



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2020

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, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### **Legislative Update.**

Ms. Briahna Murray and Ms. Shelly Helder, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs provided a summary of the 2020 State Legislative Session and highlighted top priorities and outcomes from the City's Legislative Agenda and Policy Manual. Discussion ensued.

#### **Review of Human Services funding recommendations.**

Program Manager Humphreys reviewed the Human Services funding history from 2009-2020 and recommended that five current Human Services funding areas remain the same for the 2021-2022 biennium. He then highlighted the results of a community needs survey, conducted jointly by Community Services and Lakewood's Promise Advisory Boards, where 315 responses were collected online and at community outreach events. He shared that the top community needs identified from the survey were related to affordable housing and homelessness, safety and youth mental health. He then reviewed long and short term strategies for addressing these needs. Discussion ensued.

#### **Rental Housing Safety Program Electrical Update.**

Program Manager Gumm shared that following the Rental Housing Safety Program update at the March 9<sup>th</sup> study session the City Council requested a review of the requirement of installing Ground-fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) for properties subject to Ordinance No. 644. He shared that a GFCI is designed to shut off power to an electrical socket protecting persons from shock and to date the City has been inspecting and enforcing the requirement of GFCI's in bathrooms, kitchens and

laundry rooms when the outlet is within 6 inches of a water source. Discussion ensued and the City Council will consider modifying the RHSP administrative procedures requiring GFCI protection at the April 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

### **Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act calendar and funding recommendations.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher shared that the federal government amended its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to provide additional funds to assist and respond to COVID-19. The allocation for the City of Lakewood is \$ \$350,611 and Lakewood is working with the City of Tacoma to facilitate a program to use these funds to assist small businesses.

Program Manager Gumm shared that it is recommended that the city use CARES Act funding allocations for emergency assistance to small businesses who are located within the City and have been impacted by COVID-19. He shared that a five day public comment period followed by City Council action to approve amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to incorporate CARES Act funding allocations and amend the Citizen Participation Plan will come forward at the May 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Discussion ensued.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 20, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the award of a construction contract with Miles Resources, LLC, for the Veterans Drive improvement project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the 2020-2025 street sweeping services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Approving a site-specific rezone at 11918 and 11920 Nyanza Road SW known as the Durr rezone. – (Ordinance – Consent Agenda)
4. Ratifying Pierce County Ordinance 2019-70s amending the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies and designating 14 countywide centers. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
5. Amending the Six-Year (2020-2025) Transportation Improvement Program. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)

### **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield provided an update on COVID-19.

He shared that Parks Appreciation Day has been postponed and an update on the draft Legacy Plan will come forward for City Council review at the April 27<sup>th</sup> study session with adoption of the plan no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.

He then shared that Western State Hospital is expected to resubmit an updated draft of their Master Facility Plan within the next few weeks and the City received a Small Facility Wireless application from AT&T on March 30<sup>th</sup> and a draft franchise will come forward for review at the April 27<sup>th</sup> study session.

He shared that 49% of Lakewood residents have responded to the 2020 Census which is slightly lower than the state and county response rates and the City is working to send out postcards to encourage participation.

He then shared that the Pierce County Library System has suspended community engagement and outreach related to new libraries in the cities of Lakewood and Sumner until this summer and the Community and Economic Development Department reported that inspections have decreased but they continue to process permit applications.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Farmer commented on the importance of continued communication related to the 2020 Census.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Onyx Drive improvement project.

Councilmember Moss suggested that the City Council send thank you letters to the Washington State Legislators for their support.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that the South Sound 911 Executive Director is scheduled to visit Lakewood City Hall next Friday and the new public safety communications center construction is at 35% completion and on budget. He shared that on May 5<sup>th</sup> the Tacoma City Council is holding a public hearing related to extending the Interim TideFlats development rules.

Mayor Anderson recommended the City Council send a letter to Governor Inslee encouraging the reopening of residential construction as an essential business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK