



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

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City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle and Trestin Lauricella.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Paul Bocchi.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: 5 - Chair Jason Gerwen, Vice-Chair Vito Iacobazzi, Alan Billingsley, Kaitlyn Miller and Janet Spingath.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

2023 State Legislative Session Report.

Shelly Helder, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs provided an overview of the 2023 State Legislative Session which lasted for 105 days and 485 bills were passed. She shared that the operating, capital and transportation budgets were passed. She highlighted the city's legislative priorities and shared that \$309,000 was received for the Nisqually Indian Tribe partnership project at Fort Steilacoom Park, \$500,000 for the Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) housing project and \$621,000 for the Western State Hospital Community Partnership Program as well as an update to the budget proviso language. She spoke about public safety initiatives related to vehicular pursuits and drug possession and shared that no progress was made on the requested legislation specific to Geographic Equity. She reviewed policy manual issues in the area of housing, grant funding receiving for parks and sidewalks as well as funding for military communities. Discussion ensued.

2023 Urban Forestry Program Establishment.

Dave Bugher, Assistant City Manager for Development Services shared that the City contracted with the University of Washington Evans School to complete an Urban Forestry Plan for the city. The work was completed from January through May and the final document was presented to the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Jamie Ziah, Sam Xu, Marlyn Sanchez, and Alla Smilnak-Cross introduced themselves.

Marlyn Sanchez provided an overview of project noting that the goal was to develop a 5-Year Urban Forestry Implementation Guide based on Lakewood's environmental goals, organizational structure, community needs and financial limitations. She spoke about research methods, data analyzed and community surveys conducted. Jamie Ziah reviewed plan recommendation 1, which is to develop a mission, vision, and goals for urban forestry in the City of Lakewood and plan recommendation 2, which is to complete a comprehensive resource assessment and begin restoration practices in the city. Sam Xu reviewed plan recommendation 3, which is to develop a comprehensive engagement strategy. Marlyn Sanchez reviewed plan recommendation 4, which is to create administrative capacity within the existing city organizational structure to manage the Urban Forestry Program. Alla Smilnak-Cross then reviewed the Urban Forestry priorities over a five-year period and two budget options to support the program.

After discussion the City Council provided consensus to proceed with evaluating options and alternatives for implementation of an Urban Forestry Plan as part of the biennial budget review.

Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) members introduced themselves. Chair Jason Gerwen reviewed the 2022 work plan items and significant accomplishments. Vice-Chair Vito Iacobazzi reviewed the 2023 work plan items. Discussion ensued.

Review of Clover Creek Engineering Alternatives Evaluation Final Report.

Public Works Engineering Director Paul Bucich shared that the City Council previously reviewed the study on March 20, 2023. He shared that 2.4 miles of the creek are located in the City of Lakewood and reviewed the history of the studies that have been conducted and recommendations for addressing the predicted flood and impacts to the Creek. He then reviewed the proposed levee alternative to prevent flooding and protect existing homes and businesses as well as the funding strategy, community engagement approach, and the technical refinement. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 5, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth National Freedom Day.
2. Proclamation recognizing the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.
– *Matthew Wilson and Siggy Frank, Oasis Youth Center*
3. Youth Council Report and Recognition.
4. Clover Park School District Report.

5. Accepting a \$5,000 sponsorship from Amazon Summer for Nights at the Pavilion program. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing \$2500.00 in American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funding for the 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Museum 2023 Labor Day Festival Event. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the 2023 Waughop Lake Alum Treatment project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) formation for Pierce County. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
9. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services for community partnerships and the police protection program. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
10. Ordinance Approving International Building Code amendments. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that the City and Camp Murray representatives met last week to discuss options for improvements at the boat launch.

He spoke about the the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Conference and Mayor Whalen will participate in the Parade of Flags and Mayor Whalen, Deputy Mayor Moss and Councilmember Belle will be Lakewood's voting delegates at the Annual Business meeting.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- May 24, 4:00 P.M., Arlington Project, Clover Park High School
- May 29, 11:30 A.M, Memorial Day Ceremony, Camp Lewis Cemetery, JBLM
- May 29, 2:00 P.M., Memorial Day Ceremony, Mountain View Memorial
- May 30, 11:00 A.M., Puget Sound General Assembly, Embassy Suites, Seattle
- May 31, 7:30 A.M., Communities in Schools of Lakewood Breakfast Event, McGavick Conference Center
- May 31, 5:30 P.M., Artist Reception for Lakes High School, St. Clare Hospital

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the Community Services Advisory Board meeting.

Councilmember Anderson shared that he will be absent from the meetings of June 5th and June 20th.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the Airman Leadership School and Clover Park Technical College Scholarship Foundation event.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting and the Clover Park Technical College Scholarship Foundation event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK