



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 16, 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: 6 – Mayor Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Mary Moss.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring November as Native American Heritage Month.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. MAYOR ANDERSON, DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN AND COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER COMMENTED ON THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NISQUALLY TRIBE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OPTIONS FOR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIPS AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS INCORPORATING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

City Manager Caulfield then shared that legislative solutions are needed to address critical infrastructure improvements and to preserve and protect the environment on the I-5 corridor at the Nisqually River Delta.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls South Dakota, spoke about federal, state and local election results and politicians encouraging violence.

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 October 26, 2020.

B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 2, 2020.

C. Motion No. 2020-62

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Horwath Law PLLC, for public defender and related services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

D. Motion No. 2020-63

Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with Washington State Emergency Management, in the amount of \$50,877, for Emergency Management Performance.

E. Motion No. 2020-64

Authorizing the execution of an employment agreement with John J. Caulfield for City Manager services.

F. Motion No. 2020-65

Approving the 2021 Human Services Funding Allocations.

G. Motion No. 2020-66

Approving the 2021 Lodging Tax Funding Allocations.

H. Motion No. 2020-67

Approving the 2020 Accounts Receivable Write-Offs.

I. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 5, 2020.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 21, 2020.

COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 743 Adopting the amended 2019-2020 Biennial Budget.

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 743. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance No. 744 Making a declaration of substantial need for purposes of setting the limit factor for the Property Tax Levy for 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 744 SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance No. 745 Relating to ad valorem property taxes; establishing the amount to be raised in 2021 by taxation on the assessed valuation of the property of the City; and setting the Property Tax Levy rate for 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 745. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance No. 746 Adopting the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 746. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 746 TO INCLUDE \$1,000 PER YEAR, TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COOPERATION AROUND FIREWORKS SAFETY AND REGULATIONS. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND AND FAILED WITH COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI, FARMER, SIMPSON, WHALEN AND MAYOR ANDERSON VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 746 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2020-14 Setting the City of Lakewood 2021 Fee Schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant Funding Status Update.

Planning Manager Speir shared that November 13th was the last day for grant applicants to submit required paperwork for funding reimbursement and that to date \$2,234,544 has been allocated. She then shared that additional funding CARES Act funding is available through Pierce County for essential government services. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared that if the City receives additional Coronavirus Relief Funding in 2021 a request may come forward for additional personnel to focus on distribution.

He shared that City Councilmembers will need to schedule time with Senior Policy Analyst Kelley-Fong to film their holiday messages in advance of the virtual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

He reported that Governor Inslee announced updated Safe Start requirements to address the rising COVID-19 cases. The new restrictions will take effect at midnight on Monday, November 16th and will be in effect until December 14th. At this time, we do not envision any changes to how the City is delivering services and the City's role will continue to be education. He noted that several companies have developed vaccines that are effective and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) is developing and implementing a countywide vaccination delivery plan. It is anticipated that the soonest a vaccine will be available is in the 1st or 2nd Quarter of 2021 for essential workers followed by the general population in the summer 2021.

He shared that the 2020 Fall Lakewood Clean-up Event was held last weekend.

He shared that the Public Works Engineering Department been awarded a Safety Program Grant totaling \$2.3 million in support of the Steilacoom Boulevard SW between 87th Ave SW to 83rd Ave SW and Hipkins Road SW project.

He then reported that advocates continue to work with the Senate and House to ensure funding for transportation projects through Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP).

He then reported that LASA has been able to secure monies to acquire additional property located on Fairlawn Drive which is adjacent to their current facility and the cities adopted state legislative agenda includes a state capital budget request for funding LASA to expand their facilities however, LASA does not yet have a plan. He noted that given the City Council is scheduled to meet with State Legislators in the next few weeks, the City Council may want to consider reallocating this capital budget request to exploring the idea of acquiring the Fort Lewis Motel to be used as

a homeless shelter. This would then allow the City to work with LASA to develop a plan and come back in 2022.

He noted that the Lakewood Fallen Officer Food Drive is scheduled for this Thursday, November 19th from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Police Station.

Councilmember Brandstetter questioned whether Congresswomen elect Strickland has indicated interest in utilizing office space at City Hall. City Manager Caulfield shared that the Congresswomen elect representatives have been notified that the space is available.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter commented on the success at the Fall Community Clean up event that was held last weekend noting that it was well-organized.

Councilmember Farmer complimented city staff for their work developing the biennial budget and coordinating Coronavirus Relief funding allocations.

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Onyx Drive road improvement project and the impacts to businesses dealing with the next round of COVID-19 restrictions.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on COVID-19 restrictions and options for supporting businesses such as setting up outdoor dining tents.

Mayor Anderson commented on the patience of Oakbrook residents who long awaited much needed road improvements while other areas of the city were improved. He shared that this week he attended the SSMCP Elected Officials Council meeting and echoed concerns with COVID-19 restrictions and impacts to restaurants.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK