



LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2020
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Pierce Transit Destination 2040 Long Range Plan Update.

Mr. Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Principal Planner shared that Pierce Transit's Long Range Plan was originally adopted in April, 2016 and an update to the plan is needed to improve future transit services, address coverage gaps and increase service hours. He highlighted a future service scenario which includes ten new routes and shared a map of routes and frequencies which totals 735,000 annual service hours. He then shared data gathered from stakeholder engagement surveys. He shared that Pierce Transit will be accepting comments on the draft plan until April 10th with adoption of the final plan scheduled for April 13th. Discussion ensued.

Pierce County Legislative Policy Manual Update.

Senior Policy Analyst Kelley-Fong shared that as a follow up to the March 2nd meeting a proposed amendment to the Pierce County Legislative Policy Manual to include an entry for mental health tax has been brought forward for City Council review. Discussion ensued and it was requested that the entry be entitled behavioral health and include language to implement resources and tools that support a regional funding approach.

Review of 2020 SSMCP Workplan.

Program Manager Adamson reviewed the core objectives of the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) which are to promote JBLM as a Center for Regional Economic Significance, formalize methods of regional collaboration, improve support for military families, access to existing services and information and to improve regional mobility. He then highlighted the 2019-2020 work plan tasks and priorities. Discussion ensued.

Rental Housing Safety Program and Electrical Update.

Program Manager Gumm provided an overview of 2019 activities related to the Rental Housing Safety Program (RHSP). He shared that in 2019, 1,873 or 72% of rental properties were registered and 11,785 or 89% rental units were registered. He shared 311 inspections were conducted by City Inspectors and 148 inspections were conducted by Private Inspectors. He then reviewed the inspection and re-inspection results, common reasons for inspection failures and several before and after photos of property improvements. He then reported that the 2020 inspection lottery letters were mailed on February 28th with a deadline for property owners to respond of March 31st. Discussion ensued related to requiring the installation of ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) for properties subject to the RHSP and it is requested a review of the requirement come forward for City Council discussion at a future meeting.

Review of JBLM-North Access Improvement Project.

Civil Engineer Pokswinski provided an overview of the status of the design for the JBLM North Access improvement project which will reconstruct the corridor of North Gate Road, Edgewood Avenue, and Washington Boulevard between the western City limit and Gravelly Lake Drive. He reported that two public open houses were held where members of the public attended and provided comments on the project. He then shared a video of the design at peak traffic hours and a map of the project design area. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 16, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business Showcase. – *Cham Garden, Mr. Jay Lim and Ms. Kay Lim, Owners*
2. Authorizing the award of a construction contract for the Onyx Drive roadway improvement project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Authorizing the award of a construction contract for the 2019 Outfall Retrofit project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Amending the 2019-2020 Pierce County Policy Manual. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Appointing Michael Trask to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee through August 6, 2021. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Adopting an Ordinance relating to the Legal Department. – (Ordinance – Consent Agenda)
7. Review of amendments to the Six-Year (2020-2025) Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield provided an update on COVID-19. He shared that the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department declared an emergency last Friday and Pierce County has set up a Joint Communications Center. He noted that at this point in time there is no change in operations at the Senior Center and it will remain open.

He shared that Berkeley Bridge was demolished last weekend and the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board recognized Lakewood with Excellent 10 awards for the Colonial Plaza project and for attracting the business Cutting Edge Meats to locate in the City. He noted that the Economic Development team is now working on a new initiative is to bring S and J Food Distributors to Lakewood.

He then shared that the Community Development Department is looking into implementing live video streaming for building and rental housing safety program inspections.

He reported that the stop work order has been lifted for the Harwood Glen Subdivision so the project is moving forward and owner of the former Ken's Tires property located at Gravelly Lake Drive and Mount Tacoma Drive notified the City that they are planning to demolish the building.

He shared that the Public Works Engineering Department submitted three applications for WSDOT's 2020 City Safety Grant Program. The projects are for 100th from Lakeview to South Tacoma Way, Steilacoom Boulevard from 83rd Ave SW to 87th Ave SW and South Tacoma Way from 84th to 80th.

He shared that the City inquired with Pierce County Sewers regarding the plan to address sewer replacement in Lakewood given the age of the sewer lines and information was provided indicating that the pipes still have at minimum 20 years of service left do not need any upgrades at this time.

He then reported that the City will be submitting an application for the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Municipal Excellence Award for the Veterans Court program and provided an update on this week's state legislative initiatives.

He then announced the following event:

- March 19, 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Lakewood Youth Empowerment Summit, McGavick Conference Center

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that last week she attended the 2020 Chief Master Sergeant Recognition Ceremony and the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting.

Councilmember Brandsteter requested the City Council issue a Proclamation recognizing National Service Day at the April 6th meeting. He also commented on

the AWC Quality Communities Scholarship nominee and requested a comparison of communities who have banned fireworks but allow sales in advance of the public hearing.

Councilmember Bocchi thanked those who attended the Communities in Schools of Lakewood Champions for Youth Breakfast and shared that the State of Washington presented to the Pierce County Council regarding locations to site several work release facilities and the possibility of bringing a fifty bed facility to Pierce County.

Councilmember Simpson commented on the City Council Retreat that was held on Saturday, March 7th.

Councilmember Farmer shared that this evening she provided Council Remarks at the Clover Park School District Board meeting and this week she is speaking at a Public Relations Seminar, attending the Rebuilding Hope Luncheon and the Lake City Neighborhood meeting.

Deputy Mayor Whalen also commented the City Council Retreat. He shared last week he attended the Clover Park School District CELT meeting, Habitat for Humanity luncheon, Communities in Schools Champion for Youth Breakfast, Economic Development Board of Pierce County meeting and the St. Francis Cabrini Auction.

Mayor Anderson requested the City Council confirm his appointment as Lakewood's representative to the Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) in advance of the composition meeting which is scheduled for March 25th. He shared that last week he attended the Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development meeting, Pierce Transit Board Retreat, the Pierce County Cities and Towns meeting and noted that he will be attending National Police Week activities in Washington, D.C. from May 13th through 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK