



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL CORRECTED STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2019
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Click! Network Update.

Mr. Chris Bacha, Chief Deputy City Attorney, City of Tacoma highlighted the background, history and decision making process related to the potential transfer of Click! Network to Rainier Connect. He shared that the Tacoma City Council and Public Utility Board developed a term sheet that evaluated for alignment with twelve established community policy goals which include continuing the public ownership, equitable access regardless of the geographic location, affordable access, enforcement of net neutrality and preserving competition among telecommunications providers. He shared that the City of Tacoma is continuing to negotiate an agreement with Rainier Connect and it is recommended that the City of Lakewood approve the transfer of the franchise from Tacoma Click! to Rainier Connect. If the transfer of the franchise is approved, all terms and conditions of the current franchise will remain the same. Discussion ensued.

Review of Office of Economic Adjustment grant award.

South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) Program Coordinator Luna reported that the Office of Economic Adjustment has awarded SSMCP a grant in the amount of \$506,027. This is the final phase of funding for the 2015 Joint Land Use Study implementation and the scope of the grant is to evaluate conservation banking, local transportation impacts and off installation affordable housing.

Veterans Drive Improvement Project Update.

Civil Engineer Swanstrom reported that the Veterans Drive improvement project kicked off in April, 2019 and that the topographic survey, traffic analysis and public outreach has been completed. He shared that 30 people attended an open house that was held on June 19th and over 100 people participated in an online survey to solicit feedback on the design elements of the project. He then highlighted the feedback received and recommended options. Mr. Chuck Schott, Parametrix shared a map of the project design and discussion ensued regarding options for the shared use path, locations of roundabouts, future growth and parking needs for overflow at American Lake Park.

Parks Capital Improvement Program Update.

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Dodsworth provided an update on the Parks Capital Improvement Program and the highlighted the status of various parks projects.

Economic Development Update.

Economic Development Manager Newton shared the Economic Development Strategic Plan and provided an overview of economic opportunity zones, each of the strategic focus areas within the City and discussed options for economic incentives. She reviewed current and potential housing strategies and highlighted House Bill 1406, a local sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing. It is requested that a Resolution of Intent to access this funding come before the Council for approval at a future meeting. She then highlighted ESSB House Bill 1923 relative to urban residential building capacity and ESSB 5334 regarding condominium liability reform.

She then shared a Western State Hospital campus analysis which highlights the current state, impacts and options for potential redevelopment of the land. Discussion ensued relative to the need for the facility to update its master plan and environmental impact statement for redevelopment of the property. It was noted that per the Lakewood Municipal Code the City is the lead agency as it relates to updates to the facilities Master Plan and pending Environmental Impact Statement.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 19, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. 2019 Governor's Smart Communities Award Presentation. – *Ms. Valerie Smith, Washington State Department of Commerce*
2. Business Showcase. – *Puget Sound Orthopedics, Ms. April Betts-Gibson, Executive Director and Ms. Sharayah Kinney, Marketing Director*

3. Reappointing Ken Witkoe to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee through August 6, 2022. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Appointing American Lake – Lake Management District No. 1 Advisory Committee members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Accepting a grant in the amount of \$506,027 from the Office of Economic Adjustment. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Planning Manager Speir shared a joint letter that will be sent to Puget Sound Regional Council on behalf of Pierce County Regional Council related to VISION 2050. The letter addresses areas of the plan such as regional collaboration, unfunded mandates, recognition of military installations, climate change and regional housing issues. The public comment period is open until September 16th.

City Manager Caulfield reported that there was a potential child abduction in the Oakbrook neighborhood this evening in which Lakewood Police are actively working on. He also noted that Lakewood Police are conducting speed emphasis patrol in several locations throughout the city based on citizen complaints.

He shared that Planning Manager Speir will be attending a housing affordability forum on August 14th hosted by the City of Tacoma.

He shared that Representative Kilduff is requesting an Attorney General opinion regarding addressing releases and less restrictive alternative placements of involuntarily committed persons into the community. The Attorney General's Office is seeking public input until August 29th.

He shared that the Port of Tacoma has hired Eric Johnson as their Executive Director and they are in the process of updating their strategic plan.

He shared that as of August 1st the City will have two Traffic Signal Technician vacancies. Beginning August 21st, Pierce County will provide these services through an existing professional services contract.

He shared that a meet and greet with the 2019-20 Youth Council is scheduled for October 7th at 6:30 p.m. and a City Council retreat is scheduled for September 28th at 8:30 a.m. to review and update state and federal legislative priorities and review capital financing options in support of future transportation projects.

He reported that 123rd Street SW and Motor Avenue have been open to traffic and that Pierce Transit is making updates to its Bylaws, comments related to the updates are due by September 9th.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- August 15, 7:30 P.M., Summer Concert Series, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion
- August 22, 7:30 P.M., Summer Concert Series, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that in January, 2019 the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) became a 501c(3). She highlighted the organizations purpose and shared a photo of their newly designed and trademarked logo. She reported that Harborstone Credit Union has pledged \$50,000 over five years to support LMCC initiatives.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Senior Center Barbeque on August 9th.


Councilmember Barth shared that she participated in National Night Out events.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Poverty Immersion Workshop hosted by Clover Park School District and met with the Michelle Douglas, Executive Director of the Emergency Food Network. He shared that he will be attending the Concert at Fort Steilacoom Park this week.

Mayor Anderson commented on the National Night Out events he attended. He shared that on August 13th he will attend Coffee with the Mayor where Chief Zaro will present and the Change of Command Ceremony for 7th Infantry Division.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK