



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 9, 2019
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board Members Present: 3 – Chair Glen Spieth, Marjorie Thomas-Candau and Joan Cooley.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting.

Chair Spieth highlighted the boards 2019 work plan items and significant accomplishments. Ms. Marjorie Thomas-Candau shared that the City received a \$12,000 grant from the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation and hired NW Vernacular to conduct a reconnaissance-level survey of the Oak Park neighborhood. The purpose of the survey was to determine whether individual houses in the neighborhood would qualify for historic designation. Three houses were historically identified and the others did not qualify. The result of the survey came with the recommendation that the neighborhood should be considered for historic recognition verses seeking historic designation. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Joan Cooley shared that the board applied for a 2020 Pierce County Historic Preservation grant to fund the cost of street signs for a historic streets recognition program. Funding recommendations are expected to be received in November. She then requested that the board work plan be amended to include options for developing a city historical walking tour.

Legacy Plan Update.

Senior Policy Analyst Kelley-Fong shared that updates to the Legacy Plan are needed to remain timely, responsive to the community and competitive for grant funding. She shared that we are currently in the needs assessment phase of the

plans evaluation and in total 832 individuals have been contacted, 3 open houses and several community engagement events were held with various residents and stakeholders to seek feedback. A controlled survey was sent to 2,000 randomly selected households in the city and a second survey was open to everyone online. She then highlighted results of the controlled survey, including responses by district, demographics and data collected for each of the survey questions. She then shared that next steps will be to review data collected from the community engagement events at the December 9th study session and approval of the final plan is expected in the spring of 2020.

Downtown Subarea Transportation Mitigation Fees Update.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher shared that Ordinance 696 adopted on October 1st set the traffic mitigation fees for the Downtown Subarea and is reviewed on a biannual basis. He highlighted the difference between impact and mitigation fees, reviewed program rules and examples of how trip generation rates are determined. He then shared that there have been 13 projects to date of which 5 have not been required to pay traffic mitigation fees and for the 8 who have been responsible for payment, the fee was approximately \$22,000. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business Showcase. – *New Gang Nam BBQ, Mr. Jesse Jin, Owner*
2. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Pierce County regarding road and traffic maintenance services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Appointing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Appointing the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Youth Council representative. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Approving the vacation of 87th Street right-of-way between Durango Street SW and Sound Transit rail lines. – (Ordinance – Consent Agenda)
6. Setting October 17, 2019 as the date for a hearing before the City of Lakewood Hearing Examiner to confirm the final assessment roll for Local Improvement District 1109, Panattoni Woodbrook Development. – (Ordinance – Consent Agenda)
7. Review of 2nd Quarter 2019 Financial Report. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Chief Zaro shared that as a follow up to his August 26th presentation requesting execution of an interlocal agreement for a multijurisdictional civil disturbance team he has learned that other agencies will not be able to provide resources to staff the team and therefore the agreement will not come forward for Council approval. He will work with other agencies such as the City of Tacoma or Washington State Patrol to establish options for future partnerships.

City Manager Caulfield shared that on September 28th the Council will hold a retreat to review state and federal legislative priorities. He commented on the request for an Amtrak station assessment and future transportation improvement funding requests.

He shared that on September 10th the Police Department will be assisting with escorting Sergeant First Class Dustin Ard who was killed in Afghanistan on August 29th and will be laid to rest at Mountain View Funeral Home.

He shared that an amendment to the agreement with Pierce County, requesting an increase in the amount of \$100,000, for road and traffic maintenance services will come forward on September 16th for Council approval.

He shared that Emmert, LLC has purchased the former QFC property. Assistant City Manager for Community and Economic Development has been in conversations with the new investor regarding the future of the property.

He shared that the Public Works Engineering Department has secured \$1 Million for the 123rd Street construction project and he shared a testimonial statement that was submitted to Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board for future business promotions.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- September 14, 5:00 P.M., Colonial Plaza Grand Opening Event, Motor Avenue

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Councilmember Moss shared that last week she participated in filming at the Colonial Plaza for the city's imaging campaign, attended the Air Force Ball, the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting and noted that she will be attending the Air Force Association Conference and will not be in attendance at the September 16th Council meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter commented on a letter from Kassel & Associates, Inc. regarding the contractors intent to use local labor on the construction of the South Sound 911 public safety communications center project.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended Partners for Parks Barn Bingo event and provided Council Remarks at this evenings Clover Park School District Board meeting where the Youth Councilmembers were introduced.

Councilmember Barth shared that she also participated in filming at the Colonial Plaza and Partners for Parks Barn Bingo event.

Councilmember Simpson shared that on September 5th the Wall Street Journal featured an article he wrote to the editor regarding history and commented on the importance of not forgetting historical events specifically September 11, 2001. He also shared that he will be attending the September 11th Remembrance Ceremony at City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Colonial Plaza public art design meeting, the Partners for Parks Barn Bingo event and that he plans to attend the Pierce County Regional Council meeting on September 12th.

Mayor Anderson shared that he will not be in attendance at the September 23rd or October 14th Council meetings and that September 10th is Coffee with the Mayor. He commented on the response letter submitted by Disability Rights Washington to Representative Kilduff's request for Attorney General Opinion related to the placement of involuntarily committed persons into the community.

Executive Session

Mayor Anderson announced that Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 22 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The Council is not expected to take final action following the Executive Session.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK