



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, May 24, 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.

Planning Commission Members Present: 2 - Chair Don Daniels and Connie Coleman-Lacadie.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Legislative Session Update.

Ms. Briahna Murray who was joined by Ms. Shelly Helder, Gordon Thomas Governmental Affairs provided an overview of the 2021 Legislative Session noting that the session lasted 105 days, 1075 bills were considered and 334 were passed by the State Legislature. She highlighted the operating, capital and transportation budgets.

Ms. Murray then reviewed initiatives that were authorized which includes a tax increment financing tool for economic development, \$621,000 in funding for the Western State Hospital Community Partnership Program, capital budget appropriations for Wards Lake Park Improvements, American Lake Park Improvements and Living Access Support Alliance (LASA).

Ms. Helder then shared that the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) received capital budget appropriations in the amount of \$1.4 Million in support of the North Clear Zone land acquisition and \$5 Million in support of the I-5 Nisqually River Delta preliminary design and environmental review.

Ms. Helder shared that next steps include continuing year round lobbying, inviting the 28th and 29th Legislative District to the June 7th City Council meeting to be recognized for their work this year, preparing for a special session related to a transportation revenue package. She shared that we will also be following the

activities of the Redistricting Commission related to district boundaries noting that the outcome will take effect for the November 2022 election cycle. She shared that the 2022 Legislative Session begins on January 10, 2022. Discussion ensued.

Joint Planning Commission Meeting.

Planning Commission Chair Daniels introduced himself and Vice-Chair Coleman-Lacadie. Chair Daniels reviewed the 2020 accomplishments and 2021 work plan items. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Planning Manager Speir reviewed the timeline for the 2021 Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle noting that a public hearing will be held on June 7th followed by a tentative Study Session for additional review on June 14th and final approval of the amendments at the June 21st City Council meeting.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher provided an overview of the Energy and Climate Change Chapter and proposed amendments. He spoke about the Environmental Insights Explorer program, which offers a means by which cities can calculate greenhouse gas emissions and reduction opportunities. He then shared that based on 2019 data, Lakewood businesses and residents generated 640,000 mcgo2e. He then reviewed projected growth targets for potential reduction of total greenhouse gas emissions and the energy and climate goals.

Planning Manager Speir then reviewed each of proposed 2021 Comprehensive Plan and text amendments. Discussion ensued and it was recommended that City Councilmembers provide written questions or comments related to the Comprehensive Plan or Climate Change Chapter by June 7th and they will be incorporated into the June 14th packet material.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 7, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Youth Council Report and Recognition.
2. Clover Park School District Report.
3. Reappointing Ellie Wilson to serve on the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board through May 21, 2024. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. This is the date set for a Public Hearing on the 2021 Comprehensive Plan amendments. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
5. Adopting the Six-Year (2022-2027) Transportation Improvement Program. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)

6. Human Services Funding Options Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that the City has been participating in a Pierce County vaccination task force and in total 32% of residents in Pierce County are fully vaccinated and 41% are in the process of vaccinating. He also noted that cases are declining.

He shared that an update on Human Services funding options will come forward at the June 7th regular meeting noting that it will be recommended that the 2021 funding allocations continue into 2022.

He reported that the street striping for the Lakewood Drive at Flett Creek project and the 108th Street pavement overlay project have been delayed due to weather forecasts this week.

He then provided an update on Summer Camp program options for youth during the summer months including a Kids Need to Play partnership with Pierce County, a fishing event, orienteering event and Youth Employment Program in partnership with Clover Park School District and Communities in Schools of Lakewood. Parks and Recreation Director Dodsworth will provide an update on all programs during the City Council meeting of June 7th.

He reported that the Community and Economic Development Department has received building plans and drawings that have been falsified with engineering and architectural stamps. The City is following up with the State Department of Licensing to address the fraud.

He shared that the Department of Treasury has set up an online system to verify information related to drawing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, this requires personal information to be submitted through ID.me and the city is following up on ways to create an account. Mayor Anderson offered to be the cities point of contact within the system.

He then spoke about tax increment financing options and shared that recommended changes to Lakewood Municipal Code 3.64 related to Multifamily Tax Exemption will come forward for review at the August 24th City Council meeting.

He shared that Waste Connections has agreed to extend the hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Fall Community Clean Up event and they will rearrange the ramp to allow up to 5 vehicles to dump at a time. This change should help with the flow of traffic and accommodate up to 360 vehicles per day.

He shared that the City received a Bike and Pedestrian Grant for pedestrian crossing at Pine and 84th Street near Wards Lake Park and two Safe Routes to Schools grants for the 112th at Clover Park High School project and on Farwest

Drive at Lakes High School. He also shared that the Department of Ecology has awarded the City \$183,000 over the next two years for the Stormwater Outreach Program.

He then reported that the City has finalized a federal funding request in the amount of \$2.4M to Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell and the Defense Communicates Infrastructure Program has opened for applications and the deadline to submit is July 12th.

He shared that Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) will be replacing polls on Steilacoom Boulevard starting on June 4th in advance of the City finalizing the curbs, gutters and sidewalks project in the area. It is expected that the utilities will be in the area replacing polls over the next three months.

He also noted that the Public Works Engineering Department has sent out correspondence to residents in the Tillicum Neighborhood related to sewer connection deferrals, to date 17 residents have responded and requested a one year deferral and a second letter has been sent out to those who have not responded.

He shared that on Thursday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m., the 2/2 Stryker Bridge Combat Team will host a Dedication Ceremony at Lancer Field.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that the Air Force Association will be hosting a golf tournament on McChord Field on August 14th and the Air Force Ball will take place in September. She shared that she will be participating in a webinar hosted by the District and Municipal Court Judges related to the diversity of jury pools.

Councilmember Brandstetter commented on last weekend's City Council Retreat.

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended the Farmers Market and complimented the Parks Department for their work.

Councilmember Farmer spoke about the Spring Community Clean Up day and options for hosting additional events. She spoke about the City Council Retreat, Farmers Market and shared that this week she will attend the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and North Lakewood Neighborhood Association meetings.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting and he spoke about the City Council Retreat.

Mayor Anderson also spoke about the City Council Retreat, a retirement ceremony for Mr. Thomas Knight and evaluating Human Services funding contracts for performance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK