



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 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.

Planning Commission Members Present: 6 – Chair Don Daniels, Connie Coleman-Lacadie, Nancy Echols, James Guerrero, Ryan Pearson and John Paul Wagemann.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Planning Commission Meeting.

Chair Don Daniels introduced himself and members of the Planning Commission. Mr. James Guerrero highlighted the 2019 accomplishments and 2020 work plan items.

Review of 2020 Comprehensive Plan and zoning map amendment docket.

Planning Manager Speir shared that the Planning Commission has recommended 9 amendments comprised of 7 map and 2 text amendments to the Lakewood Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map. She then reviewed each of the proposed amendments. She shared that a public hearing on the proposed amendments is scheduled for June 1st with adoption on June 15th. Discussion ensued.

Review of potential use of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF).

Planning Manager Speir shared that \$1.79 Million has been allocated to the City through the Department of Commerce in Coronavirus Relief Funds. She shared that funds can be used from March 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. She highlighted the criteria necessary for allowable expenditures and potential internal

and external uses of funds which includes a contingency reserve, individual and family economic resilience, business assistance and vital government services. Discussion ensued related to types of programs and funding available and it is recommended that additional data be researched and a refined budget with prioritized expenditures be provided for review and discussion by the City Council.

Electronic Reader Board Update.

Communications Manager Grimley provided an overview of the various ways that the City shares information with the community. She shared that events are promoted on the City's social media accounts such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, the City reaches 31,000 households with the distribution of Connections Magazine, uses South Sound Magazine, Travel Tacoma Mount Rainier, the Suburban Times and the reader board located at the Lakewood Police Station and other various reader board's throughout the City to promote events.

She then highlighted high traffic areas and potential locations with adequate space to install a new reader board sign in the City and shared on average the cost to purchase is \$80,000 not including installation or ongoing maintenance. She also shared that the City could advertise events on the RPAI sign at the entrance of the Lakewood Towne Center at the cost of \$300 per month. Discussion ensued and it is not recommended the City purchase an electronic reader board at this time.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 1, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Youth Council Recognition.
2. Boys and Girls Club of South Puget Sound Youth of the Year Recognition of Charles Johnson, Jr.
3. Clover Park School District Report.
4. Appointing Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Appointing Lodging Tax Advisory Committee members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Establishing July 6, 2020, as the date 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 with Murray Rd SW. (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set for a public hearing on the Six-Year (2021-2026) Transportation Improvement Program. – (Public Hearings and Appeals)

8. This is the date set for a public hearing regarding proposed code amendments that would reduce the time during which certain fireworks are allowed from July 3 through July 5 to specified hours on July 4 only.– (Public Hearings and Appeals)
9. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and zoning map amendments. – (Public Hearings and Appeals)
10. Granting unto New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC (“AT&T”), a Delaware Limited Liability Company authorized to do business within the State of Washington, its affiliates, successors and assigns, the right, privilege, and authority to install, construct, maintain, repair and operate wireless cellular facilities know as Small Wireless Facilities within public rights of way, providing for severability and ratification, and establishing an effective date. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
11. Adopting the CDBG Five-Year (2020-2024) Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
12. Establishing funding principles to guide the expenditure of Coronavirus Relief Funds distributed to the City of Lakewood by Washington State. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield requested that the City Council review the draft article for the summer Connections Magazine focused on COVID-19 and provide feedback prior to June 4th.

He suggested the City Council schedule a Retreat as a follow up to the goal setting Retreat held on March 7th.

He provided an update on the impacts of COVID-19 noting that Pierce County must have fewer than 90 cases in a 14 day period in order to move to Phase 2. He then shared that next week Pierce County is setting up distribution sites at several locations to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to businesses and the State has introduced the SMART Act in an attempt to allocate funding to local municipalities to address revenue losses.

He shared that the Port of Tacoma awarded the City with a \$50,000 grant for the design of a project in the Woodbrook neighborhood, the City continues conversations with Pierce County regarding implementation of the PALS permitting system with an anticipated roll out in the 4th quarter of 2020, costing \$57,000 annually.

He recognized 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team soldiers who supported the Parks, Police and Public Works Engineering Departments on various projects.

He then shared that the City submitted a comment letter related to the Defense Communities Infrastructure Program and although the concerns were not taken into consideration for this round of funding, we continue to prepare to submit the grant application prior to the June deadline.

He reported that the Community and Economic Development Department remains busy, currently processing 57 housing and industrial use development projects.

He then reported that representatives of the United Methodist Church have submitted a request to allow for a safe car camping program in their parking lot which would allow cars, not RV's, to park and sleep in the parking lot from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

He also shared that the effective June 11th, House Bill 1754 goes into effect which allows religious facilities to host temporary homeless encampments on their property. It is requested that the Planning Commission develop an Ordinance with recommendations to the City Council addressing these new regulations.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Simpson shared that he attended the 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Memorial Day Ceremony.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, the AWC Regional Advisory Board meeting and the Sex Offender Policy Board meeting. She also commented on the process for the participation in public testimony on the public hearing related to fireworks.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Memorial Day Ceremony and a virtual Memorial Day Ceremony at Mountain View Memorial Cemetery.

Councilmember Bocchi asked about the Colonial Plaza public art work.

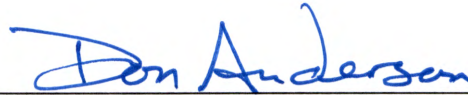
Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he participated in the Clover Park School District Community Engagement Leadership Team (CELT) meeting and the Economic Development Board of Tacoma Pierce County continues to host meetings related to COVID-19 impacts.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he attended the virtual South Sound Military and Communities Partnership Elected Official Council, 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Memorial Day Ceremony and a conference call with Governor Inslee regarding the transition to Phase 2 for counties. He noted that the seven day average of COVID-19 cases in Pierce County was 10 with 3 new deaths and two

homeless shelters were tested resulting in zero cases. He then shared that he will be attending the virtual Puget Sound Regional Council meeting this week where there will be discussion regarding funding allocations for transit agencies.

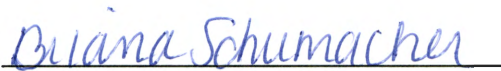
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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