



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 17, 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 Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Business Showcase. – Custom Edge Inc., Richards Packaging, Inc. and Mastrogiannis Distillery & Winery.***

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A BUSINESS SHOWCASE RECOGNIZING CUSTOM EDGE, INC., RICHARDS PACKAGING, INC., AND MASTROGIANNIS DISTILLERY & WINERY FOR THEIR MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION OF PRODUCTS THAT WERE USED TO INCREASE SAFETY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

### **Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan Update.**

Mr. John McCarthy, Commission President, provided an overview of the history and economic impacts of the Port of Tacoma. He reported that the Port is updating their Strategic Plan to identify future economic development, infrastructure and environmental opportunities. He shared that the Strategic Plan process is expected to take place through February, 2021 and public input and feedback can be submitted through an online open house located at: [www.portoftacoma.com/openhouse](http://www.portoftacoma.com/openhouse), via phone by calling 253-888-4810 or sending an email to [strategicplan@portoftacoma.com](mailto:strategicplan@portoftacoma.com). Discussion ensued.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

*Siabhon Ayuso, Lakewood resident*, expressed concerns related to police neglect, use of force and City of Lakewood Police Officer involved shootings.

**C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of July 27, 2020.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 3, 2020.

C. Motion No. 2020-41

Authorizing the execution of interlocal agreement with the Town of Steilacoom for the provision of Municipal Court, Prosecution, Public Defender and related services.

D. Motion No. 2020-42

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Saybr Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$101,846, for the Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion Improvement Project.

E. Motion No. 2020-43

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Bruce Dees and Associates, in the amount of \$137,001, for the Springbrook Park and Clover Creek Improvement Project.

F. Motion No. 2020-44

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Parametrix, Inc., in the amount of \$65,000, for design services related to the JBLM North Access Improvement Project.

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

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 23, 2020.

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Councilmember Bocchi requested Item No. D, Motion No. 2020-42 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. A THROUGH ITEM NO. C AND ITEM NO. E THROUGH ITEM ITEM NO. G. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED ADOPT MOTION NO. 2020-42. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

**Resolution No. 2020-12 Authorizing the City Manager to certify Lakewood as a “Coordinated Community Applicant” under a proposed Pierce County Emergency Shelter Grant Application.**

COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield provided an update on the federal negotiations surrounding another stimulus package providing financial assistance for state and local governments.

He shared that the City’s project was not selected for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) and the amendment brought forward by Representative Larsen related to the BUILD UP Act requesting a set aside for medium sized cities was ruled out of order and is not moving forward this session. The City will continue to work with partners on requests for legislative changes to these programs.

He commented on an article released by Amazon related to a survey of their employees on where they would like to be located and shared that the city in coordination with the Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board will be in communication to explore options in Pierce County and Lakewood for them to relocate to this region. In addition, REI is looking for locations to expand in the South Sound.

He then shared that our Friendship City, the City of Gimhae, Republic of South Korea donated 10,000 face masks and 1,000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment to Lakewood, a news release expressing gratitude for the donation will be released this week.

He reported that the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management will have COVID-19 Mobile Testing on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

Springbrook Park, on August 28<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lakewood Senior Activity Center and on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Park.

He shared that the Police Department will provide an update at the August 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting regarding eligibility for a \$40,000 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) which will be used to replace bicycles and a repeater for internet services.

He then shared that an Oakbrook neighborhood water quality project in the Stormwater Capital Improvement Program (CIP) has been evaluated by the Public Works Engineering Director and results show that the neighborhood does not have a water quality or flow issue therefore the funding for this project will be returned to the CIP and available for appropriation.

He then reported that it is recommended that the City enter into a four-year agreement with the Pierce County Humane Society for animal sheltering services and the contract will come forward for review and consideration at a future City Council meeting.

He shared that the City is submitting three grant applications to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) requesting funding for 100<sup>th</sup> Street at Lakeview Drive to South Tacoma Way improvements, Custer Road from Bridgeport Way to 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Gravelly Lake Drive component of the JBLM North Access Improvement Project.

He then shared that the State Public Works Board opened a call for applications for Broadband grant and loan program which is tailored to rural areas and it does not appear that Lakewood would qualify.

He then shared that the city went through a Request for Proposal (RFP) related to printing and publishing services and will contract with Journal Graphics to publish three Lakewood Connections magazine per year.

He shared that a Drive in movie event will be held at Fort Steilacoom Park on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 p.m. featuring the movie Sandlot.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Farmer shared that she toured City parks this afternoon and commended the Parks and Recreation Department for the work to improve the quality of life for residents in the city. She then proposed establishing a Council Committee on race equity to gather support and address systemic racism and police reform issues.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he has been working on the 2021 South Sound 911 budget which is expected to be approved by the end of the month. He shared that he is supportive of scheduling a City Council study session to discuss options for improving the equity climate given the level of diversity within the City.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the impressive work of Business Showcases highlighted this evening and shared that he was emotionally moved by Friendship City Gimhae, South Korea's donation of PPE and masks.

Deputy Mayor Whalen echoed comments recognizing Friendship City Gimhae, South Korea for their gracious donation of PPE and masks to support the community.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management Mobile Testing site was at the Pierce College Fort Steilacoom campus. He shared that last week he hosted the first virtual Coffee with the Mayor where Dr. Ken Farmer, Pierce County Director of Disaster Recovery provided an update on COVID-19. He also commented on the generosity of Friendship City Gimhae, South Korea and suggested creating video expressing thanks.

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Mayor Anderson announced that Council will move into a Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) to discuss collective bargaining.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK