



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 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, John Simpson, Mike Brandstetter, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Members Present: 1 – Chelene Potvin-Bird.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### **Joint Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.**

Assistant City Manager for Administrative Services reported that the 2021 Lodging Tax allocations are estimated at \$1,237,000. She shared that the committee currently has 3 vacancies to be filled by businesses authorized to collect the tax and 1 vacancy to be filled by a representative authorized to receive the tax.

She then shared that the 2021 grant process will begin with an open application period on August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup> and the committee will review and receive presentations at the annual meeting scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. The funding recommendations will be presented to the City Council on November 9<sup>th</sup> with final approval on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued.

#### **Public Art Policy and Program Update.**

Recreation Coordinator Martinez highlighted the framework for a short and long term plan for adopting and implementing a Public Art Program. She noted that public art attracts tourism and shared the various public art located throughout Lakewood. She then presented options for future art which includes wraps for signal and utility boxes, murals, rotating and interactive art and iconic sculptures. Discussion ensued.

She then shared a design model for the Colonial Plaza public art project which is expected to be completed by December, 2020.

### **Review of code amendments regarding Lake Management Districts.**

Engineering Services Manager Vigoren shared that in June, 2019 the American Lake - Lake Management District (LMD) was created to manage the aquatic plants in the lake. The LMD is scheduled to be in place for ten years. He shared that the proposed Ordinance will give the City the ability to charge penalties and interest for those who do not pay assessed fees. The Ordinance will come forward for City Council approval on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 20, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Authorizing the execution of a contract with Communities in Schools (CIS) to disburse \$50,000 in Coronavirus Relief Fund Monies. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the execution of a contract with Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) to disburse \$275,000 in Coronavirus Relief Fund Monies. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local #1938 from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Amending the 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board work plan. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
5. This is the date set for a public hearing regarding proposed code amendments that would reduce the time during which certain fireworks are allowed from July 3 through July 5 to specified hours on July 4 only. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
6. Vacating the easterly fifty-six (56) feet of 148<sup>th</sup> Street SW right-of-way east of the intersection with Murray Road SW. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
7. Amending Title 3 of the Lakewood Municipal Code adding Chapter 3.39 Lake Management Districts which establishes the process to be used to collect assessments; assess penalties and interest on unpaid assessments; and impose liens on properties with unpaid assessments for Lake Management Districts. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)

8. Authorizing the acquisition of real property under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for roadway 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)

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Kraus reported that the Governor and State Legislature have extended the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) waiver through August 1<sup>st</sup>, the CARES Act Relief Fund grant application period opened on July 1<sup>st</sup> and to date 48 applications have been received and 62% of the City of Lakewood residents have responded to the 2020 Census.

She shared that last week City and Clover Park School District (CPSD) representatives met to explore ways to collaborate and share resources in the area of diversity, inclusion and community engagement and the City Manager participated in the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Priorities Committee meeting where there was discussion regarding police reform.

She reported that it is estimated that the cost to implement body cameras for uniformed personnel is approximately \$153,000, which would provide 80 body cameras and a three year service agreement although additional funding will need to be allocated for video storage services and public records response.

She then reported that the City will receive a \$20,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to support energy and climate change to be implemented through updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

She shared that Police Chief Zaro is seeking volunteers to serve as a Non-Law Enforcement Community Representative to assist Lakewood Police Department in their role on the Pierce County Force Investigation Team (PCFIT) and information regarding the application process is available on the City's website. Discussion ensued related to the requirements of Initiative 940 and the interlocal agreement specific to directing the appointment process and the limitations of the legislative body.

She shared that updates are being made to the Federal, State and County Legislative agendas and it is anticipated that the City Council will review and discuss on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

She then shared that City filed a Motion for Summary Judgement in the former QFC nuisance property abatement case which will be heard on August 7<sup>th</sup> in Pierce County Superior Court and Waughop Lake will be treated with the second round of alum this week.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Farmers Market last Friday.

Mayor Anderson commented on CARES Act funding that may be directed to the City through Washington State on a per capita basis for rental assistance and noted that this week he will participate in the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Federal Outreach and Advocacy Committee meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

  
DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK