



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 22, 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: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Paul Bocchi and Linda Farmer.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Contaminated Properties Update.

Economic Development Manager Becky Newton shared that the State of Washington has over 13,000 sites on the Department of Ecology Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites list of which 36 are in Lakewood. She shared that there are three types of contaminated sites in Lakewood which are Superfund, Brownfields and Underground Storage Tank (UST).

She reviewed the status and location of contaminated sites in Lakewood and she highlighted a list of the 18 sites that have been cleaned up and the date that no further action was required for the site. She then highlighted the cleanup process, funding options through grant programs and the city's obligations for monitoring and regulating sites for redevelopment activities. She shared that next steps include continuing to evaluate the sites, obtaining site access authorizations and prioritizing sites that are in target areas for redevelopment. Discussion ensued.

Review FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

Program Manager Jeff Gumm provided an update on housing related assistance programs and funding that is available to Lakewood residents. He noted that the American Rescue Plan Act provides additional HOME funding allocations in the amount of \$1.2 Million with a four-year expenditure timeline.

He highlighted the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan which covers the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. He shared that a public hearing was held on February 10th, where six individuals testified related to permanent and affordable housing

within the city and the proposed Annual Action Plan was also presented to the Community Services Advisory Board on February 17th. He reviewed funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which totals \$573,352 and for the HOME Program which totals \$321,730 and priorities, proposed funding recommendations and activities.

He shared that next steps include a thirty-day public comment period from April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021 followed by a City Council public hearing scheduled for April 19th followed by adoption of the FY2021 Annual Action Plan on May 3, 2021. Discussion ensued.

Review of Chapter 9.06 of the Lakewood Municipal Code related to Controlled Substances.

City Attorney Heidi Wachter, who was joined by Police Chief Zaro, shared that the Washington State Supreme Court issued a ruling rendering the state's current drug possession law unconstitutional. She shared that arrests for drug possession are not being made because there is no law in effect upon which to base such arrest. Discussion ensued and it was recommended that the Ordinance come forward for City Council review at the April 5, 2021 City Council regular meeting.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 5, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation recognizing Town of Steilacoom Mayor Ron Lucas.
2. Presentation of the City of Lakewood 25th Anniversary Art Contest.
3. Youth Council Report.
4. Clover Park School District Report.
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Hemisphere Design, in the amount of \$141,500, for the Build Your Better Here campaign. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Appointing Linn Larsen to serve on the Planning Commission through December 15, 2021. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Public Hearing regarding the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan. – (Public Hearing and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
8. Amending Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 9.06 related to Controlled Substances. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
9. Review joint facility use agreement with the Clover Park School District. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**Review of March 27, 2021 City Council Retreat Agenda.**

City Manager Caulfield provided an overview of the draft agenda for the City Council Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 27th starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Discussion ensued related to adding a diversity, equity and inclusion discussion item specific to violence against the Asian American community.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he testified at the State Legislature in support of increasing authority of utilities and transportation commission in terms of rail safety and the behavioral health and involuntary commitment of Veterans.

Councilmember Belle shared that she looks forward to the City Council Retreat.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she will testify in support of HB 5163 regarding the treatment and placement of sex offenders.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that last week he attended the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting and the Pierce County Regional Council meeting. He also expressed his support for the Asian American community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK