

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12650 DETROIT AVENUE
JUNE 3, 2019
7:30 P.M.**

Regular Meeting of the Lakewood City Council called to order at 7:45 PM by Council President O'Leary.

Present: David Anderson, Thomas R. Bullock III, Meghan George, John Litten, Samuel T. O'Leary, Tristan Rader

Also Present: Law Director Butler, Planning and Development Director Sylvester, Human Resources Director Yousefi, Police Chief Malley, Fire Marshall Tim Dunphy, Public Works Director Beno, Human Services Director Gelsomino, 35 members of the public

Motion by President O'Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to excuse the absence of Councilmember O'Malley.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Reading and disposal of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April May 20th, 2019.

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve without the necessity of a reading. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Without objection, President O'Leary moved items #11 & #12 to the top of the agenda, followed by items #17 & #10.

******OLD BUSINESS******

1. Committee of the Whole report regarding meeting held June 3, 2019. (to be provided)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to defer the report.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

2. Communication from Director Sylvester regarding the approval of the rezoning of the Lakewood Hospital site by Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review. (pg. 1)

Director Sylvester thanked Council for the time at Committee of the Whole and encouraged Council to reach out throughout the week to get questions answered about One Lakewood Place.

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to receive and file the communication.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

3. **ORDINANCE 36-18** – AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 1105.02 of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood by changing and revising the Zoning Map of the City with respect to certain property as set forth and described as 14519 Detroit Ave, 14501 Detroit Ave, and 1415 Marlowe Avenue (PPNs 314-07-007 to -014; 314-07-033 to -039; and 314-07-145) from C2 (Commercial, Retail) and PPN 314-07-017 from R1H (Single Family, High Density) to PD (Planned Development) (REFERRED TO COW/PLANNING COMMISSION/ABR 7/16/18; 2nd reading 9/4/18) (pg. 2)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to defer Ordinance 36-18.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 36-18 deferred.

4. Public Safety Committee report regarding meeting held June 3, 2019. (to be provided)

The Public Safety Committee met tonight and we heard from Chief Malley about the annual report from the Police Department with statistics comparing year by year many incidents and performance measures for 2018. The Committee had a chance to discuss different facets and details of that. We ran short on time so we did not have a chance to deliberate on the two ordinances that remain before us. The Law Department prepared substitute versions of Ordinance 5-19 and Ordinance 6-19. We are hoping to dispose of both of those ordinances with one more meeting. The Police annual report will be available soon on the website and there is a lot of valuable information in there. Crime is down in many categories and different

efficiency measures are working. Crisis intervention response has been a valuable tool of the Police Department and has resulted in a marked reduction in use of force in responding to people with mental health illness. Collisions are also going down. Together with a decrease in traffic citations, both sets of data imply lower speeds and safer traffic over time.

Motion by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by President O’Leary to receive and file that oral report.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

5. **ORDINANCE 05-19** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law enacting Section 331.346, Using Mobile Telephones while Driving, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood in order to update the Code so as to regulate the use of mobile phones while driving in the City. (Placed on 1st reading and referred to Public Safety 1/22/19; 2nd reading 2/4/19) (pg. 5)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to defer Ordinance 5-19.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 5-19 deferred.

6. **ORDINANCE 06-19** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, repealing Section 549.051, Sale, Possession and use of Stun Guns, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood as this section is no longer enforceable. (Placed on 1st reading and referred to Public Safety 2/4/19; 2nd reading 2/19/19) (pg. 7)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to defer Ordinance 6-19.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 6-19 deferred.

7. **ORDINANCE 14-19** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances and to provide for the publication of such new matter. (Placed on 1st reading 5/6/19; 2nd reading 5/20/19) (pg. 9)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to adopt Ordinance 14-19.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 14-19 adopted.

8. **ORDINANCE 16-19** - AN ORDINANCE enacting new Chapter 110, Access Public Records, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to create transparency and timely easy-of-access to public records and set requirements for the city's online public records request system. (Placed on 1st reading and referred to Rules & Ordinances Committee 5/20/19) (pg. 11)

Motion by President O'Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to defer Ordinance 16-19.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 16-19 deferred.

9. **ORDINANCE 17-19** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing the Director of Planning and Development or the Mayor to enter into an agreement with a licensed real estate broker to market for sale the real property located at 1477 Lauderdale Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio (PPN 313-22-030) for a period of 120 days, pursuant to Section 155.07 of the Codified Ordinances. (Placed on 1st reading 5/20/19) (pg. 17)

Motion by President O'Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to adopt Ordinance 17-19.

Discussion: At the request of Vice President Anderson, Mary Leigh, Programs Manager from the Planning Department explained the process of putting this property on the market and the timeline. The Department has already selected a real estate agent who is a Lakewood resident. As soon as the finishing touches are put on the house it will be listed.

Motion by President O'Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to suspend the rules for purposes of adopting the ordinance on second reading tonight.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, George, Litten, O'Leary, Rader

Nays: none

Motion by President O'Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to adopt Ord. 17-19.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, George, Litten, O'Leary, Rader

Nays: none

Motion passed. Ordinance 17-19 adopted.

