



## **LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Monday, November 15, 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 Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen;  
Councilmembers Mary Moss, Patti Belle, Mike Brandstetter, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Proclamation declaring November as Native American Heritage month.**

MAYOR ANDERSON PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TO NISQUALLY TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN WILLIE FRANK III AND TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER HANFORD MCCLOUD.

#### **Presentation of the 2022 Stormwater Outreach Calendar.**

Diana Halar, Compliance Inspector provided an overview of the 2022 stormwater outreach calendar featuring artwork from Evergreen Elementary School. Students were then recognized by the Mayor and City Councilmembers for their participation.

#### **Business Showcase. – Craft Theory**

Communications Manager Jim Kopriva shared a video highlighting Craft Theory.

#### **Sound Transit Access Improvements Update.**

Zachary Eskenazi, Project Manager, Sound Transit was joined by Andrew Austin, Government & Community Relations Manager. Mr. Eskenazi highlighted the possible access improvements which include pedestrian bicycle infrastructure improvements, bus speed and reliability investments and parking improvements. He shared that the target delivery date for the project is 2030 and is estimated at \$44 Million which includes planning, design, property acquisition and construction.

He highlighted community engagement efforts noting that 900 individuals visited the online open house and only 28 completed the surveys. He shared that of the 8 potential improvements there was strong support for 6 of the projects which are 112<sup>th</sup> Street SW,

Bridgeport Way via 111<sup>th</sup> Street, station area improvements, route 206 bus connection, 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW bridge and sidewalk connections in the Springbrook neighborhood. He reviewed possible alternate projects for consideration. He shared that next steps is to finalize phase 1 report in December, Sound Transit Board action on the recommended improvements and alternate lists is expected in March, 2022 as well as ongoing coordination with the City and other partners. Discussion ensued.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Addo Aequitas, Bunchy Carter, James Guerrero, Christina Manetti and Celia and Rob Warren.

Speaking before Council were:

*Laurel Homestead, Lakewood resident*, expressed concerns about the difficulty to navigate and potholes on Mount Tacoma Drive. Homestead requested the Mount Tacoma Drive project be considered for 2022.

*Mandy Candler, spoke on behalf of Tricia Parsons*, requesting a moratorium on Garry Oaks and old growth tree removal.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke in support of a moratorium on tree cutting and stringent tree preservation policies.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the oak tree population decreasing significantly in the future due to the cutting of trees on private property.

*Kyle Jolibois, Tacoma resident*, spoke about the climate emergency and in opposition to the cutting of trees in the city.

*Tichomir Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, spoke about climate change and in support of a moratorium on the cutting of Garry Oak trees.

*Julian Wheeler, Lakewood resident*, spoke about accessibility in communities and shared that the next meeting of the Pierce County Disabilities Communities Advisory Committee is in January. Wheeler acknowledged November as Native American Heritage month.

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At 8:00, Councilmember Brandstetter experienced technical difficulties and left the meeting.

**C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of October 25, 2021.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 1, 2021.
- C. Motion No. 2021-84  
Authorizing the award of a construction contract to Axum General Construction, in the amount of \$363,828.33, for the construction of the Steilacoom Boulevard SW from Weller Road to Phillips Road project.
- D. Motion No. 2021-85  
Authorizing the execution an amendment to the agreement with Olson Bros. Pro-Vac for vactor cleaning services.
- E. Motion No. 2021-86  
Accepting a grant from the State of Washington and authorizing the execution an agreement with the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) for the Fort Steilacoom Park Turf Infield project.
- F. Motion No. 2021-87  
Accepting grants from the State of Washington and authorizing the execution of agreements with the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) and the Department of Commerce for the American Lake Waterfront Access Improvement project.
- G. Motion No. 2021-88  
Approving the 2022 Human Service funding allocations.
- H. Motion No. 2021-89  
Approving the 2022 Lodging Tax funding allocations.
- I. Motion No. 2021-90  
Approving the 2021 Accounts Receivable Write-Off's.
- J. Motion No. 2021-91  
Accepting a \$25,000 donation from Amazon to support City of Lakewood special events and the South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP).

- K. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
1. Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 23, 2021.
  2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 20, 2021.

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

## R E G U L A R   A G E N D A

### ORDINANCE

**Ordinance No.760 Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.**

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 760. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 761 Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget, approving the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program Budget.**

COUNCILMEMBER MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 761. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No.762 Relating to ad valorem property taxes; establishing the amount to be raised in 2022 by taxation on the assessed valuation of the property of the City; and setting the property tax levy rate for 2022.**

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 762. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No.763 Establishing a Special Revenue Fund, “ARPA Fund” in the City’s budget.**

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 763. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No.764 Establishing an “Economic Development Opportunity Fund” within the General Fund Ending Fund Balance Reserves.**

COUNCILMEMBER MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 764. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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At 8:12 p.m., Councilmember Brandstetter rejoined the meeting.

**Ordinance No.765 Establishing a Capital Project Fund “Real Estate Excise Tax” in the City’s budget.**

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 765.  
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution No. 2021-13 Setting the City of Lakewood 2022 Fee Schedule.**

COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13.  
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOSS.

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DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13  
TO STRIKE THE FEE INCREASES RELATED TO PETS IN SECTION L.  
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 AS AMENDED AND  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Resolution No. 2021-14 Establishing the 2022 Docket of Comprehensive Plan  
Land Use / Zoning Map and policy amendments.**

DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14.  
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FARMER. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 2021-92 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with BERK  
Consulting, in the amount of \$59,890, to update the City’s tree preservation  
code.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2021-92.  
SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

### Review of interlocal agreement for the Lakewood Drive project.

Public Works Engineering Director Bucich shared that the project is a joint effort between the cities of Lakewood, Tacoma and University Place to redesign Lakewood Drive from 74th Street SW to South 56th Street. He shared that the agencies will work together on the project design and apply collectively for grants that may become available. He shared that the interlocal agreement will come forward for City Council approval on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Colonial Plaza Public Art Update.

Program Manager Sally Martinez was joined by John Fleming, Artist. Mr. Fleming shared images of the final design of gateway arcs for the Colonial Plaza public art project. Discussion ensued.

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City Manager Caulfield reported that the City Council will hold a joint meeting with the State Legislative Delegation on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

He shared that next week the City Council will review American Rescue Plan Act funding program options, noting that a request for sewer project extension with Pierce County will be included in the options.

He then announced the following upcoming events:

- November 17, 7:30 A.M., SSMCP Elected Officials Council, Eagles Pride Golf Course
- November 17, 12:00 P.M., Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board Annual Meeting
- December 1, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fallen Officer Food Drive, Lakewood Police Station
- December 2, Annual Fallen Officer Blood Drive, Lakewood Police Station
- December 4, 8:30 A.M., AWC Elected Officials Essentials, Virtual

## CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moss shared that last week she attended the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting and received her COVID-19 booster shot at the Lakewood Towne Center location. She shared this week she will participate in the Operation Turkey Drop coordinated by the Air Force Association and the SSMCP Elected Officials Council.

Councilmember Bocchi complimented the momentum the city is making in various areas.

Councilmember Belle echoed positive comments related to the progress that the City is making.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she was pleased to see enhancements within the budget to communications, parks and climate change. She asked if the City Council was interested in implementing interim tree regulations to include a public participation process. The City Council would like a scope of work and cost estimate prepared for their review and discussion.

Deputy Mayor Whalen spoke about positive investments in the community and shared that this week he will attend the Pierce Transit Board meeting, Lakewood Gardens Soirée, Pierce County Regional Council meeting and the SSMCP Elected Officials Council.

Mayor Anderson acknowledged Native American Heritage month and spoke about building relationships and partnerships. He shared that he received his COVID-19 booster shot at the Puyallup Tribe Health Center.

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Mayor Anderson announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The City Council is not expected to take action following the Executive Session.

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.



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DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK