



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 4, 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

Proclamation declaring January 18, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and February as Black History month.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 18, 2021 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE AND THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2021 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO MS. KIMI GINN, MEMBER, MLK COMMITTEE.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Director Schafer shared that there is a plan in place to return students to school, this is contingent on COVID-19 rates, and specific information is available on the CPSD website. He shared that he was re-elected to serve as CPSD Board President, Alyssa Anderson Pearson will serve as Vice President and Anthony Velez will serve as Legislative Liaison. He commented on the diversity of the City and equity and inclusion efforts within CPSD. He shared that January is School Board Recognition month and Superintendent Banner was awarded an Employer Patriot Award from Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He reported that the Early Learning Program is enrolling students for online at home preschool. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Douglas, Lakewood resident, emailed comments regarding the street lighting project in the Oakbrook neighborhood, which were provided to the City Council in advance of the meeting.

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls South Dakota, spoke about the Democratic Party, cities run by Democrats and the news documentary Fight for the Soul of Seattle.

Mark Eberlein, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition of the street lighting project in the Oakbrook neighborhood, requesting the City pause the project pending public engagement with the neighborhood.

Ken Scott, Lakewood resident, spoke about the street lighting project in the Oakbrook neighborhood.

Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident, shared that the City of Lakewood's 25th Anniversary is February, 2021 and spoke the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, the importance of accessibility and productive relationships.

Dan Jordan, Lakewood resident, spoke about the street lighting project in the Oakbrook neighborhood, stating his opposition of the project in its current form, as it does not enhance the neighborhood.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of November 23, 2020.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of December 2, 2020.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 7, 2020.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of December 14, 2020.
- E. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$3,811,299.99, for the period of November 14, 2020 through December 15, 2020.
- F. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$ 2,706,528.58, for the period of November 16, 2020 through December 15, 2020.
- G. Motion No. 2021-01

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Port of Tacoma regarding the 146th Street reconstruction project.

H. Motion No. 2021-02

Authorizing the execution of an addendum to the agreement with BERK Consulting, Inc. for the completion of the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan, Development Code and SEPA Planned Action.

I. Motion No. 2021-03

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Buell Recreation, LLC for the Fort Steilacoom Park Playground Replacement project.

J. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 7, 2020.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 18, 2020.

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

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Street Light Project Update.

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich provided an overview of the Oakbrook Neighborhood Street Light project. He shared that the design was completed in Spring of 2020 and a contract was awarded on May 18, 2020 to Transportation Systems, Inc. totaling \$216,000. He shared that construction was delayed due to COVID-19 and is expected to begin on Wednesday. He reported that the city has received approximately 20 inquiries from citizens expressing concerns with the project. He then reviewed a map of the project area and connection points and highlighted Engineering Standards and deviations.

City Attorney Wachter then reviewed legal parameters of amending the terms of or terminating the contract.

Discussion ensued regarding whether CDBG protocols and regulations related to public outreach were met, options for under grounding in this neighborhood,

whether the poles can be utilized elsewhere in the city for the street-lighting program, other options for design configurations, flexibility of CDBG-CV funding, and traffic and crime stats related to safety benefits of lights in the neighborhood.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO CANCEL THE OAKBROOK STREET LIGHT CONTRACT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN RESULTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: FARMER, MOSS, WHALEN.

NAYS: BOCCHI, BRANDSTETTER, ANDERSON.

THE MOTION TO CANCEL THE OAKBROOK STREET LIGHT PROJECT FAILS.

Review of interlocal agreement with Pierce College to build a baseball field.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth shared that the City received funding from Washington State to complete four turf sports infields at Fort Steilacoom Park. She shared that Pierce College has approached the City requesting to partner to enhance one of the fields to use for the Raiders baseball team. The interlocal identifies the description of the project, obligations and responsibilities of each of the parties. Discussion ensued and it is requested that the interlocal come forward for approval at the City Council meeting of January 19th.

Behavioral Health Process Update.

Senior Policy Analyst Kelley-Fong, who was joined by Chief Zaro, shared that the Human Services Research Institute (HRSI) produced a study for Pierce County highlighting background, service and prevention needs, available resources and challenges in the current system as well as service and infrastructure recommendations. In addition, in October 2020 the Regional Systems of Care Committee (RCSS) provided a list of programs and services, identifying gaps and measurements to evaluate performance and recommendations for funding principles to the Pierce County Council. She shared that based on this information, in December 2020; the Pierce County Council approved a 1/10th of 1% sales tax to be used to fund behavioral health and therapeutic court services.

She then provided an overview of services that are available in Pierce County such as hotlines, Mobile Outreach Crisis Team (MOCT) and the Mobile Community Intervention Response Team (MCIRT).

Chief Zaro then provided an overview of models first responders' use when responding to behavioral health crises such as the Crisis Intervention Team and Mental Health Co-Responder Programs. He then spoke about the Involuntary Treatment Act pursuant to RCW 71.05, use of Emergency Department's and treatment centers for evaluation by medical professionals. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield complimented Chief Zaro and Senior Policy Analyst Kelley-Fong for their work on the Behavioral Health Process Update.

He shared that the City signed on to a letter presented by Washington Rolling, directed to the State Legislature, encouraging the adoption of Transportation Infrastructure Program during the upcoming legislative session.

He shared that Nisqually Jail rescinded their letter terminating jail services and it is anticipated that a new contract will be in place no later than March 15th.

He then shared the COVID-19 vaccines continue to be distributed to front line works and first responders. It is anticipated that City employees will be eligible for vaccines in Phase 1B or 1C and Pierce County has set up a testing location at the former Department of Licensing Admissions site which is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Pierce County Mobile Testing will be at Fort Steilacoom Park on January 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m..

He shared that the Community and Economic Development Department reported new construction valuation \$260 Million in 2020 from new commercial, commercial remodels and commercial additions, new single-family residences, multifamily and residential remodel and repairs. They also issued 1171 permits in 2020 and it is projected 1st quarter construction activity could total \$50 Million.

He noted that Aero Precision will be relocating to the Lakewood Industrial Park and the Puget Sound Business Journal announced that Black Creek Group has signed a lease with Amazon and Tesla.

He shared that the City has received a request from Adorned in Grace Lakewood requested that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring January as Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that this week she will be attending the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board and MLK Committee meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that this week he will be attending the Tacoma Planning Commission meeting where there will be discussion related to the Tideflats and Industrial Land regulations.

Councilmember Bocchi complimented the development and employment activity in the City and commented on the vaccination process in Washington State and suggested that the City reach out to provide options for vaccine sites.

Councilmember Farmer questioned when the City Council will have time scheduled to review the agenda for the joint City Council and Clover Park School District Board meeting. She also encouraged residents to apply for the open City Council position.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Arts Commission meeting where they reviewed the 2021 work plan and he complimented the new restrooms at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Mayor Anderson shared that it is expected that the Governor's Office will announce the Phase 1B criteria for vaccination distribution on Wednesday, the significance of Aero Precision's relocation to Lakewood and shared he attended the Pierce County Councils In-District 6 meeting where he provided an update on Lakewood.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK