



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 15, 2021

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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 Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

28th and 29th District Legislators Mid-Legislative Session Update.

City Manager Caulfield shared that the State Legislators will be joining us to provide a mid-legislative session update. He shared that key State Legislative initiatives for the city include a request for Tax Increment Financing, funding in support of Western State Hospital community policing program, capital budget requests for a Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) expansion, Wards Lake and American Lake Park expansion and funding for a Multimodal Transportation Study.

Mayor Anderson introduced Representative Leavitt. Representative Leavitt shared that work continues this legislative session in response to COVID-19 and in support of small businesses, rental assistance and childcare programs. She spoke about HB1095 which ensures small businesses will not have to pay B&O tax on personal protective equipment and HB1332 which allows for 2020 property tax deferrals and HB1121 related to graduation credit or waivers for students.

Representative Bronoske shared that this legislative session has been unprecedented and he spoke about technology challenges and opportunities for engagement with constituents online. He spoke about unemployment insurance and benefits and police accountability.

Discussion ensued related American Rescue Plan and what role the legislature will play in allocation of funds, the eviction moratorium and landlord assistance including mitigation funds and dispute resolution assistance.

Sound Transit Update.

Planning Manager Speir introduced Ms. Katie Drewel, Sound Transit Government and Community Relations Officer and Mr. Zac Eskenazi, Planning Manager.

Ms. Drewel provided an update on the Sound Transit Capital Program Realignment. She shared that due to lower revenue and higher construction costs Sound Transit will not be able to deliver projects on their original timelines. She noted that projects not yet in construction will be considered by the Board for realignment which may include reducing the scope, suspension or cancelling of projects. She shared that next steps will include continued discussion, public engagement and feedback followed by adoption of realignment plans in July.

Mr. Eskenazi shared that the Lakewood Station Access Improvement project kicked off in 2021. The project includes identifying access improvements to the station such as pedestrian and bike infrastructure, bus speed and reliability investments, parking improvements and the project cost is estimated at \$44 Million. He shared a map of the station area, highlighted the project goals and objectives which focus on affordability, access, environment, partnership and passenger experience. He then highlighted project activities which will be conducted through Fall of 2021. He shared that external community engagement about the project includes a Technical Advisory Group that meets monthly, online open houses to solicit feedback and an online survey component. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls South Dakota, spoke about immigration and drug policies, the crisis at the border and human trafficking.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 16, 2021.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of February 22, 2021.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of February 22, 2021.
- D. Motion No. 2021-15

Reappointing Sylvia Allen and Michael Lacadie to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board through September 19, 2023 and appointing Fred Ramey to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board through September 19, 2022.

E. Motion No. 2021-16

Appointing Christina Manetti to serve on the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board through December 31, 2023.

F. Motion No. 2021-17

Appointing Sylviann Johnson to serve on the Arts Commission through October 16, 2023.

G. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 26, 2021.
2. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 28, 2021.
3. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 4, 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2021-04 Expressing a commitment to valuing diversity, equity and inclusion.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 UNTIL THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2021. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2021-18 Authorizing the award of a construction contract to R. L. Alia Company, in the amount of \$7,558,504.76, for the JBLM North Access Improvement, Phase 1 project.

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich provided an overview of the project area and traffic control plans. Discussion ensued related to the project, impacts to the Lotus Blossom public art and community outreach efforts.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-18. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion No. 2021-19 Authorizing 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in support of a transportation project.

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich provided an overview of three potential locations that were evaluated for use of CDBG funding in support of a sidewalk improvement project.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-19, PHILLIPS ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Review and update on Congressional Community Project Funding.

City Manager Caulfield introduced Public Works Engineer Director Bucich and Jake Johnston, Johnston Group. City Manager Caulfield shared that Congresswoman Strickland has requested that the City submit a Community Project Funding Request, formerly known as an Earmark, for the FY 2022 Federal Appropriations Bill.

Mr. Johnston provided an overview of the Community Project Funding program and eligibility criteria noting that each member of Congress is only eligible to submit ten projects for consideration.

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich provided an overview of infrastructure projects to be considered for submission. Discussion ensued and it is recommended that the City submit a Community Project Funding request for the Nyanza Road project.

City Manager Caulfield reported that Congress signed the American Rescue Plan last week of which includes a set aside of \$1.1 Billion for Washington State and \$14.86 Million for the City of Lakewood. A memo including additional details and

background information will be prepared for City Council review and discussion at the March 27th Retreat.

He then reported Washington State Governor Inslee announced that the State moved to Phase 3, further guidelines are expected to be released later this week and essential employees are now eligible for vaccinations.

He shared that the City has provided language to Congresswoman Strickland related to the FY2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

He also shared that the Youth Council recommended Clover Park High school student Gloria Arauja Ruiz for the 2021 Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Quality Communities Scholarship.

He then shared that the Spring Community Clean Up event will be held on Saturday April 17th and Sunday, April 18th, those interested in volunteering can contact the City Manager or City Clerk.

He noted that the Safe Routes to School sidewalk infill project at Farwest Drive between 112th Street and Lakes High School has been ranked number 8, should the program be funded, it is anticipated this project will be selected.

He then provided an update on the mailboxes on Onyx Drive noting that 85% of mailbox keys have been provided to residents. In addition, ribbons have been provided, those who want to keep their mailboxes should place the ribbon on the box so it isn't picked up. Those who have not received keys can visit the post office to pick up keys.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle shared that last week she met with her colleagues on the City Council, attended the City's 25th Anniversary planning meeting, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Homeownership Center of Tacoma and a Rotary meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he testified in support of rail safety bill which supports recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

Councilmember Bocchi shared that last week he attended the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting.

Councilmember Moss shared that last week she attended the 25th Anniversary planning meeting and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Homeownership Center of Tacoma.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared this week he will attend Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he attended Coffee with the Mayor where Planning Manager Speir presented on the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan, he attended the State of the County presentation, a 25th Anniversary planning meeting and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Homeownership Center of Tacoma.

He commented on considering a summer Job Corps program for disadvantaged youth with COVID-19 funds. He also shared that Pierce County has a Crisis Triage Center which will be located in the Parkland area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK