



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 25, 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 Don Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen, Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Linda Farmer.

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board Members Present: 3 – Joyce Loveday, Kerri Pedrick and Ellie Wilson.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting.

Chair Ellie Wilson and members of the Lakewood' Promise Advisory Board (LPAB) introduced themselves. Chair Wilson highlighted the 2021 work plan which included workforce development and youth mental health initiatives. Discussion ensued related to workforce development initiatives and the Warriors of Change program.

Review of purchase and sale documents regarding Wards Lake Park expansion.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth shared that Wards Lake Park is located in the Northeast area of the City, there is limited park land and open space in this location. She highlighted the current park boundary which is 26 acres and the potential expansion area which will add an additional 10.5 acres costing \$55,000. She shared that the purchase and sale agreements and associated documents will come forward for City Council approval on November 1st. Discussion ensued.

Review of 3rd Quarter (2021) Police Report.

Chief Zaro shared that overall calls for service have increased noting that felony arrests have increased and misdemeanor arrests have slightly decreased although overall 3rd Quarter year to date from 2016 through 2021 continue to decline. He highlighted total crime for the 3rd quarter which was 1636,

persons crimes totaling 524, property crimes totaling 1070, society crimes totaling 42, 301 accidents and 134 motor vehicle thefts. He highlighted significant incidents which included a drive by shooting, a gang shooting, two homicides, and an officer involved shooting. He reviewed calls for number of shootings and shots fired, eluding and pursuits. He shared that there has been an increase in assaults on officers, noting that there have been 18 through 3rd quarter. He then reported that LPD has had 9 departures since June 30th with two more pending, 8 peopled on leave and have hired 5 new people, he shared that the Special Ops and Property Units have been reassigned to patrol. Discussion ensued.

Review of Transportation Capital Project Financing Strategy.

Deputy City Manager Kraus shared that on August 9th Public Works Engineering Director Bucich provided an update on the proposed transportation projects. She shared that following that discussion next steps was to review financing options for the projects. She highlighted recommended financing strategies for seven projects and shared that if the city issues bonds it will need to extend the Transportation Benefit District and update the list of projects completed and eligible for funding. Discussion ensued.

Review of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program Budget Ordinance.

Deputy City Manager Kraus shared that following the October 11th presentation the City Council requested that the American Rescue Act (ARPA) program budget be separated from the Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment. She shared that \$4.2 Million in funding for APRA programs have been authorized. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2022 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket.

Planning Manager Speir shared that Comprehensive Plan amendment docket has been approved by the Planning Commission and the Commission recommended seven amendments. She shared that it is recommended that 2022-01 be pulled from the docket and be considered in its own Ordinance process. She then highlighted each of the proposed amendments. She shared that a public hearing will be held on November 1st followed by City Council action on November 15th. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation declaring November 11, 2021 and the month of November 2021 as Veterans Appreciation month.
2. Youth Council Report.
3. Clover Park School District Report.

4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs, in the amount of \$60,120, for state governmental relations services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Johnston Group, in the amount of \$56,700, for federal governmental relations services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Approving the 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities, State Legislative Agenda and Policy Manual and Pierce County Policy Manual. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of agreements related to Wards Lake Park expansion. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Global IT Resources, in the amount of \$75,000, to update the Rental Housing Safety Program software. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
9. Reappointing Darryl Owens and Phillip Raschke to serve on the Lakewood Arts Commission through October 16, 2024. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
10. Appointing Megan Dempsey to serve on the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board through May 21, 2024. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
11. Amending the City Council Rules of Procedure. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
12. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2021-2022 Mid-Biennial Budget Ordinance. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
13. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2022 Property Tax Levy Ordinance. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
14. This is the date set for a public hearing on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program Budget Ordinance. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
15. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2022 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
16. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Clover Park School District, in the amount of \$68,450, for the 2021 Warriors of Change program. – (New Business – Regular Agenda)

17. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Habitat for Humanity, in the amount of \$242,000, for the Boat Street project. – (New Business – Regular Agenda)
18. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$500,000, for the BIPOC Business Accelerator Program. – (New Business – Regular Agenda)
19. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with West Pierce Fire & Rescue, in the amount of \$230,000 for operations improvement and a HAM radio system. – (New Business – Regular Agenda)
20. Review of Tree Preservation Public Participation Plan. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that a soft launch of the PALS Plus Permitting software system will occur on Wednesday this week.

He recommended that the City Council sign on to a letter of support related to South Sound 911, e911 fees and Pierce County's authority to allocate the 1/10th of 1% sales tax. Discussion ensued and this item will come forward for City Council consideration at the next meeting.

He reported that the City has been contacted by Pierce County to initiate updates to the Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste interlocal agreement which expires at the end of this year. He also shared that he is working with the CEO of Nisqually Tribe on an agenda for a joint meeting.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- November 5, 9:00 A.M.; AWC Cities on Tap
- November 6 and November 7, 8:00 A.M. to 2 P.M.; Fall Community Clean-Up Event, Lemay Refuse Station
- November 9, 8:00 to 12:00 P.M., United Way Poverty to Possibilities

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that she attended a Community Forum on Equity at Pierce College.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the Community Forum and the ribbon cutting ceremony for the South Sound 911 Public Safety Communications Center.

Councilmember Belle shared that she also attended the Community Forum.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that the former Denny's will be a new Mexican Barbeque restuarant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Don Anderson

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

B. Schumacher

BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK