



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 19, 2019  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Anderson.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### **2019 Governor's Smart Communities Award Presentation.**

MR. IKE NWANKWO, GROWTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES, WESTERN REGIONAL MANAGER, PRESENTED THE 2019 GOVERNOR'S SMART COMMUNITIES AWARD TO THE CITY FOR THE LAKEWOOD DOWNTOWN PLAN.

#### **Business Showcase.**

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A BUSINESS SHOWCASE TO MS. APRIL BETTS-GIBSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUGET SOUND ORTHOPAEDICS.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident*, spoke about Congressional condemnation of Antifa and illegal immigration.

*Mark Pfeiffer, Lakewood resident*, spoke about reducing costs related to vegetation and landscaping for the Veterans Drive improvement project.

*Cecil Luellen, Lakewood resident*, spoke about public safety concerns in his neighborhood and his dissatisfaction with police responsiveness.

### C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of July 22, 2019.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of July 29, 2019.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 5, 2019.
- D. Motion No. 2019-46  
  
Reappointing Ken Witkoe to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee through August 6, 2022.
- E. Resolution No. 2019-18  
  
Accepting a grant award, in the amount of \$506,027, from the Office of Economic Adjustment for the 2015 Joint Land Use Study recommendation implementation.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 5, 2019.
  - 2. Lakewood Arts Commission meeting minutes of July 15, 2019.

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Councilmember Brandstetter requested Item No. C. be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A. THROUGH B. AND ITEMS D. THROUGH F. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CORRECTED MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2019. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### R E G U L A R A G E N D A

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that the Travel Tacoma and Tacoma Sports annual meeting will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Pantages Theater.

He shared that North Thorne Lane will be closed to through traffic as work to extend the existing sanitary sewer main begins, the chip seal project in Lake City neighborhood has been completed and pavement patching and road striping continues in locations throughout the City.

He then shared that Motor Avenue is open for vehicle use although speed limit signs have not been installed. Once posted the speed for this area will be 20 mph but since there are not currently signs in place the speed limit is 25 mph which is consistent with state law.

He reported that during the month of August the Police Department is conducting speed emphasis patrols at locations around the City. There have been 196 contacts that resulted in 157 speeding infractions. Tickets are being issued if the vehicle speed is 8 mph over the posted speed limit.

He shared that the Community Safety Resource Team conducted a feather banner enforcement sweep last week. A total of 59 businesses were contacted and given informational flyers with the new sign code regulations and advised the signs must be removed by August 19<sup>th</sup> or they would be receiving an infraction for the violation. It is expected that outreach to all the businesses and properties with feather banners will take several weeks to complete.

He commented on a meeting he attended with John Wynands, WSDOT Regional Administrator, regarding future I-5 JBLM corridor improvements at South 38<sup>th</sup> Street to Mounts Road. A stakeholder group will be formed to facilitate future discussions regarding the project.

He then shared that the Washington State Department of Commerce will be initiating a call for projects for the Defense Community Compatibility Accounts for improvements related to military installations. The City will be submitting an *application in support of the Washington Boulevard project and South Sound Military and Communities Partnership will submit to relocate Tactical Tailor in the North Clear Zone.*

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- August 19, 7:30 P.M., Summer Concert Series, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion

- September 6, 6:00 P.M., Partner for Parks Barn Bingo, McGavick Conference Center
- September 13, 14 and 15, Lakewood Film, Art and Book Fest, McGavick Conference Center
- September 14, 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Colonial Plaza Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Event,

## CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss commented on report she has received of dogs off leash at Waughop Lake and shared that she attended Asia Pacific Cultural Center's Polynesian Luau last week.

Councilmember Bocchi complimented the progress of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Street construction project and the Motor Avenue improvements.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he represented the City at a South Sound 911 special meeting regarding approving a construction contract for a new communications center. He reported that the board voted to award the contract to Castle and Associates, in the amount of \$32 Million. He also shared that he attended the Concert in the Park last week.

Councilmember Barth shared that last week she toured the City and was complimentary of the various road and park improvements.

Councilmember Simpson shared positive comments he received from a city resident who worked with the Community & Economic Development Department on a permit application.

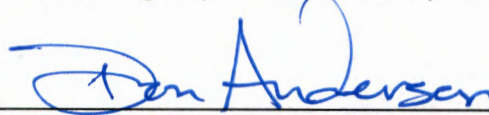
Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on exploring options for efficiencies and incentives for new businesses working through the application process. He shared that he attended the Summer Concert Series, spoke about the musician, the need for exterior lighting to illuminate the stage and ways to increase attendance at future events such as use of an electronic reader board.

Discussion ensued regarding marketing and promoting city events through the installation of an electronic reader board. It is recommended that options and locations be researched and provided to City Council for discussion at future study session.

Mayor Anderson commented on the Colonial Center improvements and shared he attended the Change of Command Ceremony for the 7th Infantry Division where MG Burleson relinquished to MG Brunson.

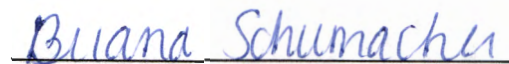
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK