



LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 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.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Mary Moss.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Anderson announced that participation in Public Comments will only be accepted via mail or email at this time. Comments should be sent to Briana Schumacher, City Clerk. Comments received up to one hour before the meeting were provided to the City Council electronically. Comments received after that deadline will be provided to the City Council after the meeting.

Written public comments were received by Marianna Ross and Judi Brown which were provided to the City Council on pages 163-164 of the May 4, 2020 City Council agenda packet.

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 April 13, 2020.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 20, 2020.
- C. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$1,885,803.41, for the period of March 14, 2020 through April 15, 2020.
- D. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,470,596.36, for the period of March 16, 2020 through April 15, 2020.
- E. Motion No. 2020-22

Approving the 2019 Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Annual Report.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Mayor Anderson announced that *Public testimony on Public Hearings will only be accepted via mail or email at this time. Comments should be sent to Briana Schumacher, City Clerk. Comments received up to one hour before the meeting were provided to the City Council electronically. Comments received after that deadline will be provided to the City Council after the meeting.*

This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2020 Carry Forward Budget Adjustment.

There being no public testimony the public hearing was declared closed at 7:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2020-05 Adopting the First Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) Annual Action Plan and amendment to the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act Citizen Participation Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant CARES Act allocations and whether to provide funding to small businesses in the form of a grant or loan program.

COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER FARMER VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Connections Magazine Update.

Communications Manager Grimley shared that the City began contracting with a third party vendor in 2015 to produce a magazine three times a year that is mailed to every household and business in the city as a way to inform residents of city operations and events. She then highlighted the fiscal impacts associated with publishing and mailing the magazine. She shared that it is recommended that the city discontinue the traditional print publication and move to an online only e-newsletter. Discussion ensued and the City Council requests options continue to be explored for the continued delivery of a print magazine to residents.

Review of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Recovery Plan.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth provided an update on the City's activities and events that have been impacted by COVID-19. She highlighted programs that will be modified or canceled and shared an outline for a three phased approach for opening facilities for classes and services.

City Manager Caulfield shared that Governor Inslee has extended the Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order through the end of May and it is expected that the State Legislature will hold a Special Session.

He shared that the Community and Economic Development Department shared via email and social media a list of various resources that are available to the business community, the Governor has introduced a website with a COVID risk assessment dashboard and the State of Washington has allocated \$300 Million of CARES Act funding to local municipalities of which Lakewood is eligible for \$1.79 Million and the City has a team is working to explore options for use of this funding.

He then shared that the City has temporarily furloughed four employees.

He shared that the Public Works Engineering Department submitted six grant applications to the Puget Sound Regional Council for several transportation improvement projects, an update on the Transportation Improvement Program is scheduled for the May 11th study session and several parks and public works construction contracts will come forward for City Council approval at the May 18th regular meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter requested the Council continue discussions related to Human Services funding recommendations for 2021.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she has been appointed to the Association of Washington Cities Large Cities Advisory Committee and the first meeting is on May 20th.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared he attended the Economic Development Board of Tacoma-Pierce County meeting where Congressman Derek Kilmer spoke about the Paycheck Protection Program.

Mayor Anderson shared he attended a South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership meeting and commented on the clear water quality at Waughop Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Briana Schumacher
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CITY CLERK