*****NEW BUSINESS*****

10. Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board – Historic Preservation Awards – to be provided.

Peter Ketter, the board chair of the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board (LHAB), gave an introduction of the organization and described how it advises City Council on historic preservation issues. LHAB identified projects taking place under the Architectural Board of Review and gave awards to the following property owners and addresses:

- Kevin and Anne Thomas – 14221 Madison Ave. – the former Fridrich Moving & Storage Warehouse now adapted to house Western Reserve Distillers
- Wanda Dara – 12108 Madison Ave. – the property was reimaged into Liliana Bridal House
- Perry Grosos – 11801 Clifton Blvd. – originally built as a medical office that has now been converted into a property that houses the Diner on Clifton
- Zach Tessler and Jackie Taylor – 15526 Madison Ave. – storefront rehabilitation project that houses Goodkind Coffee
- Jim Goutus and Brian Russets – 17001 Madison Ave. – storefront rehabilitation project that houses Rood Food and Pie

President O’Leary expressed his thanks to LHAB and the award winners and acknowledged important role of commercial redevelopment. Councilman Litten noted that 3 out of 5 of the awards were given on the eastern half of Lakewood and that 4 out of 5 awards were on Madison Ave., which has had a history of vacancies. He noted that Kevin and Anne Thomas of Western Reserve Distillers took the time to meet with residents and showed them the plans for the property, which helped get rid of neighborhood concerns. Councilman Rader noted that Madison Ave. I sup and coming and thanked the award winners for investing in the area. Councilman Bullock thanked LHAB for convening the awards and congratulated Mr. Ketter on his new role.

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to receive and file the communication. All members voting yea. Motion passed.

11. Communication from Councilmembers Bullock, Rader & O’Malley regarding resolution to thank Ms. Kara Vlach-Lasher for her leadership on the Lakewood Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board. (pg. 19)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to receive and file the communication.

Discussion: President O’Leary expressed thanks and appreciation to Ms. Vlach-Lasher. He noted that LASWAB has undertaken significant work over the past few years and made a significant impact on the community.

Councilmember Bullock expressed appreciation to Kara for the care and work that she has invested into the City through her leadership on the Board. He characterized her as a patient and determined leader who was effective in bringing people together to resolve controversial topics. He credited her with enhancing the quality of Council deliberations through the research and advice she provided.

Mayor Summers remarked that Kara was a thoughtful, trusted, and persistent leader of LASWAB who brought others to the table. He thanked Kara for her leadership.

On the motion: All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

12. RESOLUTION 9070-19 - A RESOLUTION to recognize and thank Kara Vlach-Lasher for the quality of her service and impactful leadership on the Lakewood Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board since her appointment in 2014. (pg. 20)

At the request of Councilmember Bullock, President O’Leary provided a full reading of the resolution.

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to adopt Resolution 9070-19.

Public Comment: Kara Vlach-Lasher addressed Council to thank them for the resolution. She recognized the many fellow board members that she served with on LASWAB over the past five years.

On the motion: All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Resolution 9070-19 adopted.

13. Communication from Councilmembers Bullock & Anderson regarding educational requirement for registered contractors. (pg. 21)

Motion by Vice President Anderson, seconded by President O’Leary to receive and file the communication.

Discussion: Councilmember Bullock remarked that the proposal is a result of conversations with the Building Department. He spoke about the trend of investors buying homes and the need to protect the buyer in these cases. He stated that we are well served by having contractors up to speed on the City’s standards and to facilitate a relationship between them and the building department staff.

Vice President Anderson remarked on a personal experience with a contractor that made him consider that additional standards may need to be in place.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

14. **ORDINANCE 18-19** - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 1323, Registration of Contractors, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to require contractors registered with the City to receive a training or orientation to be provided by the City. (pg. 22)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to refer Ordinance 18-19 to Housing Committee.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 18-19 referred to Housing Committee.

15. Communication from Councilmember Bullock regarding residential light nuisances. (pg. 27)

Motion by Councilmember Bullock, seconded by President O’Leary to receive and file the communication.

Discussion: Councilmember Bullock remarked that the proposal stems from discussions in the Housing Committee over the past year on light pollution. During those discussions, the Building Commissioner hesitated to have building inspectors be in charge of following up on residential complaints. Thus, the proposal proposes to have Public Safety address light trespass complaints.

President O’Leary expressed appreciation for the legislation, mentioning that some ward 2 residents have had problems with light trespass.

On the motion: All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

16. **ORDINANCE 19-19** - AN ORDINANCE amending Section 541.04, Criminal Mischief, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to include residential light nuisances. (pg. 28)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to refer Ordinance 19-19 to Housing Committee.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ordinance 19-19 referred to Housing Committee.

17. Communication from Mayor Summers and President O’Leary regarding National Gun Violence Awareness Day. (pg. 31)

Public Comment: A member of the group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America addressed Council to thank them for raising awareness about gun violence. She spoke about the genesis of the group and National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 7th. The work of the group is centered on advocacy for sensible gun laws such as universal background checks. The group opposes laws such as one currently under consideration in Columbus that would allow anyone to carry a gun in public without a permit.

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to receive and file the communication.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

18. Communication from Director Pae regarding the 2020 Tax Budget Resolution, 2020 Tax Advance Resolution, and 2020 Tax Rate Resolution. (pg. 32)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to receive and file the communication.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

19. **RESOLUTION 9076-19** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, approving the Tax Budget of the City of Lakewood, State of Ohio for the year 2020, and authorizing the filing of same with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer. (pg. 33)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to refer Resolution 9076-19 to Finance Committee.

On the motion: All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Resolution 9076-19 referred to Finance Committee.

20. **RESOLUTION 9077-19** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to draw and the Cuyahoga County Treasurer to pay to the City of Lakewood Director of Finance an advance of all real, personal property, estate taxes and special assessments collected in the year 2020 in such amounts as may be requested and available. (pg. 34)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to refer Resolution 9077-19 to Finance Committee.

On the motion: All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Resolution 9077-19 referred to Finance Committee.

21. **RESOLUTION 9078-19** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. (pg. 36)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to refer Resolution 9078-19 to Finance Committee.

On the motion: All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Resolution 9078 referred to Finance Committee.

22. Communication from Chief Gilman regarding the acceptance of EMS grant funds for 2019. (pg. 38)

Motion by President O’Leary, seconded by Vice President Anderson to receive and file the communication.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

Coletta Graham – 1286 Chase Ave.

Mrs. Graham asked questions about the hospital demolition, expressed frustration with the timing of the traffic lights at Detroit and Bunts and Detroit and Andrews, and also expressed concern about the quality of the workmanship on the exterior of a home in her neighborhood.

The administration responded to the questions about the hospital, stating that demolition has been taking place on the interior and that exterior demolition will begin next week and take about three weeks. Preserving the Lakewood Hospital façade is not practical for the proposed new development.

Director Beno replied that he would look into the timing of lights on Detroit and explained some recent changes.

Regarding the last concern, Mayor Summers stated that Building inspectors do inspect for chipped paint and that the City can follow up if an address is provided.

****ANNOUNCEMENTS****

Mayor Summers updated Council on his recent on-site meeting with the Ohio EPA. The City learned that the U.S. EPA is working on a 20 page response to the City's IWWIP Phase 2 plan. He remarked on some of the anticipated areas of disagreement. He stated that he will be meeting with a representative from the U.S. EPA on June 19th in Washington D.C.

Mayor Summers updated Council on his discussion with the U.S. Postal Service in light of the fact that the current property they are leasing in Lakewood is for sale. The Postal Service has communicated its intent to stay in Lakewood. The City is working to line up a "plan B" for the postal service in case they need to change location. He committed to keeping Council updated.

Mayor Summers announced The Taste of Lakewood this Sunday at Madison Park.

Mayor Summers addressed follow up questions from Councilmembers regarding the EPA visit and the post office news.

Motion by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM.

Approved: 6/17/19

Marian M. Bach

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[Signature]
PRESIDENT

18th Annual
Historic Preservation
Awards – 2019

Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board 

National Preservation Month


Lakewood's Annual
Historic Preservation
Awards celebrate
National
Preservation Month.



National Preservation Month

Lakewood Activities

The **City of Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board** recognizes recipients of the Annual Lakewood Historic Preservation Awards.




2019 Preservation Awards

- Honoring exemplary projects that have contributed to improving the quality of life in Lakewood through the preservation of our community's historic and architectural resources.

Commercial Adaptive Reuse

14221 Madison Avenue



Fridrich Moving & Storage Warehouse – Constructed 1926 with 1928 addition
Walther J. Wefel, Architect - The Super-Built Construction Company, Contractor

14221 Madison Avenue



Adapted to house Western Reserve Distillers, with production facilities in the former warehouse and a new addition to house food and beverage service.

Commercial Revitalization

12108 Madison Avenue



Before improvements: a non-descript one story warehouse building. Constructed 1924, façade alterations c.1990. (Lakewood Building Permit)

12108 Madison Avenue



Façade improvements and new streetscape design including parking separator wall, landscaping, lighting, signage, and painting.

Commercial Revitalization

11801 Clifton Boulevard



Mid-Century Modern office building constructed in 1965.

11801 Clifton Boulevard



First floor converted to Dinerbar on Clifton restaurant, with compatible storefront replacement and new elevated outdoor dining terrace.

Storefront Rehabilitation

15526 Madison Avenue



Built 1921 by contractor Charles A. Cahill, with a stepped parapet and tile-roofed balconies projecting from the upper level. Storefront transoms later covered and doors replaced among other modifications.

15526 Madison Avenue



East storefront rehabilitated for Goodkind Coffee. Transom windows were uncovered and non-historic lighting removed with new signage installed.

Storefront Rehabilitation



Historic Preservation Awards – 2019

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