



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 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:

Review of Police Department Policies and Procedures.

Chief Zaro provided an overview the Police Departments Manual of Standards and Use of Force Policy. He shared that documents are reviewed and updated as needed to address best practices or as required by state law changes. Discussion ensued.

Western State Hospital Master Facility Plan Update.

Planning Manager Brunell shared that the Western State Hospital (WSH) Master Facilities Plan and SEPA Environmental Review application was deemed completed on May 26th. The project proposes an expansion of current hospital capacity, the demolition of 16 existing buildings and a new 350-bed forensic hospital. She shared that the City of Lakewood has been identified as the lead SEPA agency and that a 30-day public comment period began on June 10th and comments will be accepted until July 10th. She shared a website regarding the project has been created where comments can be submitted. All comments will be provided to DSHS for review and response. Discussion ensued.

Review of 1st Quarter Financial Report.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through March 31, 2020. Discussion ensued.

COVID-19 Financial Update.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus provided an overview of potential impact of COVID-19 on the City's finances. She shared that a revenue decline in the General Fund totaling \$5.7 million or 14% in 2020 is projected. She shared three financial scenarios that address recovery timelines and projected revenue losses for 2020, 2021 and 2022. She then highlighted proposed options to reduce services through a 20% budget reduction in 2021-22 for each City Department. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 6, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Clover Park School District Report.
2. This is the date set for a public hearing to consider the proposed vacation of the easterly fifty-six (56) feet of 148th Street SW right-of-way east of the intersection of Murray Road SW. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
3. Adopting the 2020 Annual Development Regulations and Multifamily Tax Exemption code amendments. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
4. Review of application of Admission Tax to golf courses. – (Reports by the City Manager – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that Pierce County is evaluating options to apply to move to Phase 3.

He shared that Public Works Engineering Department continues to work on the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) application requesting \$9.5 Million in grant funding for the JBLM North Access Improvement Project. The City has requested a letter of endorsement from JBLM, a requirement mandated by Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). He also shared that Representative Derek Kilmer plans to introduce an amendment to the DCIP program that focuses on infrastructure projects and that the match requirements be reduced to 30%.

He shared that Representative Larsen will no longer be offering an amendment to the INVEST Act to designate 30% of BUILD grant funding to cities between 10,000 and 75,000 in population size due to opposition from the Committee.

He then reported that the COVID-19 CDBG Grants and Loan program has launched and the City's website has information regarding applications and availability of these grants.

He then shared that the City of Lakewood has a 62% response rate to the 2020 Census and the Farmers Market kicked off on Friday, June 19th and sales were up 11% compared to opening day in 2019 and the drive through will be eliminated starting next week as it was not utilized.

He shared that State Department of Revenue released a financial forecast projecting to lose \$8.8 Billion and it is expected that the State Legislature will hold a special session to address revenues losses.

He shared that the Summer Concert Series will be held at the Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion beginning on Thursday, July 16th through August 27th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

He also provided an update on several transportation roadway improvement projects and reported that the U.S. Air Force is working to identify the permanent location for the U.S. Space Command and based on preliminary criteria the Lakewood Landing site is an option. The City is submitting a letter to the State Department of Commerce requesting the Governor to endorse the application.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Farmer looks forward to attending the Farmers Market this Friday.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Farmers Market and commented on the Steilacoom Boulevard construction project.

Councilmember Moss commented on the Onyx Drive construction project.

Councilmember Brandstetter questioned whether the City Council is interested in scheduling a special meeting for June 29th to discuss issues of equity within in the community. It was requested that a future date be identified with a facilitator to guide the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting noting that Lakewood receive funding for the South Tacoma Way to 96th overlay project. He also commented on a Public Records Request regarding PCRC project scoring sheets.

Mayor Anderson commented that Pierce County will likely be unable to apply to Phase 3 until July 6th or later given number of cases COVID-19 and data trends.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK