



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 27, 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: 6 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember John Simpson.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Abatement Program Update.

Program Manager Gumm reported that in 2019, 13 dangerous building and 1 nuisance property abatement projects were completed and in 2020, 9 dangerous building and 2 nuisance property abatement projects were completed. He then shared several before and after photos of the subject properties. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2nd Quarter Police Report.

Chief Zaro highlighted a comparison of dispatch and self-initiated calls for service during COVID-19 and of person, property and society crimes by district. He reported that overall crime rates are on a downward trend although there was an 8% increase in person crimes and 2% increase property crimes primarily due to aggravated assaults and auto thefts. He shared a recap and analysis of complex calls that included one homicide and an Officer involved shooting. He shared that in the first six months of 2020 there have been 65 Use of Force incidents which is 7% of overall arrests or .26% of total calls for service.

He then presented fireworks related calls for service from both the Police Department and West Pierce Fire and Rescue. He noted that West Pierce Fire and Rescue responded to 14 incidents of fireworks related fires of which 12 were in the City of Lakewood. Discussion ensued.

Review amendments to the CDBG CARES Act Program.

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher shared that in May, 2020 the City adopted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act deferred loan program for up to \$10,000 each eligible Lakewood business. The City has received 10 applications to date and still has \$251,000 available. It is recommended that the deferred loan program be amended to a grant program. The proposed program amendment will come forward for approval at the City Council meeting of August 3rd. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Boys and Girls Club of South Puget Sound Youth of the Year Recognition of Charles Johnson, Jr.
2. Clover Park School District Report.
3. Appointing 2020-21 Youth Councilmembers. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Review appointment of Pierce County Independent Team Non-Law Enforcement Community Representative. – (New Business – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield complimented the work conducted by the Legal and Police Department on the Déjà vu litigation noting that a dismissal Order was filed this week resolving the case.

He shared that a change order, in the amount of \$35,000, has been initiated for the Onyx Drive project to include installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks in front of Oakbrook Park.

He shared that a *Build Your Better Here* imaging campaign video highlighting Pierce County Trails Day was released this week and last weekend the restrooms at Harry Todd Park were vandalized resulting in the sinks no longer being operational.

He shared that the City continues to work with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department to coordinate COVID-19 testing stations at locations in the Springbook Neighborhood, Tillicum Neighborhood and the Lakewood Towne Center.

He then shared that the Clover Park School District announced that they will kick off the school year on September 2nd in a virtual learning environment.

He reported that the Lakewood Community Foundation Fund is accepting nominations through September 25th for the 4th annual Larry Saunders Service Award, the award recipient will be recognized at a City Council meeting in January, 2021.

He then reported that the Community and Economic Development Department has received requests related to allowing outdoor dining services and has developed Administrative Rules allowing for a 90-day permit to conduct this activity.

He shared that the content from the City Council Retreat of March 7, 2020 has been uploaded to IPad's for City Council review and the Police Chief received six applications to serve as Lakewood's Non-Law Enforcement Community Representative.

He then shared that the Senate approved a \$1 Trillion stimulus package that provides funding for local schools and universities although does not provide fiscal relief for local governments and the House approved a \$3 Trillion package that does include fiscal relief for local governments, the City will continue to monitor.

He reported that the State Legislature has convened a Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission who is tasked with identifying an airport location in the Puget Sound region given that Seattle Tacoma International Airport is not situated for future runway growth. There are currently six options being considered and a final recommendation will be presented to the State Legislature in January, 2022.

He shared that the City has received a pre-application to construct an Enhanced Services Facility on Pacific Avenue north of Lakewood Ford, the pre-application meeting is scheduled for August 6th and a conditional use permit will be required.

He also noted that several members of Congress have advocated support for the City's Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) project application.

He shared that the Lakewood Sister Cities Association is working with the City of Gimhae, South Korea, where KM Corporation is located and will be donating 1,000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment's (PPE) and 10,000 masks to support any needs in the Lakewood community.

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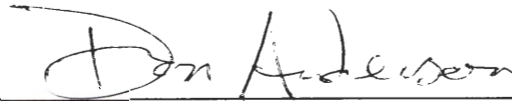
Councilmember Bocchi commented on locations of Enhanced Service Facilities.

Mayor Anderson shared that the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department is not conducting COVID-19 testing; testing will be conducted by healthcare groups and the Department of Emergency Management will be able to facilitate 500 people per day at its mobile testing sites. He shared that Clover Park Technical College (CPTC) will receive \$750,000 in CARES Act funding for students pursuing technical degrees as part of a workforce initiative and last week he attended the Pierce

Transit Composition Board meeting where changes were made to the Board representation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK