



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 11, 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, Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Paul Bocchi and Linda Farmer.

Councilmembers Excused: 1- Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen.

Arts Commission Members Present: 7- Earl Borgert, Paige Hansen, Sylviann Johnson, Linda McDermott, Lani Neil, Faaluaina Pritchard and Susan Warner.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Lakewood Arts Commission meeting.

Linda McDermott highlighted the Arts Commission work plan. Sylviann Johnson highlighted the Arts Commissions involvement in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony.

Lani Neil spoke about the rotating art program which has been on hold due to the pandemic. Susan Warner shared that the Wagner House at Lakewold Gardens had lighting installed so that art exhibitions can be displayed at this location. Earl Borgert shared that the Arts Commission implemented a new process for selecting an artist and John Fleming was selected for his two “Gateway Arcs” for the Colonial Plaza. The estimated date of installation is summer 2022.

Paige Hansen spoke about the public art contest for the cities 25th Anniversary which highlighted the themes of Love Lakewood and Unity. The City partnered with the Lakewood Sister Cities and Gimhae, South Korea.

Faaluaina Pritchard spoke about Public Art Program noting that one mural and four signal box wraps were implemented this year. Darryl Owens spoke about the Summer Nights at the Pavilion outdoor concert series highlighting the bands that performed and total number of individuals in attendance.

Faaluaina Pritchard spoke about the holiday parade and Susan Warner shared that the Arts Commission held a retreat at Lakewold Gardens on November 8th where they had a guest speaker, Ian Williams who spoke about how art heals and is relevant in today's world. She also highlighted the *Creative Forces* program that helps veterans who have psychological conditions by using creative art therapies. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2021-2022 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment.

Deputy City Manager Kraus provided a high-level overview of the 2021-2022 Mid-Biennial Budget. She shared that a public hearing has been scheduled for November 1st followed by approval on November 15th. Discussion ensued and it was requested that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget allocations be considered separate from Mid-Biennial Budget Ordinance.

Review of 2022 Property Tax Levy.

Deputy City Manager Kraus shared that the Implicit Price Deflator is 3.86% therefore the City Council can increase the property tax by 1% as authorized by state law. She shared that in 2021 the assessed value was \$8.1 Billion and in 2022 the assessed value is \$9.4 Billion which is an increase of 15.8%. She shared that if a 1% increase is approved, the levy rate decreases from 91 cents per 1000 to 81 cents per 1000 and the property tax levy increases to \$7.6 Million. She shared that a public hearing is scheduled for November 1st followed by City Council approval on November 15th. Discussion ensued.

Review creation of new funds/designation of funds.

Deputy City Manager Kraus shared that it is recommended that the City create a fund for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Real Estate Excise Tax fund and an Economic Development Opportunity fund. She shared that this item will come forward for City Council approval on November 15th.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between the cities of Lakewood, University Place, the Town of Steilacoom and Pierce County Fire District 3 for Emergency Management services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
2. Confirming the appointment of Lisa Mansfield as Municipal Court Judge and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lisa Mansfield to fill the Municipal Court Judge term ending December 31, 2025. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

3. Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the Lakewood Police Independent Guild for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with D.A. Hogan and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$259,365, for design and engineering services for turf infield at Fort Steilacoom Park. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce College to design and develop a baseball field at Fort Steilacoom Park. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Appointing Youth Councilmembers. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Clover Creek Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)
8. Review of City Council Rules of Procedure. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that following this evening's discussion related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget he will bring back an Ordinance for review on October 18th or October 25th.

He shared that the City Council has received a request for two proclamations, one declaring October as Disability Awareness month and a second recognizing Community Conflict Day noting that these will be presented at the October 18th meeting.

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Councilmember Moss shared that she participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that last week he attended the Film, Art and Book Festival at the McGavick Conference Center and the Assumption of Command for Colonel Brunson.

Councilmember Belle thanked those who coordinated and attended the Truck and Tractor Day event.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she continues work on the Sex Offender Policy Board and she attended her orientation for the SSHA³P Board.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the amount of new construction taking place in the community, thanked the Arts Commission for their enthusiastic work and shared that he attended Truck and Tractor Day event.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he participated in a Mayors Forum coordinated by Congresswoman Strickland. He also attended the Assumption of Command for Colonel Brunson. He shared that tomorrow is Coffee with the Mayor where Judge Mansfield will present. He reported that he will be absent from the October 18th City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK