



## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 6, 2020

City of Lakewood

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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 Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

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Mayor Anderson called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the COVID-19 virus and to honor the health care providers who are working to stem the virus.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Anderson announced that participation in Public Comments was accepted via email or by mail. Comments were sent to Briana Schumacher, City Clerk. Comments received up to one hour before the meeting were provided to the City Council electronically. Comments received after that deadline will be provided to the City Council after the meeting.

No public comments.

### C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council retreat of March 7, 2020.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of March 9, 2020.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 16, 2020.
- D. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$1,399,608.92, for the period of February 15, 2020 through March 13, 2020.
- E. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,412,508.14, for the period of February 16, 2020 through March 15, 2020.

F. Motion No. 2020-18

Authorizing the award of a construction contract to C & R Tractor and Landscaping, Inc., in the amount of \$427,270.80, for the construction of the Stormwater Outfall Retrofit project.

COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

**This is the date set for a public hearing to consider amending the Six-Year (2020-2025) Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program.**

Mayor Anderson announced that Public Testimony on this Public Hearing was accepted via email or by mail. Comments were sent to Briana Schumacher, City Clerk. Comments received up to one hour before the meeting were provided to the City Council electronically. Comments received after that deadline will be provided to the City Council after the meeting.

There being no public testimony the public hearing was declared closed at 7:10 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

**Review of site specific rezone, from Residential 1 (R1) to Residential 2 (R2), for properties located at 11918 and 11920 Nyanza Road SW.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher reported that a request for a site specific rezone has been received for the properties located at 11918 and 11920 Nyanza Road SW. This request will change the zoning from Residential 1(R1) to Residential 2 (R2). The proposal will change development standards, density of the lot size and will permit four lots instead of two. A public hearing was conducted on September 11, 2019, a decision was rendered by the Hearings Examiner on September 25, 2019 and no appeals were filed. It is recommended

that the City Council adopt an Ordinance finalizing the rezone and amending the zoning map.

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**Review of amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies regarding centers.**

Planning Manager Speir shared that it is recommended the City Council ratify Pierce County Ordinance 2019-70s related to new countywide planning policies regarding centers. She shared that the new criteria creates 14 new countywide centers and the deadline to take action is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued.

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**Review of CDBG Five-Year (2020-2025) Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher shared that the purpose of this presentation is to review the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for the next five year period and to provide direction for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds for this cycle.

He recommended funding be allocated towards affordable housing and a Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program and that the City Council conduct a public hearing on May 18<sup>th</sup> followed by action to approve the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan at the June 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.

He then shared that additional CDBG funding, in the amount of \$350,611, is available to the City through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and will be applied for through an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP). He shared that additional information regarding the availability and use of this funding will come forward for discussion during the study session of April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Program Manager Gumm highlighted key findings from the needs assessment and market analysis in the area of housing such as cost burdens, impacts to the elderly and overcrowding. He shared that the median home value in Lakewood is \$232,600 which is lower than Pierce County and Washington State. He then reviewed the strategic plan goals which are to increase and preserve affordable housing, improve infrastructure and economic opportunity and to reduce homelessness, outcome indicators in each of the goal areas and total funding allocations. Discussion ensued.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that Washington State Governor Inslee extended the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order through May 4, 2020 and the City continues to operate under a Proclamation of Emergency. He then provided an update on measures taken in response to COVID-19 and noted that the City is gathering costs

that have been incurred to request reimbursement and is evaluating events through the end of July, 2020 to determine whether they will take place or be postponed.

He then shared that the Lakewood Landing project continues to move forward and a presentation to the City Council will be scheduled for a future meeting.

He reported that the Western State Hospital Master Plan process is moving forward although the initial application was deemed incomplete as several issues were identified such as patient bed count, historic preservation and regulatory context.

He then shared that an update on the 2020 State Legislative Session will be provided at the April 13<sup>th</sup> study session.

He shared that design work continues on the JBLM North Access Project, the Steilacoom Boulevard from Custer Road to Weller Road and the Onyx Drive projects are expected to kick off this week and the City received ten bids for the Veterans Drive improvement project and a contract award to the lowest bidder, Miles Resources will come forward for consideration at the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Farmer thanked first responders and city staff for securing the parks and commented on the importance of supporting small businesses.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the financial impacts of COVID-19.

Councilmember Moss commented that she will share data provided by the City Manager related to COVID-19 with her colleagues.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that Andrew Neiditz retired and Deborah Grady began her tenure as the Executive Director of South Sound 911. He also commented that April 7<sup>th</sup> is National Service recognition day and the importance of recognizing public servants.

Councilmember Simpson commented on the importance of the City Council working as a team.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on the various impacts and resources available to business owners and the business community.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he welcomed Governor Inslee to Nourish Food Bank's warehouse where he thanked the National Guard for the assistance they are providing preparing and distributing food. He commented on the definition of essential specifically related to residential construction, the various data reported related to COVID-19 deaths and shared that a temporary care facility is opening up at 84<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Ave which will cover needs related to quarantine and isolation.

He then shared that he has inquired with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) regarding the formula for initial allocations of federal funding for transit agencies in response to COVID-19 and provided an update on Pierce Transit's services and schedule modifications in response to COVID-19.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

  
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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK