ensued on whether a for profit entity is an essential public facilities.

**Special tactical team update.**

Assistant to the City Manager Kelley-Fong and Police Chief Zaro provided an overview of the Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) multi-jurisdictional specialized police task force and options for partnering with this team. She indicated that City staff is recommending Option 2.

Discussion ensued on what is the status of the current interlocal agreement (ILA); is it considered mutual aid for those jurisdictions that don't pay anything to SWAT; what is the minimum training standard; are all trainings done inhouse and with outside specialized trainers (yes); option 2 may take time to negotiate with other members and how long would it take to get input from other members; how long will it take to get information from the Pierce County Sheriff Department; consider the low risk option with Pierce County Sheriff's Department; without the ILA can the City holdout services outside the City's boundaries unless the ILA is issued as leverage; a risk award analysis must be considered and option 6 might be viable; also consideration for options 5, 6, or 7 can be manifested in a shorter period of time than option 2; more information is needed; real cost numbers are needed from Pierce County, and training costs for the options; what if Lakewood's contribution

were a designated participant with the Sheriff Department and that the ILA be a separate entity.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 2, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. 2018 Honorary Police Chief. – *Ms. Maddie Middleton*
2. 2018 State Legislative Session Report.
3. Lakewood First Lions Club Youth Scholarship Award. – *Mr. Mike Brandstetter, President, Lakewood First Lions Club*
4. Youth Council Report
5. Clover Park School District Report.
6. Awarding a bid for pavement patching. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Awarding a bid for 2018 chip sealing. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Awarding a bid on the Gravelly Lake Drive Non-Motorized Trail project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
9. This is the date set for a public hearing on the proposed land use and development code amendments to Chapter 18A.20 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to adult family homes and enhanced service facilities. – (Public Hearings & Appeals – Regular Agenda)

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

City Manager Caulfield reported that a draft ordinance on surface water utility rate is scheduled for Council's review at the April 23, 2018 Council Study Session, followed by a Public Hearing on May 7, 2018 and consideration for adoption at the May 21, 2018 Council meeting based on Scenario 3 at 50 percent and provide for an option to exempt or not exempt not for profits.

He then distributed a draft agenda for the April 7, 2018 Council Retreat and noted that Assistant to the City Manager Kelley-Fong will be facilitating the Council Retreat.

He reported that Senator Cantwell will be touring Lakewood's seven at-grade railroad crossings on March 28, 2018. He announce that he will be meeting with WSDOT Secretary and Sound Transit CEO to discuss options an alternatives.

He also announced that the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board met last week, and determined that military installations are not recognized as regional centers.

He announced that Congress has increased funding for the CDBG Program. Congress has tripled the size of the TIGER Grant Program and City staff will be looking to see how this program could be utilized for Lakewood. The bill contains \$250 million for AMTRAK to implement Positive Train Control systems and an increase for AMTRAK to consider safety improvements.

He announced that the Gravelly Lake Drive/Mt. Tacoma Drive road improvement project has started.

Also, the rental housing lottery process was activated last week and letters have been sent out.

He noted that the developer has filed building permits for the old Starlite Property that was sold.

He then reported that installing lighting for the art project at Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington Boulevard will be undertaken as part of a future traffic improvement project. In the meantime, any temporary options will be assessed.

He then reported on the Downtown Subarea Plan and associated Draft Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement open house that was held on March 21, 2018.

He indicated that Waste Connections reports that China is not accepting recycling and more information will be forthcoming about changes on recycling for rate adjustments.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- March 27, 7:00 AM, Lakewood Communities in Schools 2018 Champions for Youth Breakfast, McGavick Center
- March 27, 7:00 PM, North Lakewood Neighborhood Association Meeting, Elks Lodge, 6313 75<sup>th</sup> St W
- March 27, 6:00 PM, Congressman Denny Heck regarding Service Academy
- March 29, 5:00 PM, Cops vs. Teachers Basketball Game to benefit a 10 year old Tye Park student with significant medical (heart) issues, Lakes High School

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting. He noted that he will be attending the North Lakewood Association Meeting.

Councilmember Simpson commented that the Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board consulting agency will be applying for a Certified Local Government grant.

Deputy Mayor Whalen announced that the discussion for the next Community Executive Leadership Team's meeting will be on healthy communities.

Mayor Anderson reported that he, Human Services Coordinator Karmel Shields, and Helen McGovern, Emergency Food Network Executive Director met with the Beecher Foundation to discuss healthy food choice opportunities in the Springbrook and Tillicum neighborhoods.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

  
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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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ALICE M. BUSH, MMC  
CITY CLERK