



LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 11, 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 7:04 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:

Homelessness in Pierce County.

Ms. Cynthia Stewart, League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County reported on homelessness in Pierce County. She spoke about a CoLab public forum that was held with stakeholders within the community who worked together to provide recommendations to address homelessness. She reported on the homelessness as a result of the current economy. She provided data relative to the income and affordable housing gap and cost-burdens to renter households. She presented the SPARC Findings for populations experiencing homelessness both nationally and in Pierce County.

Discussion ensued what Pierce County and Lakewood can do to address homelessness.

Review of sewer program analysis.

Public Works Director Bucich reported that the City retained the services of FCS Group to provide a review of the sewer revenue collection program.

FCS Group President Ghilarducci provided an overview of the background of the City's sewer availability charge. He reviewed the existing funding sources, core revenue sources and the existing debt for the sewer collection system. He reported on the remaining collection projects and cost estimates. He then presented two scenarios. A pay-as-you-go option that provides for no new debt service, eliminating existing debt in 2031 and major capital projects to be completed in

2033. The second scenario he reviewed provides for debt financing to fund earlier completion of capital projects, three debt issues totaling \$6.2 million and major capital projects expected to be completed in 2027. He reported that the recommendation is to continue with current practice, pay-as-you go.

Discussion ensued on building out the system and whether Pierce County could direct the sewer utility to extend sewer lines. City Manager Caulfield reported that the County Council would need to make a legislative decision in regards to the operation of the system and to address any environmental issues.

Review of Christmas Tree Lighting event recommendations.

Arts Commission Chair McDermott provided a recommendation to change the annual City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony from a Friday evening to a Saturday event. The Saturday event will move the Jingle Bell Rock 5K Fun Run to the Lakewood Towne Center and rebrand the event as a festival. The goal of the recommendation is event growth, ease for commuters and enhancing community engagement.

Discussion ensued as to the current format of the event and the levels of community participation. Council provided direction to move forward with coordination of the Christmas Tree Lighting event on Saturday this year.

Review of LMC indemnification code amendments.

City Attorney Wachter provided a review of the indemnification provisions for city employees and officials given the potential for the award of punitive damages against employees who operate within the scope of their employment.

Discussion ensued as to how the city provides defense and indemnification for liability associated with acts falling within the scope of employment. She discussed options for administrative policies and reservation of rights. More information is requested to address reservation of rights and what should be provided to an employee exposed to individual liability.

Review of Metro Team Interlocal Agreement.

Assistant to the City Manager Kelly-Fong provided an overview of the proposed Metro Team Interlocal Agreement. She reviewed the provisions incorporated into the revised draft agreement which includes dispersal of command positions among member jurisdictions, establishment of a weighted liability sharing system and improvement in the fiscal and organizational transparency of Metro Swat. She also reviewed the cost share allocations, payment examples and cost based on personnel per jurisdiction based on the operating budget.

Discussion ensued relative to the new provisions incorporated into the agreement, the 2005 interlocal that the city is currently operating under and the ability to continue to explore other options.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 18, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity award presentation. – Ms. Maureen Fife, CEO
2. Business showcase.
3. I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvement Project Update.
4. Appoint Arts Commission members.
5. Public Hearing on Six Year TIP.
6. Review of Adult Family Homes Moratorium.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield called on Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth who reported on the first impressions matter campaign which recognizes businesses that are making an extra effort by providing them window clings and a letter of recognition.

She also reported that asphalt paving at Fort Steilacoom Park is taking place this week and provided an update on the Pavilion in the Park.

City Manager Caulfield reported that the Council has received a request from Mr. Julian Wheeler who would like to provide a presentation from the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee about opportunities for communities to engage the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment.

He reported that the keep the change signs relative to panhandling have been successful. He then reported that our population has increased by 0.1%.

He then reported that the Downtown Plan schedule will be adjusted as the Planning Commission did not have a quorum at the June 6th meeting.

He reported that 1.9 million dollars has been requested from PSRC in 2020-2021 for transportation funding for three proposed projects located at Steilacoom Blvd, Pacific Highway, and South Tacoma Way.

He reported that the traffic signal project on Military Road is in progress and there are discussions regarding installation of a gateway in that area.

He reported that a review of Industrial Revenue Bond for the Tactical Tailor property is scheduled for the June 25th study session and with approval scheduled for July 2nd regular meeting.

He reported the JBLM Land Exchange Business Plan project kicked off last week. He noted that review of the draft business plan is scheduled for October 29th with expected completion before the end of the year.

He also reported that the review of the 2019-21 state and federal legislative agenda kicked off last week. He also proposed dates for a legislative retreat on September 8th or September 22nd.

He reported on three abatements are expected to come before the Council this year, properties located on 146th Street, Lake Grove, and Union Avenue.

The Rental Housing Safety Program has registered 10,206 units which is 76% of rentals. He reported those not registered are mainly single family rentals. He reported on average the city inspects three units per week.

He reported that Planning Manager Courtney Brunell is working to secure a grant for LHAB for historic preservations. She is also filing paperwork for a shoreline management protection grant relative to shoreline regulations.

He reported on exploring opportunities to partner with Pierce County Planning and Land Services for online permitting services.

He reported that the City of Seattle has made a decision to reverse their head tax.

He then announced the following upcoming event:

- Thursday, June 14, 8:30 A.M; Lakewood Developers Forum, McGavick Conference Center

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss reported that she attended an AFA Pacific Leaders event. She also attended the Lakewood Senior Center Open House. She mentioned a Juneteenth Block Party scheduled for June 16th. She also reported she will be attending the Army Birthday ball on June 14th.

Councilmember Bocchi gave compliments for the road work improvements at Fort Steilacoom Park and Steilacoom Blvd.

Councilmember Barth reported that she attended the Farmers Market kick-off and ribbon cutting.

Councilmember Simpson reported that he attend the Clover Park School District board meeting this evening to provide the City of Lakewood remarks.

Deputy Mayor Whalen reported that he attended the Farmers Market kick-off, a CPSD CELT meeting and the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting last week. He mentioned a regional economic trade panel he participated in relative to economic development.

Mayor Anderson reported he met with consultants relative to the SSMCP land swap, attended the Farmers Market kick-off and the AFA Pacific Leaders event.

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Executive Session

Mayor Anderson announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately fifteen minutes to discuss 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 and to review the performance of a public official pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.(1)(g).

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Council recessed into Executive Session at 10:45 p.m.

At 10:55 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that Executive Session will be extended an additional five minutes.

Council reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

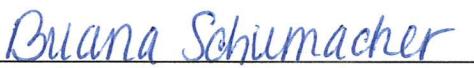
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK