

**MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12650 DETROIT AVENUE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Regular Meeting of the Lakewood City Council called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President O'Leary.

Present: David Anderson, Thomas R. Bullock III, John Litten, Cindy Marx, Ryan Nowlin, Samuel T. O'Leary, Daniel J. O'Malley.

Also Present: Mayor Summers, Human Services Director Gelsomino, Fire Chief Gilman, Planner Sylvester, Maureen Bach, Mary Hagan,

Present School Board: President Tom Einhouse, vice President Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy, Emma Petrie Barcelona, Edward Favre, Linda Beebe.

School Administration Superintendent Jeffrey Patterson, Treasurer Kent Zeman, Assistant Superintendent Roxan Ramsey-Caserio, Executive Director of Human Resources Dr. Debra Cahoon, Executive Director of Operations and Construction Jim Reitenbach, Director of Teachign and Learning Dr. Christine Palumbo, Director of Student Services Lisa Bruening, Anne Knab.

Also Present: Mayor Summers, Public Works Director Beno, Human Services Director Gelsomino, Assistant Director for Planning & Development Sylvester, approximately 12 members of the public members of the media; Bruce Geiselman;.

Agenda included the following:

Construction Projects
Board Property
Parks & Pools

Snow removal on sidewalks
Bike safety education
Tree care and tree planting best practices
Cooperative school and city efforts on wellness education and population health management
Exploration of funding for joint ventures in creating recreation spaces

President Einhouse & President O’Leary made introductory remarks.

Superintendent Patterson introduced School District cabinet members and other leaders in the audience.

Construction Projects Update

Superintendent Patterson reviewed the district facilities and the rebuilding that has happened since 2003. He presented the timeline for the rebuild of Lakewood High School:

- Jan 2017 – sell modular units and open a new academic wing at the end of Robinwood.
- Spring 2017 - open new cafeteria.
- Aug. 2017 - open most of remainder of LHS.
- Oct. 2017 – open new gym

He announced that First Federal of Lakewood has pledged to donate \$692,000 toward an indoor elevated track to be used by students and the public. FFL pledged an additional \$150,000 in matching funds for the project.

He delivered a multi-media presentation demonstrating the LHS renovations. (attached)

Superintendent Patterson and Ms. Beebee remarked on the questions of how the remainder of the \$2.4 million project will be funded.

Active Living Task Force Summary

President O’Leary presented the School Board with copies of the Active Living Task Force Final Report. He noted that the report highlighted the importance of collaboration between the City and the schools pertaining to physical spaces.

Council and Board members remarked on public accessibility of the new track and 2nd floor fitness facility. The following points were touched upon:

- Fees
- Hours
- Security for students
- Staff and upkeep

The Board expressed that sharing the facility with the public is not expected to be a hurdle.

Cooperative Efforts Between City and Schools

McKinley Place update from Mayor. Distinct townhouse structure. Tight proximity to neighbors. \$14million in addtl taxes.

Safety – Fire & Police – Diversity

Joint Purchasing – new fiber optic network update from Mayor.

Ms. Beebe – schools have benefitted greatly. Many students don't have wifi at home so can get it in public places and at library.

Want to see schools, library and city be a school and an office.

Parks & Pools

Mr. Einhouse referenced lease agreement between City and Board crafted in 2003. Board has responsibility to operate facilities. Intention to appoint a committee to receive input and address various issues.

Ms. Beebe referenced adult swimmers want more hours and dedicated space. All want a longer season. Families want more evening hours after workday. Concerns about need to update bathhouses.

Friends of Foster Pool

Mayor Summers referenced the need to reinvest in Foster Pool; He indicated that benchmarks from 15 cities show a \$3 million - \$7 million investment required to modernize and that planning will begin 2018.

Council President O'Leary suggested some improvements can be made between now and an ultimately improved facility. Intention to get small improvements done by next season.

Councilmember Litten referenced the possibility of a franchise of a local eatery/ice cream spot.

Board Property

Taft, Franklin, Board offices – doesn't make sense to maintain facilities it doesn't need to use. Intention to make a recommendation on 10/3 to sell BOE Admin offices at 1470 Warren Rd. State laws come to bear. Required to pass a Reso to put the property on the market. Required to receive an appraisal. Appraised \$850,000. Must notify OH Dept of Educ. Charter Schools have 60 days to make a bid. Another 60 days for any other start up schools. Then Board can sell the property to the City or go to public auction. Moving in that direction.

BOE office to move to Taft. Move Lakewood City Academy back to Franklin.

Mod units at Franklin sold for \$30,000. LHS mods to sell. Parking lot to be moved closer to Franklin. Lights and cameras. The rest to be green space.

Board members remarked on the rationale – aging, non-ADA compliant, infrastructure, doesn't meet needs.

Snow Removal

What cooperative snow removal efforts can city and schools undertake to help facilitate kids getting to school and other ? Sidewalk plows?

Remind folks of the personal responsibility to clear. Can call building dept if neighbors are not plowing.

Ms. Beebe indicates that plows at times push piles of snow onto the sidewalks.

Mayor Summers provided history – Approximately three years ago City bought special plow for cleaning sidewalks. He indicates he was looking forward to expanding use to best advantage. They were used in 2014, recognizing that it takes approximately 48 hours to clear a major snow event. He advanced suggestions to work with school crossing guard at school crossing.

Bike Safety discussed– fix time stamp

Want to look holistically at bike safety as a top priority.

Councilmember Bullock indicated City was looking to add time energy and funding for bike safety education; Helmet wearing, Lighting at night.

Tree Care

City's Tree Task Force was referenced and need to protect investments. New program highlighted to facilitate tree donations. Donate a tree to the City. All public spaces should be considered as opportunities to grow canopy.

Mayor referenced the tree canopy presently at 28% and goal to be 38%. He indicated many trees are nearing end of natural life, - losing 50-100 trees a year. He indicated 600 public spaces left to plant in. He indicated the willingness from City's urban foresters to plant trees and cooperate with Board. He referenced the Federal Department of Justice and Federal EPA will be here regarding ground water and recognizing trees as part of this.

*****PUBLIC COMMENT*****

Meredith 1370 Gladys

Joined friends of Foster FB Page. Many of the neighboring public pools don't allow non-residents. Don't agree with this policy

Bill 1448 W. Clifton

Speed zone enforcement on W. Clifton. Needed. Please look into it.

Councilmember O'Leary responded. Construction on shoreway may influence this new trend. Major issue.

Councilmember Litten congratulated AP Scholars and National merit Scholars. Looked forward.

Motion by Council President O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson to adjourn.
Motion adopted. All member voting yea.

Ms. Barcelona indicated Council and School Board met a year and a half ago.
School Board adjourned their meeting.

Approved: _____

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PRESIDENT