



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND LAKWOOD WATER DISTRICT BOARD JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 26, 2023

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Jason Whalen; Deputy Mayor Mary Moss; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, Trestin Lauricella Paul Bocchi.

Lakewood Water District Board of Commissioners: 3 – President John Korsmo, Jr., Vice President Gregory Rediske and Secretary Gary Barton.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances) Status.

Randy Black, General Manager provided an update on PFAS substances in the city, reviewed recommendations for project areas and financial impacts. Discussion ensued.

Franchise Agreement.

The current franchise agreement with the City and Lakewood Water District runs through December, 2026. Randall Black spoke about reimbursement clause for work in the right of way when working together to move, relocate or build new infrastructure. Discussion ensued.

Housing Density Mandates.

Mayor Whalen shared that the State Legislature is imposing greater housing density mandates for all cities and towns in Washington State. For Lakewood, this means that all residential property will be mandated to allow up to 2 accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on each single family residential property and 2 units on every single-family residential, as well as 4 units on every lot within a ¼ mile walking distance of commuter rail or BRT station. Discussion ensued.

Grant Collaboration.

Mayor Whalen spoke briefly about the City and Lakewood Water District working collaboratively and proactively to secure funding for grants for infrastructure projects.

Pavement Degradation Charges.

President Korsmso shared that Pavement Degradation Charges are costing the ratepayers, assessments have changed and the District would like to understand the components and formulas of how the fees are calculated. Discussion ensued.

Connection Charge Waivers.

Randall Black spoke about the passage of House Bill 1326 that authorizes city owned and operated water and sewerage systems to establish a program to waive connection charges for properties owned or developed by, or on the behalf of, a nonprofit organization, public development authority, housing authority, or local agency that provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, or affordable housing.

Cross Connection Program.

The City and District discussed the responsibility of in-premise backflow assemblies.

Fluoridated Water.

Mayor Whalen spoke about the residents of Lakewood supporting the addition of fluoride into the Lakewood Water District’s water a number of years ago. Randall Black provided an overview of the history of the District’s decision to not provide fluoridated water. Discussion ensued.

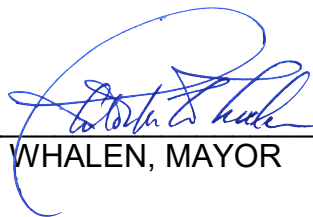
Discussion ensued regarding the Lakewood Water District taking over the water supply at Western State Hospital and Ponders Well site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

B. Schumacher



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK