



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, May 14, 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Marie Barth.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

West-Pierce Fire and Rescue update.

Fire Chief Jim Sharp presented an update on West-Pierce Fire & Rescue 2017 Year in Review report.

Discussion ensued on encouraging the hiring of diversity in the fire department; West-Pierce Fire's response to the AMTRAK tragedy, has there been an increase in calls for service from residents in adult family homes; has there been movement toward using smaller vehicles to provide services; and has there been follow-up with Western State Hospital on emergency planning.

Engineering and pavement standards update.

Assistant to the City Manager Kelley-Fong and Engineering Manager Ott provided an overview of the engineering and pavement standards options.

Discussion ensued on how long will a patch trench last; what pavement level does chip sealing produce; the philosophy of investing in roads and pavement standard goals should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan as well as the classification of streets; developing incentivizing ways with utilities when public funds are used; and to what degree would there be exceptions to assessing penalties when it requires responding to a legitimate emergency.

Rental housing safety program update.

Program Manager Gumm and Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher provided an update on the rental housing safety program inspections.

Discussion ensued on what percentage of the lottery did not register for inspection; developing a policy on notification for registering for inspections earlier in the year; what has been the response of the residents of the properties being inspected; how much time is given for corrections to be completed; what is the reinspection fee; what kind of reception have inspectors received from tenants; and what is the contingency plan should there be a need to evacuate property due to health and safety violations.

Review of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rotary Club of Lakewood relative to the Ft. Steilacoom Park Pavilion.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rotary Club of Lakewood relative to the Ft. Steilacoom Park Pavilion and the Rotary's proposal for naming of the Pavilion and use of the Pavilion.

Discussion ensued on the Rotary's request for free days and the use of the Pavilion.

Review of surface water management fee.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus, Public Works and Engineering Director Bucich and Engineering Services Manager Vigoren provided an overview of the surface water management fee and options for a credit program.

Discussion ensued on what does the base cost consists of, how is it allocated and how does it get applied against properties; what kind of rate break does a developer receive for redeveloping an existing system; what is the standard rate between residential and commercial properties and how is it determined to be fair; what programs would be lost in Options 2 and 3; if new construction starts in 2019, dropping the credit to 43 percent start with Option 2, and consider providing for a step down credit for non-profits.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 21, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business showcase. – Pacific Machine, *Mr. Jim Tschimperle, Owner*
2. Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity award presentation. – *Ms. Maureen Fife, CEO*
3. Ordinance No. 682 – (continued from the meeting of May 7, 2018)

Establishing a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for adult family home, group home, enhanced service facility or comparable business in residential zones for a period of six months.

4. Adopting the 2018 carry forward budget adjustments. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
5. Amending Title 18A of the Lakewood Municipal Code, Land Use and Development Code, relative to marijuana uses. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
6. Adopting surface water management fee. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rotary Club of Lakewood relative to the Ft. Steilacoom Park Pavilion. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that the May 21, 2018 Council special meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. to review Council Chambers audio visual technology.

He announced that Claudia Thomas a past Mayor and City Councilmember passed away Saturday night, May 13, 2018 and that a memorial service is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018.

He reported that Congress appropriated \$1.5 billion for the BUILD program (formerly TIGER Program) and that grant applications are due in July, 2018. He explained that this is an increase in federal transportation funding and is a recognition of the need for infrastructure investments at a federal level. However, the specific BUILD program funding announcement places new and restrictive guidelines over how these funds can be used and what sources of funds are required to match the federal investment. For this round of BUILD Transportation grants, the maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$150 million can be awarded to a single State. At least 30 percent of the funds must be awarded to projects located in rural areas. Under BUILD, USDOT will now require applicants to provide evidence that they have secured and committed new, non-federal revenue for projects requesting funding. USDOT defines new revenue as “revenue that is not included in current and projected funding levels and results from specific actions taken to increase transportation infrastructure investment.” And any local or state revenue authorized before January 1, 2015 is not considered new revenue and cannot be applied as matching funding for BUILD projects. Due to the new requirements for 'new local, non-federal revenue', this will make it extremely difficult for cities such as Lakewood to apply for BUILD grants. City staff will be evaluating potential projects and this time next year, City staff will be in a better position to apply.

He announced that an open house on the Gravelly Lake Drive Non-Motorized Trail project will be held on May 15, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

He announced that the Lakewood Police Department will be providing free voting classes on May 19, June 2 and 23, 2018 at the Lakewood Police Station.

He also announced that a clean-up of the Chambers Creek Canyon will be held on May 25-27, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. by the Washington Trail Association and volunteers are being sought.

Notifications of the City's business licensing to the State Business Licensing is moving forward and will go live on June 2, 2018.

He announced that the City of Seattle implemented an employee head tax and the City will be doing an outreach to Seattle businesses. Discussion ensued on looking into a per employee incentive of a tax rebate of some type perhaps a \$100 per employee.

He reported that on the Council's May 29, 2018 Council's Study Session agenda starts the kick-off of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan schedule.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- May 11, Pierce County READS 2018, Pacific Lutheran University, Olson Auditorium, 124th St. S., Tacoma, WA,
- May 16, 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Greater Lakes 53rd Anniversary Celebration, McGavick Center
- May 17, 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM, SSMCP Elected Official Council Meeting, Eagles Pride Golf Course, Key Topics: Legislative Agenda Update; Regional Economic Analysis Update; and JBLM Workforce Survey. .
- May 19, Dinner Gala, Clover Park Technical College Celebrating 75 Years, McGavick Conference Center

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss spoke about the Clover Park Technical College Trustees Conference she attended. She also spoke about the Clover Park School District Board meeting she attended and the discussion about the bullying at Hurdloff Middle School and the rental housing safety program.

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about the Government Finance Officers Association conference he attended.

Councilmember Brandstetter expressed concerns about bullying in the community and the discourse it has created and the response of the School District. He spoke about a way to acknowledge the problem and exercise some leadership in a positive way and play a role to create solutions on how to help address it. Perhaps

ask the Youth Council and Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board for input and positive ways to help.

Councilmember Simpson relayed a conversation he had with the mother of a best friend of the student who was bullied and the lack of action by the school and the School District. He announced that the 446 Airlift Wing is on board with making connections with the City.

Deputy Mayor Whalen spoke about civil discourse, starting the conversation, changing the tone, and exhibiting leadership by adults and teaching our youth. He then spoke about a conference he attended at Washington DC.

Mayor Anderson spoke about plotting a course in a leadership role relative to bullying.

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Mayor Anderson announced that the Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss litigation and potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency, litigation to which the agency is a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:50 p.m.

At 11:15 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional five minutes.

At 11:20 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional five minutes.

At 11:25 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional five minutes.

Council reconvened at 11:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALICE M. BUSH, MMC
CITY CLERK