



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 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 Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Deputy Mayor Whalen arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board Members Present: 3 – Chair Speith, Joan Cooley and Beth Campbell.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting.

Chair Speith and Ms. Campbell highlighted the boards 2020 workplan items which include a historic streets recognition program, historic walking tours, and coordination with the Clover Park School District to incorporate a local history academic program and pop up museum at schools. The board is also working to engage the Youth Council and is actively recruiting new members.

Review of 2nd Quarter (2020) Financial Report.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through June 30, 2020. Discussion ensued related to Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), revenues, and Police Department performance measures.

Prosecution Services Update.

Assistant City Attorney Johnson provided an overview of prosecution services to date. Discussion ensued related to the decline in revenues for fines, restitution, options for work crew or public service in lieu of jail time and grant funding from the Office of Crime Victims STOP violence grant program.

Review of Coronavirus Relief Funding (CRF) allocations.

Planning Manager Speir reported that an additional \$895,050 from the Washington State Department of Commerce in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) has been allocated to the City. She provided a summary of proposed distributions, which would provide additional funding for small business assistance, rental assistance for commercial landlords, childcare services, city payroll, facilities and personal protective equipment. Discussion ensued related to allocations and the ability for the City to distribute funds prior to the deadline of November 30th.

City Manager Caulfield also reported that the City received an additional \$450,000 in CARES Act funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Swearing-In Ceremony of Municipal Court Judge. – *Ms. Lisa Mansfield*
2. Proclamation thanking the City of Gimhae, South Korea for their donation of masks and Personal Protective Equipment, as well as for their continued friendship and support.
3. Tacoma Public Utilities Budget and Rate Development Presentation. – *Ms. LaTasha Wortham, Regional Relations Manager*
4. Amending Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 8.68 related to fireworks. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
5. Update on Population Allocations. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that Veterans Drive and Onyx Drive projects are progressing and it is anticipated that both projects will be completed by the end of 2020. He then shared that the Harry Todd Waterfront Restoration work kicked off this week, as did the Angle Lane South improvements and construction of restroom and kitchen at the Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion will begin within the next few weeks.

He shared that after a successful season with increased participation and sales due to the location and time change, the Farmers Market will be extended into October, weather permitting, as several of the vendors have expressed interest in continuing.

He then shared that in 2020 the State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1754 related to limiting the ability of cities and counties to regulate homeless encampments operated by religious organizations. It is proposed that the ESSB 1754 text be hyperlinked into Lakewood Municipal Code Title 18A, under its own chapter rather than attempting to modify the legislation into the current code. The Planning Commission will begin review of the proposed amendments this fall followed by a recommendation to the City Council.

He shared that the Sound Transit Executive Committee met today and announced that given the economic impacts of COVID-19, Sound Transit is looking to pause a number of projects throughout their service area until 2021. This recommendation includes the South Tacoma and Lakewood Station parking improvements and the Sounder Maintenance facility project, the City is preparing a letter expressing concerns and requesting these projects not be paused.

He then shared that WSDOT has scheduled a meeting this week to continue discussions related to the I-5 JBLM Shared Use Path, which is part of the I-5/JBLM Corridor Improvement Project.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that the Youth Council had their first meeting of the school year this evening noting that Black Lives Matter, social justice and youth mental health were the top issues that the students expressed an interest in addressing this year.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she provided remarks at the Clover Park School District board meeting this evening, this week she will attend the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Large City Advisory Committee and a Diversity Training hosted the National League of Cities.

Councilmember Moss shared that she attended the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board virtual meeting where they reviewed the boards 2020 work plan in advance of the joint meeting with the City Council scheduled for October 28th. She commented on a Community Garden ribbon-cutting event that she attended.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that last week he attended a ribbon-cutting event for a Community Garden that was created by residents in the community.

Mayor Anderson shared that he attended Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting and noted that the draft Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) has been released and will be considered by the Board for adoption in October.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK