



## **LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, June 14, 2021

City of Lakewood

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen (joined at 7:05 p.m.); Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Paul Bocchi and Linda Farmer.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **Review of (2021-2024) City Council Goals and Priorities.**

City Manager Caulfield introduced Ms. Shannon Kelley-Fong who summarized the City Council goals that were reviewed at the City Council Retreats of March 27<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion ensued.

#### **Partners for Parks Barn Restoration Feasibility Study Update.**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth shared that Partners for Parks is partnering with the City on a feasibility study for the Fort Steilacoom Park barn restoration project to determine the probability of community support.

Mr. Al Hove, who was joined by Ms. Emily Happy, highlighted the feasibility study objectives, process, timeliness and key benchmarks. He shared that planning began in April, interviews are being conducted now through July and there will be an online survey component. The data will be analyzed to determine whether the project is an achievable goal and will be presented to stakeholders in August. He then highlighted the seven keys to campaign success. Discussion ensued.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (2021) Financial Report.**

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus provided an overview of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (2021) Financial Report. Discussion ensued.

**Downtown / Towne Center Subarea Plan Update.**

Assistant City Manager for Development Services Bugher shared that this presentation will focus on the process for development of a central park in the Downtown Subarea. He shared concepts for park locations, basic elements related to what makes a city park work. He highlighted options for a park in the Towne Center and as alternative parks locations. He then reported that RPAI does have mixed-use development with park site in other cities.

He reviewed three options for developing the downtown, which include doing nothing at this time, amending the Downtown Plan to establish an amortization plan for non-conforming uses and structures or using eminent domain to acquire a park site. He shared that it is recommended that the City contact RPAI, request financial resources to initiative park design, acquisition and financing options and conduct a legal review related to the use of amortization. Discussion ensued.

**Review of 2021 Comprehensive Plan amendments.**

Planning Manager Speir summarized the proposed amendments to the 2021 Comprehensive Plan. She highlighted the City's responses to public comments specifically amendments 2021-01 Energy and Climate Change Chapter, 2021-02 related to the rezone of Springbrook parcels to industrial and regulation of trees as well as 2021-04 related to housing. Discussion ensued.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 21, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth National Freedom Day.
2. Proclamation recognizing the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride month.
3. Proclamation recognizing Andrea Gernon for her distinguished service to the City.
4. West Pierce Fire and Rescue Update. – *Fire Chief Jim Sharp*
5. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between Pierce County and Cities of Buckley, Bonney Lake, DuPont, Fife, Fircrest, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Milton, Orting, Puyallup, Reston, Sumner, Tacoma, University Place and Town of Steilacoom for the formation of the Tacoma-Pierce County DUI (Driving Under the Influence) and Traffic Safety Task Force. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Harold Lemay Enterprises related to waste and recycle containers. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

7. Adopting the (2021-2024) City Council goals and priorities. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Contaminated Properties Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)
9. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Engagement Status Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield shared that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) recognized City Attorney Heidi Wachter with a City Champion Award for her advocacy on key legislative priority issues during the 2021 Legislative Session.

He reported that Congress passed the INVEST In America Act which includes a set aside for Federal Transportation funding opportunities for medium-sized cities which has been a key federal priority for the city for several years.

He then reported that the Washington State Redistricting Commission will host a public outreach meeting for residents of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss congratulated City Attorney Wachter on receiving the AWC City Champion Award and shared that she will attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing Change of Command Ceremony.

Councilmember Brandstetter complimented City Attorney Wachter on receiving the AWC City Champion Award.

Councilmember Belle complimented City Attorney Wachter on receiving the AWC City Champion Award.

Councilmember Farmer complimented City Attorney Wachter on receiving the AWC City Champion Award. She also complimented Clover Park School District for their coordination of the Hudtloff Middle School drive through graduation event. She shared that this week she will attend the AWC Large City Advisory Committee meeting, Sex Offender Policy Board meeting and the Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

Councilmember Bocchi also congratulated City Attorney Wachter on receiving the AWC City Champion Award. He spoke about the reopening of City Hall and it should be noted that the City Council meeting of July 6<sup>th</sup> will be held in person and will also include a virtual component through zoom.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that this evening he attended the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting where there was discussion related to the Bus Rapid Transit process. He shared that this week he will attend the Pierce County Regional Council meeting.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he hosted Coffee with the Mayor, this week he will attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing Change of Command. He also recognized City Attorney Wachter on receiving the AWC City Champion Award and shared that Judge Mansfield authored an article in this month's BAR Journal.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK