



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 1, 2021

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

City of Kent Mayor Dana Ralph conducted the Oath of Office for Patti Belle. Ms. Belle joined the City Council.

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

Proclamation recognizing the City of Lakewood's 25th Anniversary.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD'S 25th ANNIVERSARY.

Proclamation recognizing Captain Rudolph Dambeck as Honorary City Attorney.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN RUDOLPH DAMBECK, 2/2 STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, AS HONORARY CITY ATTORNEY.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Josephine Kaiser shared that at today's meeting the students had discussion related to youth mental health and affordable housing. She also shared that Harrison Prep students started hybrid learning today.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Board Director Marty Schafer reported that hybrid learning presentations will be held throughout the week and high school will begin on March 8th starting with 9th grade students. He shared that virtual parent teacher conferences are scheduled for March 17th through March 19th and that Classified Employee's Week is March 8th through March 12th. He congratulated Lakes High School Senior Sarah Baim who was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He then spoke the social and emotional health of students, the CPSD Open Doors Program noting that 40 students recently graduated and shared that free meals continue to be available for all students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls South Dakota, spoke about Washington sanctuary state rules, drug trade laws, homelessness, and changes to the Republican Party.

Christopher Escobedo, Lakewood resident, spoke about the need for Native American's to serve as local elected officials and oppression and racism in the community.

Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident, congratulated Patti Belle on her appointment to the City Council and shared that the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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 1, 2021.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session February 8, 2021.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of February 9, 2021.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of February 10, 2021.
- E. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$2,953,553.90, for the period of January 16, 2021 through February 16, 2021.
- F. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,452,357.17, for the period of January 16, 2021 through February 15, 2021.

G. Motion No. 2021-12

Accepting a donation from CHI Franciscan Health, in the amount of \$8,200, for the Lakewood Farmers Market and one drive-in movie.

H. Motion No. 2021-13

Authorizing the award of a construction contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$628,628, for the construction of the 108th Street Overlay project.

I. Motion No. 2021-14

Authorizing the execution of a contract with AHBL, Inc., in the amount of \$715,000, to develop a new JBLM Growth Coordination Plan.

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

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 3, 2021.

Mayor Anderson removed Motion No. 2021-14 from the Consent Agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NO. A THROUGH ITEM NO. H. AND ITEM NO. J. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILMEMBER MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT AMENDED MOTION NO. 2021-14 TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH AHBL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$715,000~~ \$643,500, TO DEVELOP A NEW JBLM GROWTH COORDINATION PLAN. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**City of Lakewood 25th Anniversary Update.**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth shared a video highlighting 25 years of incorporation. She then shared a PowerPoint honoring the history and accomplishments of the City. She reported that special events and activities will be scheduled this year based around the theme of building unity in the community. She shared that a 25th Anniversary Party is scheduled for September 18, 2021 at Colonial Plaza. Discussion ensued.

Special Events Update.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth provided an update on special events and programs scheduled for 2021. She shared that several events and programs will be determined based on COVID-19 guidance. Discussion ensued.

South Sound Proud Mural Update.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth shared that in 2019 the City received a grant from South Sound Together to create a mural at American Lake Park. She shared that the theme of the mural is live like the mountain is out. Discussion ensued.

City Council Representation on Public Art Selection Committee.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth requested that two City Councilmembers be designated to participate in the Colonial Plaza public art selection panel. Discussion ensued and Deputy Mayor Whalen and Councilmember Belle will be appointed to represent the City Council.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth then provided an update on the Fort Steilacoom Park All Access Playground noting that the toddler play area is being replaced with an all abilities play area.

City Manager Caulfield shared that the City continues to inquire with State Department of Health and Department of Emergency Management to get an understanding of what operations and metrics will be in Phase 3.

He shared that Clover Park High School student Azalia Riviere was recognized as the South Puget Sound Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year. She will be invited to a future City Council meeting to be recognized.

He reported that an update on the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan is scheduled for City Council review on April 12th followed by a Resolution adopting the plan on April 19th.

He reported that REI is interested in office space in Pierce County and last week he met with representatives to discuss opportunities for locations in Lakewood or at City Hall. In addition, Congresswoman Strickland is interested in expanding office space at City Hall.

He shared that the Lakewood Drive from Steilacoom Boulevard to Flett Creek improvement project has begun and speed limits have been decreased in this area.

He then shared that The Homeownership Center of Tacoma has invited City officials to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for two affordable homes that will be built in the area of 9000 Washington Boulevard SW.

He then reported that an update from the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHAP) and Annual Housing Report will come forward during the March 8th study session.

He shared that Senator Murray contacted the City requesting information about priority infrastructure projects for the community, the city provided three projects valued at \$18.7 Million, to set the foundation for future federal transportation funding opportunities or earmarks.

He shared that he met with CPSD Superintendent Banner to review and discuss a joint Resolution related to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, the facilities cooperative use agreement and the return of School Resource Officers (SRO) to high schools.

He shared that retail sales tax has exceeded budgetary expectations although did not grow compared to 2019, a 4th quarter 2020 Financial Report will come forward for discussion during the April 26th study session.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle thanked Councilmembers and shared that she is excited to join the City Council.

Councilmember Moss congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Belle.

Councilmember Brandstetter congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Belle.

Councilmember Farmer congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Belle. She shared that this week she will participate in an Equity Policy discussion hosted by the Clover Park School District.

Councilmember Bocchi congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Belle. He shared that last weekend he participated in a neighborhood clean-up event coordinated by the North Lakewood Neighborhood Association.

Deputy Mayor Whalen congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Belle. He shared that he attended the Lakewood Gardens Board Retreat where there was discussion of their strategic plan and updates to the Old Carriage House.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he met with the Master Builders Association; he spoke about federal funding for rental assistance and identifying other needs within the community. He encouraged those who are eligible to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination.

Mayor Anderson announced that the City Council will adjourn and meet in Closed Session pursuant to 42.30.140(4)(a).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK