



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 7, 2022

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clover Park High School JROTC presented the colors. The Lakes High School Choir led by Director Alonso Brizuela sang the U.S. National Anthem. Mayor Whalen paused for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Lakes High School Choir led by Director Alonso Brizuela sang the Armed Forces Medley.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation declaring November 11, 2022 as Veterans Day and the month of November 2022 as Veterans Appreciation month.

MAYOR WHALEN AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AS VETERANS DAY AND THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2022 AS VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH TO LTC HERMAN (BERNARD) WEST, 2/2 STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM.

Proclamation recognizing the Korean Women's Association (KWA) 50th Anniversary.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO MYUNG PARK, BOARD CHAIR, KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Hank Jones who was joined by Adrianna Bhan shared that at today's meeting students heard from Pierce County representatives who spoke about youth engagement and the Sustainability 2030 Plan. Adrianna Bhan shared that students heard from Communications Manager Brynn Grimley about ways to expand

the Youth Council's online and social media presence. She shared that applications are due for the Center for Quality Communities scholarship program and University of Washington Presidential scholarship.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Boardmember Alyssa Anderson Pearson shared that CPSD is hiring for several vacant positions and job postings can be found on the website. She shared that there was a \$5 million bond savings due to a refinance and the Facilities Advisory Committee will reconvene this year to review and prioritize facility improvements, CPSD has partnered with Hazel Health for a health services resource program for students and families are encouraged to return their free and reduced price meal applications. She reported that Covid recovery continues in the schools and spoke about the Inside Schools Newsletter, which highlighted what local levy funds support. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Whalen congratulated Lakes High School students Cruize Corvin who placed 1st and Zander Trevino who placed 8th in the Washington State Cross County 3A boys state championship.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from James Dunlop, Paul Harvey, Shawn Hill, Christina Manetti and Judith Manetti.

Speaking before Council were:

Douglas Wallace, Lakewood resident, spoke about the tree canopy goals, the proposed tree preservation code amendments and about properties that have been clear-cut for redevelopment.

John Kloster, Lakewood resident, spoke about Washington Boulevard road improvements and questioned whether the landscaping impacts were necessary.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about the proposal to cut virtual public comments, the bureaucratic process and cutting down of trees.

Licentia Immortalis, Panther Party, spoke about the tree canopy goals and in support of putting people before profit and listening to the people.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of designating the Garry Oak the official tree of the City.

Jeff Richards, Lakewood resident, spoke about Boy Scouts from Troop 53 who are in attendance this evening learning how local government operates.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about impacts of drugs such as fentanyl, open boards and in support of Tiffany Smiley for Washington State Senator.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of designating the Garry Oak the official tree of the City and in support of the preservation and protection of trees.

Eric Seibel, Lakewood resident, thanked the City Council for creation of the Tree Advisory Ad Hoc Committee and in support of the proposed tree preservation code amendments.

Tichomir Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke in support of tree conservation and designating the Garry Oak the official tree of the city.

Docere Pharmakis, Panther Party, spoke about comments made by the Master Builders Association regarding the life span of trees verses buildings and defending freedom.

Bunchy Carter, Lakewood resident, spoke about elected officials not listening to or being concerned for those who elect them.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 5, 2022.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of October 10, 2022.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 12, 2022.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the City Council retreat of October 15, 2022.
- E. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 17, 2022.
- F. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of October 24, 2022.
- G. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$4,297,585.41, for the period of September 16, 2022 through October 14, 2022.
- H. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,903,827.21, for the period of September 16, 2022 through October 15, 2022.
- I. Motion No. 2022-88

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for State government relations services.
- J. Motion No. 2022-89

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Johnston Group for Federal government relations services.
- K. Motion No. 2022-90

Authorizing the award of a construction contract to Salish Construction Company, in the amount of \$95,074, for the construction of the 2022 Streetlight Installation project.

L. Motion No. 2022-91

Authorizing the award of a contract to Marles Corporation DBA Amaya Electric, in the amount of \$350,000, for the 2022 Electrical Services project.

M. Resolution No. 2022-12

Establishing December 5, 2022, as the date for a public hearing to consider the proposed vacation of that portion of 113th Street SW lying west of the westerly margin of Kendrick Street SW. within the plat of Kendrick Addition.

N. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 23, 2021.
2. Community Services Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 2, 2022.
3. American Lake – Lake Management District No.1 Advisory Board meeting minutes of July 5, 2022.
4. Community Services Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 28, 2022.
5. Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 5, 2022.

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

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS

This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2023 Property Tax Levy.

There being no public testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:24 p.m.

This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2022 Year-End Budget Adjustment.

There being no public testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:27 p.m.

This is the date set for a public hearing on the 2023-2024 Proposed Biennial Budget.

There being no public testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:36 p.m.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 775 Amending the Lakewood Critical Areas Regulations located in Lakewood Municipal Code Title 14, LMC Chapter 2.48, and LMC Sections 18A.60.030-.070, 18A.60.110, 18A.70.140, 18A.70.300-350, 18A.80.060, 18B.200.230, 18B.600, 18B.700.720, 18C.200.230, 18C.600, and 18C.700.720 related to the Tree Preservation Code.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 775. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 3. TO CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE TO JANUARY 25, 2022. THERE BEING NO SECOND, THE MOTION TO AMEND FAILS.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 775 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2022-13 Adopting and designating the Oregon White Oak (Garry Oak) as the Official Tree of the City of Lakewood.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 9:56 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess for five minutes. The City Council reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2022-87 Approving 2023-24 State Legislative Agenda and Policy Manual, Federal Legislative Priorities and Pierce County Policy Manual.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2022-87. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Review of 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendment Docket.

Long Range and Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir reviewed seven Comprehensive Plan and Zoning map amendments that have been recommended by the Planning Commission. She shared that a public hearing will be held on November 21, 2022 and final action by the City Council on December 5, 2022. Discussion ensued.

Acting City Manager Kraus shared that the Pierce County BIPOC Business Accelerator event will be held on November 8, 2022 at the McGavick Conference Center.

Acting City Manager Kraus confirmed the date of December 1, 2022 as the date for a City Council meeting with Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen to review the Pierce County legislative agenda.

She shared that that the Retail Association Public Safety Summit has been rescheduled to December 9th and the City was awarded \$2.5 Million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from Pierce County for three sewer extension projects.

She then shared that the proposed Urban Forestry Program has been selected as a University of Washington Evans School student consulting project and the Washington State Festivals and Events Association has awarded the city an additional \$9,000 grant to supplement revenues during the pandemic.

She reported that a development proposal for a 245 unit housing unit, in the Lakewood Station District near the Sounder Station is being proposed by DEVCO and the City received a total of 205 responses to the Non-Motorized Plan Update Survey.

She then announced the following upcoming events and meetings;

- November 10, 7:00 A.M., SSMCP Elected Officials Council, Eagles Pride
- November 16, 4:00 P.M., Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board Annual Meeting, Tacoma Armory

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he participated in the Fall Community Clean-Up event last weekend. He spoke about funding for sewer projects and in support of becoming a Tree City.

Councilmember Farmer shared that she attended the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P) meeting where they reviewed the 2023 work plan and the proposed housing toolkit.

Councilmember Anderson shared that last week he attended the Association of Defense Communities Installation Innovation Forum in Phoenix, Arizona.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the Korean Women's Association 50th Anniversary event and a meeting with Congresswoman Strickland to provide a status update on how the city allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She also attended the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting and she will attend the SSMCP Elected Officials Council event this week.

Mayor Whalen shared this week he will participate in the Daffodil Princess judging for Lakes High School and will attend the SSMCP Elected Officials Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK