



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 20, 2021

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Anderson.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Sound Transit Access Improvement Update.

Ms. Katie Drewel, Government and Community Affairs Officer and Mr. Zachary Eskenazi, Project Manager, joined the meeting virtually. Ms. Drewel shared that the Sound Transit realignment process is complete; the Lakewood Station Access Improvement Project has been identified as a tier one project and has a target delivery date of 2030. Mr. Eskenazi shared that the project will improve access to the Lakewood Station and he highlighted the improvement evaluation process and criteria. He shared that community feedback was solicited earlier this year where over 50 survey responses were received. He then reviewed the potential improvements to connections, sidewalks, wayfinding and more. He shared that this second round of community engagement to gather feedback on potential improvements will include an online open house, as well as in person and virtual meetings with stakeholders. He shared that next steps include an update to the City Council in November following the community engagement process, identifying which set of improvements to further study and ongoing Technical Advisory Group meetings. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glen Speith, Lakewood resident, presented a horseshoe that was recovered from Motor Avenue. He spoke about 62 boxes of relics that were collected and provided

to the Burke Museum and requested the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board be authorized to recover artifacts to be displayed locally.

Tamra Cook, Lakewood resident, spoke about her difficulties navigating the system. She spoke about secure telephone systems, device agreements and business licensing requirements.

Helen Wagner, Lakewood resident, spoke about the deterioration of the environment and in support of the preservation of oak trees, natural areas and the enforcement of the laws specific to tree cutting.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the need for change to the organization of the City Council and suggested voting elected officials into office by Council districts.

Amelia Escobedo, Lakewood resident, expressed opposition towards the Mayor and spoke about listening, changing and saving Lakewood.

Christopher Escobedo, Lakewood resident, spoke about the need for restrooms in parks and stopping the gentrification of the city.

Addo Aequitas, White Panther Party, spoke about an Officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of Spencer Allen Clayborn and police accountability.

Ovunayo X, Black Panther Party, spoke about Spencer Allen Clayborn, police accountability and various words with associated definitions.

Bunchy Carter, spoke about the protecting the community and police accountability.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke about comments made at Coffee with the Mayor last week specific to tree preservation and private development. She requested that action be taken to ensure private citizens do not have to fight the city to preserve quality of life and the environment.

Kat Barlow, Tacoma resident, spoke about Mayor Anderson's comments at prior meetings and in support of environmental preservation.

Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident, thanked Sound Transit for addressing accessibility during this evening's presentation. He shared that the Pierce County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee meeting is on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. virtually. He suggested a forestry advisory committee for residents to discuss and address environmental concerns.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, spoke about illegal immigration, sanctuary states, protection of people and property.

Freya Knott, stated that she is a great person and we are confident in everything we have to do.

Jenna Lee, Seattle resident, stated that prohibiting children from speaking during public comments is improper. She referenced comments made at Coffee with the Mayor noting that it is impractical to suggest private citizens purchase land to protect the tree canopy.

Teresa King, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of tree preservation and requested the city not rezone land for warehouses. She spoke about public perception being taken into consideration.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 16, 2021.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of August 23, 2021.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council special meeting of August 30, 2021.
- D. Motion No. 2021-60

Reappointing J. Alan Billingsley and Vito Iacobazzi to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board through September 19, 2024.
- E. Motion No. 2021-61

Appointing Hank Jones to serve as the Youth Council Representative on the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board for the 2021-2022 school year.
- F. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 3, 2021.
 - 2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 7, 2021.
 - 3. Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 1, 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 759 Identifying policies and priorities of use of Lakewood's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, approving a certain amount of funds for initial expenditures fitting within specific expenditure categories identified by the Department of Treasury, and establishing a City of Lakewood ARPA program.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 759. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND THE INITIAL CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION ACTION COLUMN, EXHIBIT C, FOR THE LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY CAMERAS 2021-2022 BIENNIUM OPERATIONAL COSTS TO YES AND ADD \$350,651 THE AMOUNT COLUMN. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER FARMER VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 759 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2021-62 Appointing a Member and Alternate member to the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P) Executive Board.

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-62, APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER FARMER AS A MEMBER AND DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE SSHA³P EXECUTIVE BOARD. SECONDED

BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Sponsored Fireworks Display Update.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth summarized options for a city sponsored fireworks display and shared a brief video of a drone display. Discussion ensued and it was recommended that a drone show be included in the planning for the 2022 SummerFEST.

Ms. Dodsworth then shared that postponed 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

City Manager Caulfield reported that the City's population according to the 2020 Census is 60,612 and 15 cities in the region, including Lakewood, have 50% or more of their population that are people of color.

He shared that the Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board has requested a Proclamation declaring October as Healthcare Heroes month and a Proclamation declaring September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage month will be presented during the October 4th regular meeting.

He shared that following the Buildable Lands Report and Growth Target populations presentation he met with Pierce County Councilmember Hitchen to discuss Lakewood's position on this issue and he met with Senator Nobles to touch base on key initiatives in advance of the legislative session.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- September 21; 5:14 P.M. to 6:14 P.M.; United Way of Pierce County 100th Year Virtual Celebration
- September 25, City of Lakewood 25th Anniversary Celebration; Colonial Plaza
- October 8, 9, 10; Film, Arts and Book Festival, McGavick Conference Center

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) will have a booth at the City's 25th Anniversary event. She mentioned Mr. Speith's public comments related to the historical artifacts and it was noted that Deputy Mayor Whalen will follow up.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he is looking forward to the 25th Anniversary event. He spoke about Clover Park School District's decision to cancel the Fort Steilacoom Invite.

Councilmember Brandstetter commented on the mural completed by Clover Park High School students. He shared that he attended the Pierce County First Responders Memorial dedication ceremony and he spoke about the Tideflats Subarea Advisory Committee work related to interim and permanent land regulations. He spoke about a Sound Transit presentation at the Springbrook Connections meeting and noted that this week he will attend the Master Builders Housing Summit.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she attended the Community Services Advisory Board meeting and the Pierce County Regional Council meeting. She requested that the Council Rules of Procedure be updated to reflect the hybrid meeting environment and public comments.

Councilmember Belle complimented staff and vendors for their flexibility with 25th Anniversary event date change.

Deputy Mayor Whalen shared that he is looking forward to the 25th Anniversary event.

Mayor Anderson addressed comments made at Coffee with the Mayor related to development rights and tree preservation. He shared that the Department of Social and Health Services has selected an Architect for Western State Hospital project and reported that he applied to the Association of Defense Communities Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 9:52 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK