



## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2019  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Mayor Don Anderson.

Planning Commissioner Present: 5 – Chair Don Daniels, Ryan Pearson, James Guerrero, John Paul Wagemann and Christopher Webber.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### **West Pierce Fire & Rescue Update.**

Fire Chief Jim Sharp shared that West Pierce Fire & Rescue provides services to the cities of Lakewood, University Place and the Town of Steilacoom. They have six stations and 31 firefighters on duty daily. He reported that in 2018, they received 16,320 calls for service, which is a 28% increase since 2011. He shared that call volume has increased due to urban density, access to healthcare, an aging population, poverty, substance abuse and mental health.

He shared that West Pierce Fire & Rescue is bringing forward to the voters three measures on the August 6<sup>th</sup> ballot which make up for 85% of the operations budget. Proposition 1 is a replacement of the current maintenance and operations levy. The request is for \$13.9 million dollars annually over four years. This is not a new levy, but a continuation of the maintenance and operations levy the community has supported for over 40 years. Proposition 2 returns the regular levy to the statutorily authorized rate and Proposition 3 returns the EMS levy to the statutorily authorized rate.

He then shared that the 2020 Vision is to continue to provide first class, community oriented fire and EMS services, to hire five more firefighters to support the growing need of medical services and to implement a full time connected care program.

**Joint Planning Commission Meeting.**

Chair Daniels and members of the Planning Commission introduced themselves. Chair Daniels highlighted the Commissions 2018 accomplishments and reviewed the schedule of projects to be completed in 2019. Discussion ensued.

**Review of Lake Grove Properties, LLC Multifamily Tax Exemption proposal.**

Assistant City Manager of Development Services Bugher shared that the request for multifamily tax exemption was first reviewed by the Council on January 14, 2019 which proposes to construct a 60-unit apartment complex in the Central Business District's Residential Target Area. The project is proposing a 12-year exemption of which 12-units must be set aside as affordable housing units for low to moderate income households. Discussion ensued and approval of the tax exemption as proposed is not supported by the Council at this time.

**Review of fiscal agent agreement for Lakewood's CHOICE.**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth shared that it is recommended that the City enter into an agreement with the Washington State Health Case Authority to become the fiscal agent for Lakewood's Choice. She reported that the programs would be implemented by two independent contractors, a community leadership team and the City would ensure compliance with the contract. Discussion ensued.

**Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 Financial Report.**

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through March 31, 2019.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 17, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Proclamation recognizing Congressman Denny Heck for his outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the citizens of Lakewood.
2. Awarding a bid for the Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion improvement project.  
– (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Awarding a bid for the North Thorne Lane SW Sanitary Sewer Extension and Road improvement project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Site Workshop, LLC for design services for the Fort Steilacoom Park South Angle Lane project.  
– (Motion – Consent Agenda)

5. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement for prevention services with the State of Washington Health Care Authority, in the amount of \$110,000, to act as a fiscal agent for Lakewood's CHOICE.  
– (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of a contract for services with the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition, in the amount of \$2,000, to support community engagement events. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that a public hearing will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> to consider a Resolution in support of the three West Pierce Fire & Rescue ballot measures.

He shared that a map of the Gravelly Lake Drive street ends has been provided to Councilmembers and that next steps will be to follow up on complaints in the area and consider a meeting with property owners.

He reported that Resolution No. 2019-12 recommending agencies comply with the National Transportation Board safety recommendations was shared with 23 local jurisdictions, agencies and the State Legislatures.

He shared that the revised interlocal agreement for South Sound 911 has been approved by four of the six legislative bodies. Councilmember Brandstetter will continue as the Council liaison when the new governing body is formalized.

He shared that an abatement hearing was held last week for Karwan Village where 16 people attended. In addition, the QFC abatement hearing was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> and it is expected that the interim building official will be issuing a notice of findings and order to abate.

He then reported that that the Lakewood Landing webpage is live and a Request for Proposals for commercial broker services was issued on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He shared that the phase 1 environmental site assessment for the WSDOT property has been completed and given the history of spills on the property, a phase 2 environmental site assessment will also be done. He shared that the WSDOT property was appraised at \$7.53 million and it is expected that the cost to construct a new WSDOT replacement facility will total approximately \$25 million. The Woodbrook Business Park is a possible option for relocation site.

He then announced the following meetings and events:

- June 13, 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., City of Lakewood Developer's Forum, McGavick Conference Center

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss shared that she attended the Farmer’s Market grand opening.

Councilmember Simpson shared that he attended the Clover Park School District board meeting where he recognized those who participated in the Arlington Project at Clover Park High School. He shared that the Board of Directors voted on a name for the new middle school.

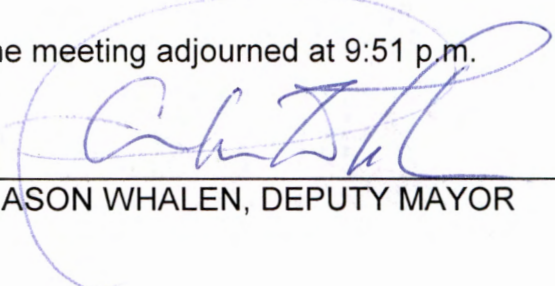
Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Tillicum Neighborhood Association meeting. He commented on Puget Sound Regional Council Vision 2050 and the ratio of jobs to housing in the outlining counties.

Councilmember Barth shared that she also attended the Farmer’s Market grand opening.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Farmer’s Market grand opening and the Clover Park School District CELT meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



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JASON WHALEN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK