



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 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:

Review of Year-End (2020) and 1st Quarter (2021) Police Report.

Chief Zaro reported reviewed the 1st Quarter 2021 Police Report. He highlighted crimes against population, persons crimes at Western State Hospital which totaled 2, property crimes which totaled 1029 and society crimes by quarter which decreased to 84. He shared that overall total crime has decreased and is the lowest for 1st Quarter since 2016.

He shared that accidents in 1st quarter totaled 261 and vehicle thefts are on the rise with a total of 128. He highlighted notable incidents including a homicide, a child abuse case, shooting on Interstate 5, as well as street racing and intersection takeovers which took place. Discussion ensued.

Chief Zaro then reviewed the 2020 Lakewood Police Department (LPD) Annual Report. He highlighted the department's response to the Sumner Grade fires and continued efforts related to the Coronavirus pandemic. He then reviewed annual stats and police by numbers. He provided an overview of the Pierce County Force Investigation Team and shared that in 2020 LPD held their second Citizens Academy. He reviewed stats related to the use of drones, property room inventory and K-9 captures. He shared that the Behavioral Health Contact Team responded to 429 episodes of care, there were 114 incidents involving use of force and 24 officer-involved collisions. He then reviewed the personnel related events from the year including retirements and new hires. Discussion ensued.

Review of Region 5 All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Assistant Chief Unfred reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan, a plan associated with a series of Emergency Management Plans, is required by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and must be reviewed and updated every five years. He shared that if the City does not have a local mitigation plan in place, it would not be eligible for federal mitigation or post disaster grants. He shared that the plan represents the city's commitment to reducing risks from natural hazards and he highlighted each of the sections of the plan and the mitigation planning process. Discussion ensued.

Review statement expressing a commitment to valuing diversity, equity and inclusion.

Mayor Anderson shared that a statement on equity has been provided to City Councilmembers for review and feedback. The City Council reviewed and edited the draft statement and after further discussion it was recommended that the revised statement come forward for City Council approval in the form of a Resolution at the April 19th regular meeting.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 19, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Recognition of Azalia Riviere, Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound Youth of the Year.
2. Proclamation declaring April 24, 2021 as Parks Appreciation Day.
3. Proclamation recognizing JP Bega, Cody Orcutt, Mokia Tennant and Alex Thomason for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
4. Youth Council Report.
5. Authorizing the execution of a cooperative use agreement with the Clover Park School District. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the acquisition of a parcel in support of future parking for American Lake Park. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set for a Public Hearing on the FY2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
8. Adopting the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan (LSDS) and SEPA Planned Action. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
9. Expressing a commitment to valuing diversity, equity and inclusion. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)

10. Adopting the Region 5 All Hazard Mitigation Plan (2020-2025) Edition and the 2021 Addendum to the Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
11. Review of 2021 SSMCP Work Plan. – (Reports by the City Manager)
12. Review of Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Annual Report. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Kraus shared that the Spring Community Clean-Up event will be held on Saturday, April 17th and Sunday, April 18th and the Washington State Transportation Commission will host a virtual meeting in Lakewood on April 20th and April 21st.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that this evening she provided Council Remarks at the Clover Park School District Board meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter commented on questions he had related to the the parking requirements presentation from James Guerrero during the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan public hearing.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she will need coverage for the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and plans to volunteer this weekend at the Spring Community Cleanup event.

Councilmember Belle shared that she will be volunteering at the Spring Community Cleanup event and last week she attended the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting and the 25th Anniversary Planning meeting.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that last week he attended the Planning Commission meeting where there was a presentation from the Clover Creek Council related to restoration. He also commented on Pierce County reverting to Phase 2 and shared that he was vaccinated at the Lakewood Seamar Clinic.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that this week he will attend Pierce County Regional Council meeting and a walk through with artists at the Colonial Plaza and today he attended the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting.

Mayor Anderson shared that this afternoon he filmed congratulatory remarks for the City of Gimhae, South Korea's 40th Anniversary and tomorrow is virtual Coffee with the Mayor.

He then commented on Pierce County moving back to Phase 2 and the lack of transparency and information on the death rates in Pierce County and demanded that Pierce County receive every vaccination eligible for on a pro-rata basis.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK