



## **LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Monday, January 6, 2020  
City of Lakewood  
City Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

The Honorable Judge Frank E. Cuthbertson administered the Oath of Office for Don Anderson, Paul Bocchi and Linda Farmer.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Anderson.

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

MAYOR ANDERSON OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR. DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN NOMINATED DON ANDERSON FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY FOR DON ANDERSON TO SERVE AS MAYOR.

MAYOR ANDERSON OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR. COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON NOMINATED JASON WHALEN FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR. THERE BEING NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY FOR JASON WHALEN TO SERVE AS DEPUTY MAYOR.

## PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### **Clover Park School District Report.**

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Board Director Carole Jacobs reported that last month, for the 32<sup>nd</sup> year, an anonymous donation of over 2,000 clothing and personal care items was provided for students and Clover Park High School coordinated a winter wishes program where they granted holiday wishes of their peers. She shared that a four-year replacement educational programs and operations levy will come before the voters on the February 11<sup>th</sup> ballot. This is not a new tax but a renewal of the current levy, at the rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, totaling approximately \$23.1 Million for each year of the levy.

She shared that 8 teachers earned their National Board Certification last year and overall 12% of CPSD teachers are board certified. She then shared that Dr. Marty Schafer was re-elected as President, Carole Jacobs as Vice-President, Paul Wagemann as the Legislative Liaison and Anthony Veliz has joined the Board representing District Position No.1 replacing Becki Kellcy.

She then shared that families are encouraged to update their contact information as well as plan for childcare and emergency transportation in the event of inclement winter weather that may delay or close schools. She also shared that the Facilities Advisory Committee is continuing its work studying current and future facility and capital project needs and on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. an educator networking and employment event will be held for those interested in learning about working for CPSD.

### **Youth Council Report.**

Youth Councilmember Lynesse Cammack shared that the students received a presentation from Lakewood's CHOICE at their meeting this evening, are scheduled to volunteer at the Lakewood Lions Crab Feed and are continuing to plan the Yes! Youth Empowerment Summit which will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Youth Councilmembers then reported on various high school events and activities.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Glen Spieth, Lakewood resident*, spoke about his opposition to the proposed 7-11 convenience store and gas station project at the location of 8901 Bridgeport Way.

*Dennis Haugen, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of President Trump and the responsibility of Elected Officials to their Oath of Office and the laws of the United States Constitution.

*Kerry Hills, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition of Proposition No. 1, Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

*Malcolm Russell, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of Proposition No. 1, Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

### 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 December 9, 2019.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 16, 2019.
- C. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,775,972.80, for the period of November 16, 2019 through December 15, 2019.
- D. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$1,685,271.72, for the period of November 19, 2019 through December 18, 2019.
- E. Motion No. 2020-01  
  
Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce to accept a \$100,000 grant for the creation of a Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan, Planned Action and Hybrid Form-Based Code.
- F. Items Filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 2, 2019.

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

### R E G U L A R A G E N D A

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

**This is the date set for a public hearing to consider the vacation of the eastern seventy (70) feet of Walnut Street SW right-of-way east of the intersection with Langlow Street SW.**

Speaking before the Council were:

*Kurt Spingath, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of the vacation of the eastern seventy (70) feet of Walnut Street SW right-of-way east of the intersection with Langlow Street SW.

*Joel Kessell, applicant representing Ward Melby, Petitioner*, spoke in support of the vacation of the eastern seventy (70) feet of Walnut Street SW right-of-way east of the intersection with Langlow Street SW.

There being no further testimony the hearing was declared closed at 7:47 p.m.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Resolution No. 2020-01 Expressing support for Proposition No. 1, Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy, coming before the voters on February 11, 2020.**

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER SIMPSON ABSTAINING.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

### **Review of Wide-Format Printer and Scanner Replacements.**

Chief Information Officer White requested that the City Council authorize the replacement of existing wide-format printers with two new printers and a scanner. The new equipment will increase efficiencies in print and scan time as well as provide a better quality of documents. The total one time cost totals approximately \$40,388 which will be funded by 2019 savings. Discussion ensued.

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### **Transportation Projects Update.**

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich shared that Eric Swanstrom, Civil Engineer will provide an update on the Onyx Drive and Veterans Drive projects.

Eric Swanstrom, Civil Engineer highlighted the key design elements and landscaping plan for the Veterans Drive improvement project. He then shared that options for the location of cluster mail boxes are being explored and the project is scheduled to be advertised in late February-March. Discussion ensued.

Eric Swanstrom, Civil Engineer highlighted key design elements for the Onyx Drive project which will reconstruct the road and sidewalks along 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Garnet Lane to Phillips Road. He shared that the City is working with an arborist to minimize the impact to trees and the project is scheduled to be advertised in late February with construction beginning in March. Discussion ensued.

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City Manager Caulfield reported that Communications Manager Grimley has created a lookback video highlighting the City's 2019 accomplishments and a second on the City's winter weather response.

He shared that WSDOT is finishing the new interchange at Berkeley Street at I-5 and expects it to open within the next 4-8 weeks.

He shared that the Information Technology Division reported several attempts to breach the City's email firewall system and reached out to a cybersecurity expert who indicated that the activity was coming from Iran and Russia.

He shared that Altitude Trampoline has applied for design review for the former GI Joes property proposing an activity center for kids that includes bounce house, dodge ball and basketball courts and Bonaventure, is looking for a location, and is interested in a property along Lakewood Drive to construct a retirement and assisted living center.

He shared that Program Manager Gumm will be submitting a request for HOME funding to the City of Tacoma Redevelopment Authority Board to partner with Habitat for Humanity for a home on Portland Avenue. This request will require City Council approval.

He shared that the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department has recognized the Colonial Plaza project for the Healthy Communities Platinum Award. The award will be presented at the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly meeting in February.

He shared that Congress has approved \$50 Million for the Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP) and a request will come forward for City Council approval for the Washington Boulevard design project in advance of the Office Economic Adjustment (OEA) application process to access these funds which is expected to open this summer.

He shared that the City will apply for \$60,000 from the Port of Tacoma Economic Development Fund for design and survey work related to the 146<sup>th</sup> Street and Murray Road project near the Woodbrook Business Park.

He shared that the Police Department conducted a traffic emphasis at ten locations throughout the City in December where 918 infractions or citations were issued, 134 warnings, 4 warrants and 2 DUI arrests and he commended the Police Department Special Response Team for their work negotiating with a suspect and finding a peaceful resolution.

He shared that last week he met with Pierce Transit CEO Sue Drier regarding Destination 2040 and expressed the City's support of Bus Rapid Transit.

He then suggested March 7<sup>th</sup> as the date for a City Council goal setting retreat.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- January 10, 10:00 A.M., 62nd Airlift Wing Change of Command, Hangar 3
- January 10, 2:00 P.M., Ted Weir Memorial Ceremony, Little Church on the Prairie
- January 15, 7:30 A.M., Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce Horizons Economic Forecast 2020 Event, Greater Tacoma Convention Center
- April 23, Lakeview Light & Power Annual Meeting, Lakewood City Hall

## CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmembers Moss welcomed Councilmember Farmer and shared that this week she will attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony as well at the First Corps News Year Reception. The Black Student Union at Harrison Prep has requested she provide remarks during their Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

Councilmember Bocchi complimented the Public Works Engineering Department for transportation improvement project update. He then reflected on the life of Ted Weir and his longtime support of the Lakewood community.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he looks forward to the work the city will conduct in 2020 specifically related to transportation projects, homelessness and affordable housing and the subarea plan for Lakewood Station District.

Councilmember Farmer recommended Bliss as an ice cream vendor for the Night Market and complimented the Parks Department for restoration efforts after the Cyclocross event at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Councilmember Simpson shared his 15<sup>th</sup> year old will serve as a Legislative Page for Representative Kilduff and questioned City Council rules related to public comments that are unrelated to city business.

Deputy Mayor Whalen welcomed Councilmember Farmer and shared that this evening he attended the Arts Commission meeting.

Mayor Anderson also welcomed Councilmember Farmer. He shared that last week he attended the 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) New Year's Reception and this week he will attend the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting, 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing Change of Command and First Corps New Year Reception.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK