



## **LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, April 26, 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: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Paul Bocchi and Linda Farmer.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **Review of 2020 Year End Financial Report.**

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus provided a high-level overview of the 2020 Year End Financial Report.

#### **Review of 2021 Carry Forward Budget Adjustment.**

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus reviewed the 2021 Carry Forward Budget Adjustment highlighting the new program funding requests for 2021. She shared that if approved the total ending funding balance for is estimated at \$10.8 Million. Discussion ensued.

#### **Abatement and Nuisance Code Update.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher provided an overview of the nuisance abatement process. He shared that there are around 60-65 active properties under investigation as potential abatements at any time. He reviewed a map of active abatements in the city. He then summarized each of the proposed municipal code changes. Discussion ensued.

#### **Review of Lakewood Station District Subarea (LSDS) Plan.**

Planning Manager Speir, who was joined by Lisa Gruter, BERK and Associates provided an overview of the City Council review and consideration of the LSDS. She highlighted the elements of the LSDS Plan and Planned Action Ordinance and

provided a high-level overview of recommended amendments to Ordinance No. 751 and Ordinance No. 752.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher provided a summary of discussions he had with property owners Steve Borman and Seth Borman following public testimony received during the April 5<sup>th</sup> public hearing. He shared that discussion included the definitions of row house and townhouse, the use of condominium provisions, traffic mitigation and the subarea permitting process. Discussion ensued.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MAY 3, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Proclamation declaring May 9, 2021 through May 15, 2021 as National Police Week.
2. Police Chief Commendation Awards and Commissioning Ceremony.
3. Youth Council Report.
4. Clover Park School District Report.
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the Harry Todd playground project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Approving the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Annual Report. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set for a Public Hearing on the 2021 Carry Forward Budget Adjustment. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
8. Adopting the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan, amending the Lakewood Municipal Code by establishing a new Title 18C Lakewood Station District Development Code and amending Lakewood Municipal Code Chapters 18A.10 Basic Provisions and 18A.20 Administration. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
9. Adopting a SEPA Planned Action related to the Lakewood Station District Subarea. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
10. Amending the abatement and nuisance code. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
11. Adopting the FY2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)

12. Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Phase 1 Improvement Project Update.  
– (Reports by the City Manager)
13. Park Sign Code. – (Reports by the City Manager)

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

### **County Authority related to Hazard Pay.**

City Manager Caulfield shared that the Pierce County Council is considering an Ordinance establishing a hazard pay requirement for grocery employees working in Pierce County noting that the Ordinance would apply to both unincorporated and incorporated areas of Pierce County, if passed.

City Attorney Wachter shared that in summary based on a 1971 Attorney General opinion, the Pierce County Council does not have the authority to apply their Ordinance to incorporated areas. Discussion ensued and it is recommended that a letter be drafted to be sent to the Pierce County Council outlining the Lakewood's position.

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City Manager Caulfield shared that Pierce County Executive Dammeier has set up a vaccination task force to promote and assist residents in Pierce County to get vaccinated. He shared that countywide 20% have been fully vaccinated and over 30% have received one dose. He shared that there are various community vaccination sites at the Tacoma Dome and former Lakewood Towne Center Dress Barn that will allow for drive through and walk up options.

He shared that the City of Tacoma will be holding a public hearing this week regarding the non-interim tide flat regulations and SSMCP has sent a letter outlining concerns with the regulations.

He then shared that the State Legislative Session ended on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the city secured \$3.7 Million in funding to support community development and parks improvement projects and SSMCP received \$1.4 Million in support of North Clear Zone acquisition and \$5 Million for a study in the I-5 Nisqually Delta corridor. He shared that a Legislative Session Update will be scheduled for the May 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

He reported that a contract has been negotiated with Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare which includes the addition of a second Mental Health Professional for the Behavioral Health contact team, approval of the contract will come forward during the City Council meeting of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and during the May 10<sup>th</sup> study session the City Council will receive an update on the communication strategy related use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

He provided an update on the Federal Community Project Funding Requests for Transportation Projects that were submitted to Congresswoman Strickland noting that it is anticipated the city will be notified as to whether projects will be funded in the May or June timeframe. He also noted that virtual meetings will be scheduled with the Federal Delegation in the near future.

He shared that the State Legislature passed a measure that makes Juneteenth a legal state holiday noting that more information will be provided to the City Council at a future meeting.

He then shared that Western State Hospital CEO Dave Holt has retired and the city is still waiting to receive an updated Western State Hospital Master Facility Plan from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

He reported that United Way of Pierce County is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Pierce County and will be celebrating by hosting several food drives one of which will be held in Lakewood on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

He shared that the Pierce County Council has been working on an Ad Hoc Committee to end Homelessness. Planning Manager Speir has been representing Lakewood, a draft Action Plan will be presented to the Pierce County Council on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and it is recommended that the City Council schedule time to review and discuss the Plan at a future meeting.

Discussion ensued related to public outreach and notification regarding vaccination sites and Pierce Transit offering free rides for passengers traveling to vaccination appointments.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bocchi spoke about Lakewood Garden's State Legislative funding for a Carriage House.

Councilmember Farmer thanked the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Legislative Delegation for their work this legislative session. She shared that the Sex Offender Policy Board recommendations were enacted as SB 5163 concerning the placement and treatment of conditionally released sexually violent predators.

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Children's Museum at JBLM.

Deputy Mayor Whalen also commented Lakewood Gardens funding for the Carriage House and the Lakewood's Arts Commission meetings to conduct interviews of artists for the Colonial Plaza public art project.

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Mayor Anderson announced that the City Council will recess into Execution Session for approximately 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the

selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate and pursuant to 42.30.110(1)i to discuss with legal counsel representing litigation or potential litigation. The City Council is not expected to take action following the Executive Session.

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that the Executive Session will be extended an additional 10 minutes. At 9:40 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that the Executive Session will be extended for an additional 10 minutes. At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Anderson announced that the Executive Session will be extended an additional 10 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK