



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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: 6 – Mayor Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### **2020 Larry Saunders Service Award Presentation.**

Mr. Bob Warfield, Lakewood Community Foundation Fund (LCFF), who was joined by Ms. Sally Saunders, presented the Fourth Annual 2020 Larry Saunders Service Award to the Selden Family of Lakewood who was represented by Mr. Rick Selden, Ms. Sharon Selden and Ms. Gayle Selden in recognition of their extraordinary service to community.

Mr. Greg Rediske, Lakewood Community Foundation Fund presented a check to Scott Adams, West Pierce Cares which will be used to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to be distributed to locations throughout the community. He shared that the Lakewood Rotary matched the LCFF's contribution and the donation totals over \$3,000.

#### **Proclamation declaring January as Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month.**

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH TO MS. CHRISTINE GILGE, DIRECTOR, ADORNED IN GRACE LAKEWOOD.

#### **Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Retro Refund Presentation.**

Human Resources Director Mary McDougal was joined Human Resources Analyst Kat St. Pierre, as well as Mr. Peter King CEO, Carol Wilmes, Director of Programs and Mr. Brian Bishop, Program Manager from Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Ms. McDougal recognized Ms. St. Pierre for her work focusing on employee safety, claims

management and promoting a safety culture throughout the organization and AWC for their valuable assistance and partnership.

Mr. King shared that Lakewood has been a member since of AWC 2011 and the City's 2017 retro year refund totals \$77,283. He then highlighted the services provided by the AWC Retro Safety Program which includes safety, compliance and claims management.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Andrea Gernon*, emailed comments regarding applicants for appointment to City Council Position 5, which were provided to the City Council in advance of the meeting.

Speaking before Council were:

*Helen McGovern-Pilant*, thanked the City Council for focusing on bringing industry to the community. She then spoke about the applicants for appointment to City Council Position 5 and her support of candidate of Ria Johnson Covington.

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls South Dakota*, spoke about Trump's rally speech condemning violence, the insufficient manpower to handle the riots in Washington D.C. and the Democratic Party's response to voter fraud, sex trafficking and illegal immigration.

*Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident*, thanked the City Council and Lakewood Police for their response to an incident that took place at his residence.

## **C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 4, 2021.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting January 7, 2021.

C. Motion No. 2021-04

Approving the 2021 citizens' advisory boards, committees and commission work plans.

D. Motion No. 2021-05

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Pierce College to enhance a baseball field at Fort Steilacoom Park.

E. Motion No. 2021-06

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lakewood Water District regarding the construction of roadway improvements and water mains along Gravelly Lake Drive SW.

## F. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 5, 2020.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 2, 2020

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Councilmember Brandstetter requested Item. No. C, Motion No. 2021-04 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. A, ITEM NO. B AND ITEM NO. D THROUGH ITEM NO. F. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-04 WITH THE ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN TO REVIEW THE LAKEWOOD DASHBOARD METRICS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

### ORDINANCE

**Ordinance No. 748 Providing for the issuance, sale and deliver of not to exceed \$4,100,000 aggregate principal amount of surface water revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the utility's share of transportation and other capital projects; fixing or setting parameters with respect to certain terms and covenants of the bonds; appointing the City's designated representative to approve the final terms of the sale of the bond; and providing for other related matters.**

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 748. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER****Review applications for appointment to City Council Position 5.**

City Attorney Wachter provided an update on the prior process used to interview applicants for appointment to a City Council position.

Discussion ensued and it is recommended that the City Clerk send out a doodle poll to inquire with Councilmembers for their availability for two special meetings which will be held for purposes of interviewing candidates. It is anticipated that each candidate will be scheduled for a ten-minute interview, starting with an opening statement followed by a question and answer session. Each City Councilmember will submit important attributes and areas of inquiry that will be used to facilitate interview questions to the City Clerk by January 27<sup>th</sup> for review and consideration at City Council meeting of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Public Works Engineering Director Bucich reported that in 2021 there are 29 properties in the Tillicum neighborhood that will be required to connect to the sewer. He shared that it is recommended that the City provide notice to these properties of a one-year extension to the mandatory sewer connection requirements. Discussion ensued and it was recommended that a Resolution come forward for consideration at the City Council meeting of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that several significant events took place last week starting with a windstorm, a fire that resulted in evacuation of several businesses and residents, and a reckless driver who rolled a vehicle at SR512 at South Tacoma Way, which affected the traffic control system in this area. He complimented the electrical utility providers, Public Works and Parks Department crews, West Pierce Fire and Rescue, Lakewood Police Department for their work responding to the incidents.

He shared that the City will begin advertising for the JBLM North Access Improvement Project with the bid opening scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and City Council award consideration on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He noted that this will be a phased project and October 2022 is anticipated timeframe for completion.

He shared that the Planning Commission is expected to take action on the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan at their January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and Assistant

City Manager for Development Services Bugher has begun review of the Climate and Energy change chapter and has asked an outside consultant to review the proposed changes against the Department of Ecology requirements.

He reported that the Economic Development Manager launched the Annual Business Survey, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020 Economic Indicators have been posted on the website and last weekend Sound Transit conducted testing on the Point Defiance Bypass Rail.

He noted that Pierce Department of Emergency Management and Tacoma Pierce County Health Department have been working to identify ways and events to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations to the community and Lakewood has identified a number of drive through locations that may be options for administration sites.

He then shared that the State Legislature passed a Resolution expanding the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) waivers through the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

He provided an update on State Legislative priorities and shared that WSDOT announced a list of projects that will be paused noting that neither of the I-5 JBLM Access projects are impacted although it is expected that the request for Multi-Model Transportation Study will not get much traction this session. He also noted that Representative Jake Fey released a transportation revenue package proposal which raises \$26 Billion over 16 years and on federally Congress is evaluating a COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package estimated at \$1.9 Trillion which includes \$350 Billion to State, Local and Tribal governments.

He then acknowledged the MLK Committee and those who participated and coordinated this year's virtual ceremony.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Farmer thanked those who were involved in the MLK Ceremony and shared that this week she will attend the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and will testify in support of HB 5163 which implements the recommendations of the Sex Offender Policy Board.

Councilmember Moss shared that last week she attended the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that this week he will attend the Planning Commission meeting and that the Pierce County Council passed an emergency Ordinance to authorize permanent and mobile sites that will focus on helping vulnerable locations gain access to COVID-19 vaccines. He also reported that street sweeping is needed throughout the city after the recent windstorm.

Councilmember Brandstetter also commented on the MLK Ceremony and shared that tomorrow he will attend the Tideflats Subarea Advisory Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Whalen echoed positive comments related to the MLK Ceremony. He commented on affordable housing, landlord tenant legislation and tenant protections. He shared that he will also attend the Pierce County Regional Council meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he attended the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board. He commented on the videographers work on the MLK Ceremony. He commented on several media interviews he conducted last week and eligibility criteria for vaccine distribution in Phase 1B.

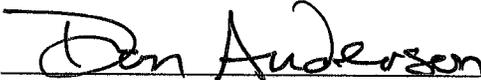
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Mayor Anderson announced that the Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. The Council is not expected to take action following the Execution Session.

The Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:34 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

  
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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK