



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 26, 2019
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Resolution of intent to adopt legislation to authorize a sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing in accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406.

Planning Manager Speir shared that during the Economic Development update on August 12th there was discussion and recommendations regarding strategic actions that the Council can take regarding affordable housing. She reported that there is an opportunity for local governments to take advantage of an allocation change to sales and use taxes collected by the state. If the City takes action to adopt a qualifying local tax there would be an opportunity to access \$3.49 Million over a 20 year period. The tax credit must be spent on projects that serve persons whose income is at or below 60% of the area median income. It will be in place for up to 20 years and can be used for acquiring, rehabilitating or constructing affordable housing; operations and maintenance of new affordable or supportive housing facilities; and rental assistance for cities with a population under 100,000.

A Resolution of intent to adopt legislation must be adopted by January 31, 2020 and an Ordinance authorizing the sales and use tax must be adopted by July 27, 2020. Discussion ensued.

Transportation Capital Improvement Program Update.

Transportation Division Manager Ott provided an update on the Transportation Capital Improvement Program and the highlighted the status of various design and construction projects. He shared that the Colonial Plaza project is nearing

completion and a grand opening celebration is scheduled for September 14th. He shared maps of the design and construction projects and street lighting locations scheduled for 2020. He reported that the current Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is 79 and trends continue to improve.

Review of interlocal agreement for Multijurisdictional Civil Disturbance Team.

Chief Zaro shared that is recommended that the City enter into an agreement with the cooperative cities to participate in a Civil Disturbance Team. He reported that team participation in these activities were suspended pending approval of a new agreement. Discussion ensued related to the cost sharing model and it is requested that a dispute resolution clause be added to the agreement.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation declaring September 11, 2019 as Patriot Day and Day of Remembrance. – *Chief Mike Zaro, Lakewood Police Department and Chief Jim Sharp, West Pierce Fire & Rescue*
2. Proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. – *Ms. Jill Douglas*
3. Youth Council Report.
4. Clover Park School District Report.
5. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement for participation in the Multijurisdictional Civil Disturbance Team. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for the American Lake- Lake Management District No.1 billing services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Clover Park School District for the purchase of fuel. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Appointing Independent Salary Commission members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
9. Appointing American Lake – Lake Management No. 1 Advisory Committee members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
10. Appointing John Mayfield to serve on the Community Services Advisory Board through December 15, 2020. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

11. Declaring the intent to adopt legislation to authorize a sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing in accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
12. This is the date set for a public hearing to consider the vacation of 87th Street right-of-way between Durango Street SW and Sound Transit rail lines. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
13. Nisqually Jail Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Chief Zaro reported that a hoax call known as swatting was received last night reporting an active shooter at Champions Night Club. Officers responded to the location and took a suspect into custody. Steps are being taken to actively investigate who called in the false report.

He then shared that the Police Department is applying for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$40,000 to purchase noise suppressors for rifles. He shared that the noise level of firing rifles is extremely loud and there are both hearing and tactical benefits from the use of this equipment.

VISION 2050 Overview

Planning Manager Speir shared that two comment letters have been drafted for submission to Puget Sound Regional Council on behalf of Pierce County Regional Council and the City relating to the draft VISION 2050 document. She provided an overview of VISION 2050 and shared that the public comment period is open until September 16th.

City Manager Caulfield reported that the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency will be holding a public hearing on August 27th regarding Puget Sound Energy's approval for the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility construction permit.

He shared that on September 4th the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the Title 18A Land Use and Development Code updates and the Lakewood Community Foundation Fund will be accepting applications for the annual Larry Saunders Service Award until September 27th.

He then shared that WSDOT was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$37.5 Million for train equipment and that he has been in communication with WSDOT and Sound Transit regarding slowing the speed of the trains and the request for an Amtrak station assessment study for Lakewood.

He shared that November 1st or November 15th have been identified as potential dates for a City Council and 2/2 SBCT dinner event to be held at Thornewood Castle.

He complimented City Attorney Heidi Wachter for the Pierce County Superior Court ruling in favor of the City on cross-summary judgment motion regarding a DSHS disclosure case.

He shared that the 15 applications were received for Lodging Tax Advisory Committee grant funds totaling over \$847,000. Of the applications, five were submitted by the City which included funding requests for the Imaging Campaign, Farmers Market, City Gateways, Summer Concert Series and SummerFEST.

He shared that last week we were contacted by Pierce County who is interested in expanding their Pierce County Mobile Community Intervention Response Team (MCIRT) to Lakewood. A meeting is scheduled with Pierce County representatives next month to learn about this program whose primary purpose is to provide better care and relieve first responders by engaging in therapeutic interventions.

He then reported that Mr. Brady Louwein has decided not to sell his Springbrook Park property to the City. The Community Safety Resource Team has issued Mr. Louwein citations regarding the condition of his property and if not addressed the City will be move forward with nuisance abatement.

He reported that the Port of Tacoma has hired Eric Johnson as their Executive Director and updates to their strategic plan are expected to begin later this year.

He shared that the Legal Department is reviewing options to file an amicus brief in support of the case of *Martin v. Boise* regarding enforcement of a city ordinance banning the homeless from sleeping in public places.

He then provided an update on the Lakewood Landing Project and shared that the City has received three responses to the Request for Proposals for broker services.

He then shared that a joint meeting is scheduled with the Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board for the September 9th study session and that a meeting is scheduled with Dr. Chen of Tacoma Pierce County Health Department on August 28th to discuss issues such as septic systems, restaurant inspections, toxic algae testing and community engagement.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- September 6, 6:00 P.M., Partner for Parks Barn Bingo, McGavick Conference Center
- September 11, 11:45 A.M., 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, City Hall Plaza
- September 13, 14 and 15, Lakewood Film, Art and Book Fest, McGavick Conference Center

- September 14, 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Colonial Plaza Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Event, Motor Avenue
- September 20, 3:30 P.M., Grand Opening Ceremony of the John W. Walstrum Center for Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Clover Park Technical College

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that she will be traveling to Washington, D.C. and will be absent for the September 16th Council meeting. She then shared that last week she attended the Tacoma NAACP annual awards banquet.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended last week's Concert at Fort Steilacoom Park, participated in a community clean-up event coordinated by the Clover Park Rotary and expressed his support of Pierce County's MCIRT program.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that South Sound 911 Board of Directors approved a construction contract for a new communications facility. He shared that he also attended the Concert at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Economic Development Board of Pierce County meeting last week where Executive Director Johnson of the Port of Tacoma spoke about strengthening the Port's relationship with cities and restarting the subarea planning process. He spoke about the success of relocating TOTE to Tacoma and the demand for more Class A office space to attract more jobs to the region. He commented on traffic improvements around Angle Lane at Fort Steilacoom Park and advertising for the Colonial Plaza grand opening celebration.

Mayor Anderson spoke about a conference call with the Association of Defense Communities Federal Outreach and Advocacy Committee.

Executive Session

Mayor Anderson announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The Council is not expected to take final action following the Executive Session.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. At 9:52 p.m. Mayor Anderson announced that Executive Session will be extended for an additional 30 minutes. Council reconvened at 10:22 p.m.

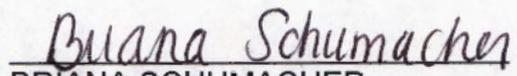
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK