



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 13, 2023

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson and Patti Belle and Paul Bocchi.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Special Events Update.

Recreation Coordinator Sally Martinez highlighted special events such as the Reel Life 96 Festival, the New Year, New You Welcome Walk, Saturday Street Festivals on Motor Avenue, the Lakewood Farmers Market, SummerFEST, Truck and Tractor Day, the Summer Concert series, Christmas Parade of Lights, Latino Artist Reception and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony. She shared that the City received a No Child Left Inside Grant which supported the Ray Evans Memorial Fishing event, Rockets Away, Row, Paddle Canoe Day, and Yoga and Meditation events at Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion which has served over 900 people to date. Discussion ensued.

Review Ordinance related to the Use of Controlled Substances.

Assistant City Attorney Samantha Johnson shared that the proposed Ordinance is intended to reduce the open use of drugs, reduce violent and property crimes, increase public safety, and allow an opportunity for court intervention and treatment. She shared images and videos of the impacts of drug use. She shared that the proposed Ordinance will come forward for City Council approval on March 20th. Discussion ensued.

Review Ordinance related to the Protection and Preservation of Public Spaces.

City Attorney Heidi Wachter shared that the City Council previously reviewed the proposed Ordinance on October 24, 2022. She provided an overview of the changes to the Ordinance, which included environmental protection of the watershed, clarification of the definition of a public entity and clarification of the

definition of store. She shared that the Ordinance will come forward for City Council approval on March 20th. Discussion ensued.

2024 Comprehensive Periodic Review Update on Housing.

Long Range and Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir shared that the City Council will be updated on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review process and public participation plan over various meeting throughout 2023-2024. She shared that full review of the plan is tentatively scheduled for the City Council meeting of June 24. She highlighted state law changes for 2023 and requirements related to permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, emergency housing, emergency shelter and foster care.

She reported that under House Bill 1220 there is a requirement to plan for a total growth target and to look at current and projected housing needs for the area median income levels; identifying the number of units needed and whether there is significant land capacity for those segments of the population, looking at barriers and identifying programs and actions to overcome barriers. She reviewed the Lakewood Housing Needs Assessment which projects 36,713 housing units for 2044 and a comparison of growth targets based on 2044 Housing Growth Target per Pierce County Ordinance 2022-46s and House Bill 1220. She then highlighted two draft housing growth allocations, equal share and fair share, and targets based on income level. She shared that another requirement of House Bill 1220 is to identify areas at risk and policies to address racially disparate impacts, displacement and exclusion in housing.

She shared that a Steering Committee comprised of community based organizations, private businesses and utility companies has been convened to provide input regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Periodic Review amendments. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 20, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation recognizing Scott McKay for Making a Difference in the City.
2. Proclamation recognizing March 29, 2023 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.
3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the military spouse employment study project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Henderworks, Inc., in the amount of \$90,000, for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Stowe Development and Associates for tax increment financing plan for the Downtown Subarea.

6. Authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Steilacoom for animal control services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of DuPont for animal control services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Approving the request to vacate 113th Street SW west of Kendrick Street SW. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
9. Amending the Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 9.06 related to Controlled Substances. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
10. Creating Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 9.15 related to the Occupation of Public Property. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
11. Authorizing the acquisition of real property under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for road purposes; authorizing payment thereof from the City's General Fund or from such other monies that the City may have available or attain for the acquisition; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
12. Review of Clover Creek Floodplain. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield provided an overview of State Legislative initiatives and shared that the city has developed an Op-Ed for the Tacoma News in response to an analysis that came out of Pierce County related to police pursuits.

He shared that the Pierce County Board of Trustees met last week and took action to approve a contract for construction of an interim Lakewood Library and they provided direction to demolish the existing Lakewood Library on Wildaire. The City continues to work with them to move the Tensler log.

He then shared that Pierce County has released a Request for Proposals for the Behavioral Health tax funds with a deadline to apply of Friday, April 14th, the Rotary Club of Lakewood will be attending a City Council meeting in April to present a check for the Fort Steilacoom Park playground improvements and the Rotary Club of Lakewood will take the lead on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library project; an update will be presented at a future Council meeting.

He reported that he met with Pierce County Councilmember Hitchen to discuss the creation of an Opioid Abatement Council.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that last week he attended the Planning Commission meeting and this week will attend the Transportation Coordination Commission and Pierce County Regional Council meetings.

Councilmember Anderson spoke about the Request for Proposals for Behavioral Health tax funds and recommended that the City submit an application for money to fund treatment for drug court participants. He shared that last week he attended the Association of Defense Communities Board Meetings and Annual Summit.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she provided Council Remarks at the Clover Park School District Board meeting this evening.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended Pierce Transit meetings and encouraged attendance at the Rotary Club of Lakewood fundraiser on March 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK