



LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 2019
City of Lakewood
City Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Don Anderson; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Marie Barth and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Pierce Transit Update.

Mr. Ryan Wheaton, Planning Director highlighted the Bus Rapid Transit initiative including the study process, public outreach, station locations and lane configuration recommendations. Ms. Alexandra Mather, Government and Community Relations Officer shared that Pierce Transit is also working on a Bus Rapid Transit 2 project that will provide riders a safe, faster, reliable transit connection between Downtown Tacoma and Lakewood Towne Center. She reported that the state transportation budget awarded \$2.1 million to study the feasibility of implementing the Bus Rapid Transit along the proposed corridor. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2018 Year-End Financial Report.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through December 31, 2018.

Review of 2019 Carry Forward Budget Adjustment.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus reviewed the proposed 2019 carry forward budget adjustment by fund.

Review of 2018 Transportation Benefit District Annual Report.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus reviewed the 2018 Transportation Benefit District annual report. She reviewed the projects funded by and shared images of the road conditions before and after pavement replacement.

Review of Transportation Benefit District.

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus recommended that the Transportation Benefit District Ordinance be revised to include two projects that are projected to receive funding; the non-motorized trail at Gravelly Lake Drive from Washington Boulevard to Nyanza Road SW and overlay and sidewalk fill in at Custer Road from John Dower to west of Bridgeport Way. She reported that a public hearing is scheduled for the April 15th and adoption on the May 6th Council meeting.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 1, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Youth Council Report.
2. Approving the Transportation Benefit District Annual Report. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Northwest Cascade, Inc. for the Colonial Plaza construction project. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)
4. Adopting amendments to Lakewood Municipal Code Chapters 18A.50.600 – 18A.50.680 related to signs. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
5. Title 18A Land Use and Development Code Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that the House released its proposed operating and capital budget which includes \$621,000 for the community policing program, \$90,000 for police services, \$500,000 for Harry Todd Park and \$500,000 for Fort Steilacoom Park trail access updates.

He then reported that earlier this week, the restrooms at Wards Lake Park were closed due to recent vandalism. The Police Department has increased patrols in the area.

He reported that Exeter, a development firm, has been inquiring about development opportunities at the Pierce County property located in the Springbrook

neighborhood. They are considering options that would bring light industrial and manufacturing uses to the property.

He shared that The Davis Company has scheduled a pre-application on 7.5 acres in the Woodbrook Business Park next month.

He reported that the final 2018 Business Retention and Expansion Report has been released. A review of the report will be included as part of the economic development update that is scheduled for April 22nd study session.

He reported that the City received 6 bids for the Colonial Center Plaza project. The lowest and most responsive bidder appears to be Northwest Cascade, Inc. Contract consideration is scheduled for the April 1st regular meeting.

He shared that the Transportation Improvement Board has awarded the City \$300,000 for the Colonial Plaza project.

He then shared that a presentation on the Imaging Campaign is scheduled for the April 22nd study session and the annual state audit by the State Auditor's Office will begin on April 23rd.

He reported that the 112th/111th Street SW between Bridgeport and Kendrick project is eligible to continue in the Sound Transit System Access Fund call for projects. Applications are due on April 12th.

He shared that the City is working on coordinating the annual Volunteer Appreciation event and that the Partner's for Parks Black Tie and Blue Jeans event is scheduled for September 6th.

He shared that the National Transportation Safety Board plans to hold a meeting on May 21st in Washington, D.C. to determine the cause of the December 18, 2017 AMTRAK train derailment. He then reported that Positive Train Control has been implemented on the entire Amtrak Cascades route.

He shared that a sexually violent predator, a registered three sex offender is being released to a facility in Lakewood.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi commented on the Communities in Schools Champions for Youth Breakfast.

Councilmember Moss shared that she attended the going away social and retirement ceremony for CSM Jeff Sandusky and the AUSA general membership meeting,

Mayor Anderson shared he attended the Communities in Schools Champions for Youth Breakfast, State of the County, Steven Cohen Military Family Clinic grand opening and the annual Cops versus Teachers basketball game. He commented on the possibility of federal funding for the Defense Infrastructure Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK