



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 17, 2021

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 Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle and Linda Farmer.

Councilmember Excused: 1 – Councilmember Paul Bocchi.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Thomas G. Knight, Colonel (Retired).

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THOMAS G. KNIGHT, COLONEL (RETIRED) FOR HIS EXEMPLARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FOR SETTING THE STANDARD FOR WHICH QUALITY LEADERSHIP, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, SHOULD ASPIRE TO EMULATE.

Proclamation declaring May 16, 2021 through May 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 16, 2021 THROUGH MAY 22, 2021 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK TO MR. PAUL BUCICH, CITY OF LAKEWOOD PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIRECTOR.

Business Showcase.

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A BUSINESS SHOWCASE TO TAMMY BIRKLID, PRINCIPAL AND EJAY O'DONNELL, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, MERIT CONSTRUCTION. HE SHARED A VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING MERIT CONSTRUCTION'S WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

Mayor Anderson then acknowledged today, May 17, 2021 as Syttende Mai or Norwegian National Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident, shared that the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 13th at 9:00 a.m. He also spoke about the importance of emergency planning and accessibility.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, spoke about the one-year anniversary of the riots in Seattle, drug cartels and impacts to schools.

Chris Giraldes, Lemay Pierce County Refuse, spoke about the Carts for Kids Program, a partnership with Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, which replaces current garbage cans with purple cans for a \$200 donation.

Rick Vahl, Waste Connections, complimented Colonel (Retired) Knight on his accomplishments. He spoke in support of the Carts for Kids Program, his experience delivering garbage cans, connecting with residents at the curb and the programs positive impacts to the community.

Steve Saalfeld, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, spoke in support of the Carts for Kids Program.

Amelia Escobedo, Lakewood resident, spoke about the *Thomas* federal case and demanded justice for Said Joaquin.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 19, 2021.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of April 26, 2021.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 3, 2021.

D. Motion No. 2021-28

Authorizing the award of a construction contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$795,912.29, for the Maple Street Sanitary Sewer Extension project.

E. Motion No. 2021-29

Authorizing the approval of expenditures, in the amount of \$300,000, for Phase One development and Phase Two planning for the Chambers Creek Canyon Trail improvements.

F. Motion No. 2021-30

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with SCJ Alliance for the Seeley Lake improvement project.

G. Motion No. 2021-31

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with DP Excavations, in the amount of \$140,672, for the 7127 150th Street SW dangerous building abatement.

H. Motion No. 2021-32

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Sabyr Contractors, Inc. for the Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion Phase 2 improvement project.

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

1. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 25, 2021.
2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 23, 2021.
3. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 1, 2021.
4. Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 21, 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing on the Six-Year (2022-2027) Transportation Improvement Program.

Capital Projects Division Manager Ted Hill provided an overview of the Six-Year (2022-2027) Transportation Improvement Program.

Speaking before Council were:

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, spoke about illegal activity and cargo moving through transportation corridors.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:49 p.m.

ORDINANCE**Ordinance No. 754 Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.**

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 754. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**Public Art Update.**

Recreation Coordinator Sally Martinez provided an overview of the direction and selection process for the Colonial Plaza public art project. She shared that a public art roster was used where 20 artists were selected and 12 opted in to participate. She shared that the Public Art Subcommittee developed criteria and conducted an onsite orientation of the project area with participating artists, followed by presentations from artists, of which three finalists were selected. She shared that the top three artists selected were John Fleming, Laura Haddad and Thomas Drugan and Peter Reiquam. The artists will receive a stipend of \$1,500 to create two designs concepts for the project. In July it is anticipated that the Public Art Subcommittee will make a recommendation to the Arts Commission on the final selected design, project budget and timeline. She then highlighted why each of the artists were selected and examples of their artwork.

She then shared that four artists were selected for the Signal Box Wrap project and highlighted the artists and artwork submitted. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield shared a draft agenda for the City Council Retreat scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

City Manager Caulfield reported that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has adopted new standards related to mask requirements, all Washington State counties will move to Phase 3 starting tomorrow and a statewide reopening date has been set for June 30th and City facilities will be reopened to the public beginning on July 1st. He shared that currently 28% of residents in Pierce County are fully vaccinated and 35% are partially vaccinated. He shared that a vaccination event will

be held at Springbrook Park on Saturday, May 22nd from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Tillicum Community Center on June 12th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

He shared that the State Department of Corrections is looking for locations to expand their work release program.

He shared that Sound Transit conducted testing on the Point Defiance Bypass Rail on May 16th, noting that they will be identifying a date in 2021-2022 to open the corridor for Amtrak to resume services. They have been invited to a future City Council meeting to provide an update on the re-opening plan.

He shared that the Finance Department received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and Transparency.

He spoke about a request submitted three years ago by David Boyd, to rename Colonial Plaza to Claudia Thomas Promenade, noting that the request has been submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for processing.

He shared that the Farmers Market will kick off on Friday, May 21st from 2:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Park.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he participated in a food drive at Lakewood City Hall in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of United Way of Pierce County.

Councilmember Belle recognized National Public Works Week and shared that last week she attended the virtual South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) Elected Officials Council meeting.

Councilmember Farmer requested the City Council participate in the Carts for Kids Program and shared she also attended the SSMCP Elected Officials Council meeting and this week will attend the Community Services Advisory Board, Sex Offender Policy Board and Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meetings.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he also attended the SSMCP Elected Officials Council and this week will attend the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting and shared that the virtual Rotary Sportsman's Auction will be held on June 5th. He then spoke about the Lakewood Towne Center vaccination site and the Colonial Plaza Public Art project.

Mayor Anderson shared that last week he attended Coffee with the Mayor, the 7th Infantry Division Change of Command Ceremony and SSMCP Elected Officials Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Don Anderson

DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

B. Schumacher

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CITY CLERK