



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

Monday, June 8, 2020

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, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: 4 – Chair Jason Gerwen, Vito Iacobazzi, Alan Billingsley and Michael Lacadie.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.**

Chair Gerwen highlighted the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 2019 accomplishments, Mr. Iacobazzi shared 2020 workplan items and Mr. Billingsley spoke about the importance of providing parks and recreation activities to the community. Discussion ensued.

#### **Review of Human Services funding process.**

Human Services Coordinator Brian Humphreys shared a summary of organizations that have received human services funding from 2009 to present and those who received funding in 2020. He then reviewed the program area, draft application, rating criteria and proposed timeline for the 2021-2022 Human Services funding process. He shared that the Community Services Advisory Board recommends maintaining the current five funding strategies and existing timeline for the funding process which will open the application period on July 6<sup>th</sup>, a virtual workshop on July 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by review and recommendations presented to City Council in November, 2020.

He then provided a summary of a proposed Family Workforce Development Initiative which would identify support services and provide pathways to family wage jobs through education and training programs. Discussion ensued.

**Review of potential use of Coronavirus Relief Funds.**

Planning Manager Speir reported that the City has received \$1.79 Million of CARES Act grant funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce. She shared that the costs must be reimbursed by October 31, 2020, are 100% reimbursable and a transfer of funding can be made to other units of government and small businesses. She shared that in addition to the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) the City has secured a FEMA Public Assistant grant through the Washington State Military Department for COVID-19 related expenses. The reimbursement period is from January, 2020 through March, 2024 and will reimburse 75% of costs with a 25% nonfederal match with no financial cap. The current estimated eligible costs are approximately \$29,000. It is not recommended that the City use the FEMA grant due to the required match.

She reviewed qualified expenses, updated budget allocations which support both internal and external costs. She shared a draft budget that allocates internal costs at 35% which provides for payroll reimbursement, technology, personal protective equipment and facilities and external costs allocated at 63% which includes funding for public partners, business assistance and human services. Discussion ensued it was requested that the funding allocations for business assistance and human services be increased to 35%.

She shared that it is recommended that on June 15<sup>th</sup> the City Council authorize the execution of a contract with the Washington State Department of Commerce to receive Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and adopt a Resolution authorizing budget allocations and funding priorities.

**Review of 2020 Annual Development Regulations and Multifamily Tax Exemption (MTFE) code amendments.**

Planning Manager Speir shared reviewed proposed amendments to Title 1 General Provisions, Title 12 Public Works, Title 14 Environmental Protection, Title 15 Buildings and Construction, Title 17 Subdivisions which includes a new Chapter 17.17 Plat Alterations and Title 18A Land Use and Development Code. She then shared that a Municipal Code Chapter related to the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MTFE) program is recommended which will remove Tax Incentive Urban Use Center (TIUUC) designation and keeps the Residential Target Area (RTA).

She shared that a public hearing is scheduled for the City Council meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup> with adoption scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued.

**Review of Pierce County Force Investigation Team (PCFIT) Memorandum of Understanding.**

City Attorney Wachter shared that in 2015 the U.S. Department of Justice issued a report on Policing resulting in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 139-12) Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act – Independent Investigations

Criteria (LETSCA) which recommends clear and comprehensive policies on the use of force, training on de-escalation, crisis intervention, mental health, first aid and that independent investigations are conducted in officer involved shootings resulting in injury or death.

Chief Zaro shared that the agreement only addresses independent investigations, formalizes existing agreements and it is anticipated that all Pierce County agencies will be formally executing the agreement. Discussion ensued related to non-law enforcement community representatives.

**ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 15, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion improvements. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
2. Approving the 2021-2022 Human Services funding process. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for Coronavirus Relief Funds. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of the Pierce County Force Investigation Team Memorandum of Understanding. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2020 Annual Development Regulations and Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) code amendments.  
– (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
6. Authorizing the acquisition of real property under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for park purposes; authorizing payment thereof from the City's General Fund or from such other monies that the City may have available or attain for the acquisition; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. – (Ordinance– Regular Agenda)
7. Adopting the Six-Year (2021-2026) Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
8. Adopting the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map amendments. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)
9. Authorizing budget allocations and establishing funding priorities for the use of Coronavirus Relief Funds distributed to the City of Lakewood by Washington State. – (Resolution – Regular Agenda)

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that there were two peaceful demonstrations last weekend in Lakewood and another planned for Wednesday at Fort Steilacoom Park.

He shared that the State Department of Health has approved Pierce County to operate in Phase 2 and last week Personal Protective Equipment was passed out to several businesses last week, a joint partnership between Pierce County, the City of Lakewood and the Clover Park Technical College.

He shared that due to economic impacts of COVID-19 Philips Publishing, our Connections Magazine publisher, will be closing and a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be published next week seeking these services.

He then shared that Congress allocated \$1.5 Billion in funding to the Economic Development Administration for infrastructure projects, of which \$2.66 Million has been allocated to the Seattle region. The Public Works Engineering Department is evaluating projects that may be eligible for this funding.

He then shared that the State is accepting applications for Safe Routes to School grants and potential projects that have been identified are signals or advanced crossing at Military Road and Holden Road at Thomas Middle School, sidewalks on Farwest Drive at Lakes High School and 112<sup>th</sup> Street at Clover Park High School.

He shared that the State is also accepting applications for bike and pedestrian grants and the City is evaluating several potential locations against the criteria.

He shared that the City did not rank well enough to receive Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) funding in support of roadway projects however did receive funding for the South Tacoma Way 96<sup>th</sup> to Steilacoom Boulevard preservation project. He commented on inequity in the allocations of roadway projects.

He shared that a risk mitigation grant in the amount of \$12,000 was received from Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) for a sidewalk grinder.

He shared that Western State Hospital is moving forward with updates to their Facilities Master Plan. The City will be the lead SEPA agency and the proposal is to build a 350 bed forensic hospital, 18 bed residential cottage at the Child Study Treatment Center and a 48 bed Residential Treatment Facility. He shared that the comment period begins on June 10<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> and notices will be sent to surrounding property owners, neighborhood associations and a webpage has been created which is [www.wshmasterplan.org](http://www.wshmasterplan.org) to provide details about the process. An update on the Plan will come forward at a future City Council meeting.

He shared that a tree fell and crushed a barn at Fort Steilacoom Park and the City is beginning the process of clean up and removal.

He then shared that he is scheduled to meet with Representative Jake Fey, Chair of the House Transportation Committee to provide an update on the Lakewood Landing project and the relocation of WSDOT to allow for development in the area.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Moss shared that she participated in the virtual Lakewood United meeting last Friday and the protest march this weekend where she had the opportunity to listen to community concerns.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she also attended the protest march and the importance of listening to calls for action and opportunity for change.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that Governor Inslee is convening a task force to address the use of choke holds and questioned the use of no-knock warrants by the Lakewood Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he also participated the protest march and the importance of listening, creating a path forward, inclusive representation and transparent process. He shared that he attended the Clover Park School District (CPSD) Community Engagement Leadership Team (CELT) and CPSD Board meeting.

Mayor Anderson referenced a YouTube video of General Charles Q Brown Jr., Commander of Pacific Air Forces and 1<sup>st</sup> African American Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force nominee sharing his perspective as an African American.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK