



## LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 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 Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, John Simpson, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmember Bocchi arrived at 7:01 p.m.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Proclamation declaring September 11, 2020 as Patriot Day and Day of Remembrance. – *Police Chief Zaro, Lakewood Police Department and Chief Jim Sharp, West Pierce Fire and Rescue***

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 AS PATRIOT DAY AND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE TO POLICE CHIEF MIKE ZARO, LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE CHIEF JIM SHARP, WEST PIERCE FIRE AND RESCUE.

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

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Boardmember Anthony Veliz reported that school started virtually this year; each student received a computer and is primarily using the Microsoft Teams platform. He shared that virtual learning resources are available on the districts website and meals continue to be provided weekdays at schools and various sites throughout the community. He shared that CPSD is working towards moving elementary students to a hybrid model, which may take place towards the end of September. He then highlighted administrative staff changes and noted that late start Wednesdays will begin on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and CPSD Board meetings will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. Discussion ensued.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

*Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota resident*, spoke about rioting, looting and protesting that has taken place in Washington cities and voting out those in public office who support these actions.

*Charles Ames, Lakewood resident*, commented that it should be standard for Councilmembers to call in and attend meetings rather than be absent.

*Craig Chambers, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition to proposed code amendments that would limit or ban fireworks.

*Laura Burt, Lakewood resident*, spoke about increasing police response and regulation related to fireworks that are discharged outside of the allowed days due to the disruption they cause within neighborhoods.

*Amelia Escobedo, Lakewood resident*, spoke in opposition to proposed code amendments related to fireworks and in support of the current law. She also spoke about police use of force arrests, addressing systemic racism and accountability of the Lakewood Police Department.

## 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 August 10, 2020.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 17, 2020.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of August 24, 2020.
- D. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$2,449,342.43, for the period of July 17, 2020 through August 17, 2020.
- E. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,415,472.14, for the period of July 16, 2020 through August 15, 2020.

F. Motion No. 2020-45

Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Clover Park School District for the purchase of fuel for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

G. Motion No. 2020-46

Authorizing the execution of the Pierce County Conservation Futures Agreement to Fund and Pierce County Conservation Futures Stewardship Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to acquire .24 acres of land near Wards Lake Park.

H. Motion No. 2020-47

Confirming the appointment and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Lisa Mansfield as Municipal Court Judge for the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

I. Motion No. 2020-48

Appointing Asuka Ludden, Jessica Christensen, Jarnail Singh and Phillip Raschke to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee through November 1, 2022.

## J. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of December 5, 2019.
2. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 27, 2020.

COUNCILMEMBER MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. 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 regarding proposed code amendments related to fireworks.**

Public Comments were included on page 181 through page 376 of the City Council agenda packet of September 8, 2020. In addition, the following individuals provided comments which were provided to the City Council electronically in advance of the meeting: Sean Clonch, F. Leroy Reed, Malcolm Russell and Ruth Ann Russell.

There being no further public testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:15 p.m.

Discussion ensued and the City Council requested two Ordinance's come forward for consideration at the regular meeting of September 21<sup>st</sup>, one option to restrict the discharge of fireworks to July 4<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> only and a second option which will result in a complete ban on the discharge of fireworks in the city.

### RESOLUTION

**Resolution No. 2020-13 Declaring the intent of the Lakewood City Council to affirm the Downtown Subarea Plan, Development Code and Planned Action as adopted in Ordinance 695 and Ordinance 696**

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion regarding Coronavirus Relief Funding (CRF) allocations.**

Mayor Anderson shared that the City has been allocated an additional \$895,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds from Washington State Department of Commerce.

Planning Manager Speir then provided an update allocations to date and provided options for allocating the additional funding. She shared that options to consider for the additional allocations include direct costs incurred by the city such as payroll, facility improvements and personal protective equipment and distribution of additional funds to entities for rental assistance or small business relief.

Discussion ensued and it is recommended that funding be allocated for commercial rental assistance, non-profits that may provide locations for students to access WiFi or technology, childcare providers, city personnel costs, and to small businesses who did not get selected in the initial lottery. A summary of this direction will come forward for City Council review on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

#### **Information Technology Strategic Plan Update.**

Chief Information Officer White provided an overview of current information technology projects.

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City Manager Caulfield recognized Assistant Police Chief John Unfred and several Police Officer's including the Unmanned Ariel Unit for their work as they were dispatched to help with the fire response and evacuating several neighborhoods due to the fires in Sumner and Bonney Lake.

He shared that the state legislature has extended the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) waiver through October 1<sup>st</sup> therefore the Council meetings will continue virtually and a Proclamation recognizing the City of Gimhae, South Korea for their donation of masks and Personal Protective Equipment will be presented at the City Council meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

He then shared that the Spring Community Clean-Up event has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

He noted that the city's website now includes a landing page dedicated to lake front street ends and a link to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board report. It is anticipated that a request to update the report will come forward in the 2021-22 budget.

He then shared that Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services Kraus will provide a financial report at the September 14<sup>th</sup> study session. He noted that overall the General Fund revenues are under budget projections by \$540,000 which were impacted due to a decrease in gambling tax, admissions tax, parks & recreation fees although action strategies to address the shortfalls, such as eliminating discretionary spending, that have been put in place are working.

He then provided an update on the I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvement Project noting that WSDOT is proposing no longer adding a fourth general purpose lane but an HOV island instead and Representative Jake Fey is proposing to add HOV lanes on I-5 from 38<sup>th</sup> Street through Thorne Lane.

He shared that Sound Transit is considering schedule changes to projects based on COVID-19 impacts and more information will be provided to the City Council as it becomes available.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

The Mayor and City Councilmembers expressed their thanks to the City of Gimhae, South Korea for their generous donation of masks and personal protective equipment.


#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK