



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2024

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Ryan Pearson, Patti Belle, and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember J. Trestin Lauricella.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Neighborhood Connections - Program Coordinator Role and Work Plan.

Chris Davis, Neighborhood Connections Coordinator introduced himself and shared that his position is focused on community engagement and collaboration. He spoke about neighborhood collaborations, youth engagement and reviewed current projects and workplan items. Discussion ensued.

2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review Update.

Tiffany Speir, Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan elements and development regulations specific to middle housing and accessory dwelling units (ADU's). She shared that the Planning Commission will complete its review in June, 2024 followed by City Council review through September 2024. She highlighted public engagement opportunities, the short-term rental locations within Lakewood, the Downtown Subarea projects and mitigation fee. She then provided a high-level overview of the Annual Housing Report noting that there were 485 new units built between 2021-2023.

Review of Six-Year Financial Forecast.

Tho Kraus, Deputy City Manager shared that operating revenue growth is projected to be 3.1% per year from 2025-2030, while expenditures are projected to grow 6.1% in 2025 and 2.5% in 2026. She then reviewed forecast assumptions specific to limited term positions. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH 18, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business Showcase. – *Casa Mia*
2. Approving American Lake Park and Wards Lake Park furnishings (restroom, playground equipment and retaining wall block) purchases. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Cascade Right of Way Services, in the amount of \$171,120, for Right of Way services as part of the Custer Road – Bridgeport Way to 75th Sidewalk Project. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Vacating the 20-foot-wide alley abutting Lots 1 through 14, Block 69 Town Plat of Lakeview. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
5. Parks and Transportation Capital Improvement Program Update. – (Reports by the City Manager – Regular Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reported that the House and Senate passed a budget that includes \$1 Million in support of LASA's 25 – unit affordable housing project, the Sound Transit Board is expected to take action on March 28th to approve funding for the Lakewood Station Access Improvement project and the City will be submitting for Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation funding for the Military Road from Edgewood to 112th Street, 100th Street from South Tacoma Way to Lakeview and for pavement preservation on 100th Street from Bridgeport Way to Lakeview.

He reported that a Thurston County Superior Court Judge denied BIAW's motion to stay or suspend implementation of the state's new building codes. The ruling allows the new building and energy codes to go into effect on Friday, March 15, 2024.

He then reported that overall crime is down almost 30% during the first two months of 2024.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- March 12, 11:30 A.M., Habitat for Humanity Changing Lives Luncheon, Hotel Murano, Bicentennial Pavilion, Tacoma
- March 15, 4:00 PM to 6:00 P.M., American Lake VA Medical Center Centennial Celebration, American Lake VA Medical Center Auditorium, 9600 Veterans Drive SW
- March 15, 7:00 P.M., 2nd Annual Dr. Claudia Thomas Community Service Award Gala, Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC), McGavick Conference Center
- March 20, 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., Annual Meeting of the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center
- March 20, 6:00 P.M., Private Screening "Student Voice on Fentanyl Awareness", Lakewood AMC Theater

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle thanked those who presented this evening and shared that she will attend the Dr. Claudia Thomas Community Service Award Gala.

Councilmember Pearson shared that he will be meeting with Josh Brown, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he will be meeting with the City Council Retreat Facilitator tomorrow and spoke about the proposed apartment development behind Barnes and Noble.

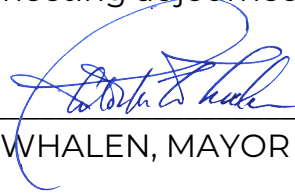
Councilmember Bocchi shared that last week he attended the Planning Commission meeting where they approved the expansion of the Multifamily Tax Exemption area.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she provided Council Remarks at the Clover Park School District meeting, met with the City Council Retreat Facilitator, and thanked those who support Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Dr. Claudia Thomas Service Award Gala.

Mayor Whalen shared that he met with the City Council Retreat Facilitator, interviewed with a Pierce County Library System consultant to discuss their Strategic Plan and attended the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners meeting. He shared that General Harrison's memorial service will be held on April 6, where he will speak on behalf of the City. He plans to attend the VA American Lake Centennial event and the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Dr. Claudia Thomas Service Award Gala.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK