



## **LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, February 10, 2020  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Mayor Don Anderson.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **Review of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019 Police Report.**

Chief Zaro shared that there were 14,092 calls for service during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019. He highlighted a comparison of crimes by district, a comparison of person crimes, crimes occurring at Western State Hospital, property and society crimes and property crimes per thousand in neighboring jurisdictions. He shared that Western State Hospital has opened a Specialized Treatment Assessment and Recovery (STAR) ward focusing on a treatment program for patients based on their assaultive behavior. He highlighted the types of locations of thefts that occurred in 2019, total accidents and shared that 938 tickets were issued, 6 warrant arrests and 2 DUI's during a speed emphasis that was conducted in December. He then reviewed the calls for service at bars and highlighted a graffiti investigation and case disposition. He shared that community events included Coffee and Cocoa with a Cop and Shop with an Officer. He shared that the Special Response Team (SRT) had one call out, participated in three pre-planned incidents and several trainings. Discussion ensued.

#### **Fireworks Update.**

Chief Zaro shared that the Public Safety Advisory Committee evaluated the municipal code governing fireworks and has recommended no amendments at this time. He shared that to increase public safety and decrease nuisance fireworks could be limited to July 4<sup>th</sup>, banning them on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>. Discussion

ensued and it recommended that a review of options related to fireworks to include a public hearing be scheduled for a future City Council meeting.

### **Information Technology Strategic Plan Update.**

Chief Information Officer White provided an update on the information technology projects completed in 2019 and the status of projects scheduled for 2020.

### **Review of Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan and proposed boundary options.**

Planning Manager Speir shared that in November, 2019 the Washington State Department of Commerce awarded the City a grant to prepare a Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan. The City is beginning work to prepare the plan and final adoption of the plan is tentatively scheduled April, 2021. She then highlighted three options for the proposed boundary and a comparison of densities within the cities residential zones. She shared that a retreat to conduct initial discussions with stakeholders will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued and the proposed boundaries shown in option 2, with expansion, are recommended.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. AWC Retro Refund Presentation. – *Mr. Peter King, CEO and Mr. Brian Bishop, Program Manager, Association of Washington Cities*
2. Police Chief's Commendation Awards.
3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Berk and Associates to act as a consultant for the development of a Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan, Planned Action and Hybrid Form-Based code. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Accepting the donation of a 2015 Toyota Rav 4 from the National Insurance Crime Bureau for use related to auto theft investigation. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. Approving the transfer of the non-exclusive franchise of the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, Click! Network, to provide cable television services to Rainier Connect North, L.L.C. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
6. Removing an existing City of Lakewood utility easement, Auditor's Fee No. 97062270362, for property located at 7410 Lakewood Drive West. – (Ordinance – Consent Agenda)
7. Appointing Councilmember to the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)

## 8. 2020 Census Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield reported that Lakewood was showcased on the cover of the Washington Festival and Events magazine and a draft comment letter in response to WSDOT's State Rail Plan has been prepared and the deadline to submit comments is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

He shared that the Lakewood Sister Cities Association would like to transition the City of Gimhae, South Korea to a Sister City which requires City Council adoption of a Resolution formalizing the relationship, this will be scheduled for July, 2020 when delegates are traveling to the area for SummerFEST.

He then shared that Partners for Parks has raised \$25,000 and is requesting the city contribute \$20,000 towards a feasibility study to evaluate options for renovation of the H-Barn at Fort Steilacoom Park. The City Council requests that Partners for Parks attend a future study session to provide a briefing on the project.

He reported that Representative Rick Larsen has introduced legislation for medium-sized cities, with a population of 20,000 to 75,000, to receive federal funding for transportation and infrastructure projects through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development for Underfunded Projects (BUILD UP) Act and the Department of Commerce has listed Lakewood and South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) projects in the Defense Community Compatibility Account 2020 Legislative Report.

He then shared that the Korean Women's Association will be relocating their offices to Lakewood, the Stockman Properties on Military Road adjacent to Washington Park have sold but there may be another property near American Lake Park available to the City and the Association of Washington Cities is recruiting for Board of Director positions.

He then highlighted six projects the city is considering for the 2020 Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) grant requests which include the construction of Steilacoom Boulevard from Weller Road to 87<sup>th</sup>, construction of South Tacoma Way from 88<sup>th</sup> to 80<sup>th</sup>, two overlay projects at 100<sup>th</sup> to Lakeview Drive and South Tacoma Way from Steilacoom to 96<sup>th</sup>, and design for 40<sup>th</sup> Street to Lakeview Drive and the Nyanza Road project.

He shared that as a follow up to the January 27<sup>th</sup> study session a report regarding the 0.1 % chemical dependency and mental health sales tax including how other counties have used these monies will come forward for City Council discussion at the February 24<sup>th</sup> study session. He shared that Pierce County Council is scheduled to take action to consider implementation of the tax as soon as March 10<sup>th</sup>.

He then provided an update regarding State Legislative initiatives and shared that he testified last week in support of tax increment financing and local revitalization financing.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss shared that last week she attended the Asia Pacific New Year's celebration and a memorial service at Pierce College for Ms. Denise Yochum.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that last week he attended the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting where the CEO of Western State Hospital spoke about the revision of their site plan and construction of a new forensics hospital. He shared that South Sound 911 has identified a pool of candidates for the Executive Director position.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that the Opioid Summit will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Pacific Lutheran University.

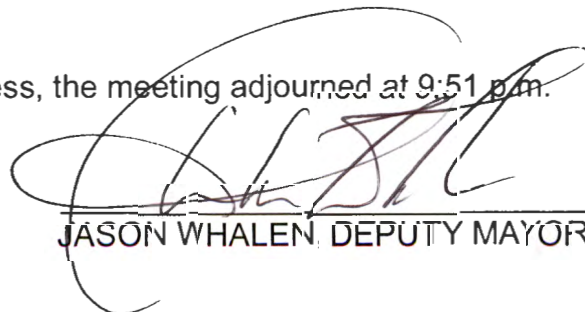
Councilmember Simpson commented on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and the joint meeting with the Clover Park School District Board.

Councilmember Farmer shared that last week she attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and the Tillicum Woodbrook Neighborhood Association meeting.

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented on last week's joint meeting with the Clover Park School District Board, the Community Engagement Leadership Team (CELT) meeting and shared that he gave a presentation at Lakewood Kiwanis. He then commented on the response letter to the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce regarding the regulation of shopping carts. He shared that a public art charrette will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the American Lake Conference Room at City Hall.

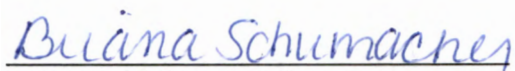
### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK