



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 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

Mayor Whalen paused for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### **Proclamation recognizing Native American Heritage Month.**

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TO NISQUALLY TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIR WILLIE FRANK III AND COUNCILWOMAN CHAY SQUALLY.

#### **Presentation of the 2022 Governor's Smart Communities Award.**

Keri Sallee, Senior Planner, Washington State Department of Commerce presented the City with the 2022 Governor's Smart Communities Award for the climate strategies and smart vision for exceptional planning efforts by furthering the goals of the Growth Management Act (GMA) and the Judges Merit Award for the Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Jennifer Adams, Casey Crook, Linda Disney, James Dunlop, Shawn Hill, Christina Manetti, Judith Manetti, Matthew McCarthy, Jeff Munsey, Shawn Munsey and Dena Snow.

Speaking before Council were:

*Addo Aequitas*, spoke about bureaucracy and the city receiving an award for environmentalism while impacting the environment by cutting down trees.

*Bunchy Carter, Black Panther Party*, spoke about why the government has to give indigenous people the right to take back their land.

*Docere Pharmakis, Spokane resident*, spoke about the city receiving an award for climate change while cutting down trees and not preserving the environment and about the Native American Heritage month proclamation.

*Casey Crook, Lakewood resident*, spoke about the impacts to the community from the closure of the Lakewood Library and in support of de-annexation from the Pierce County Library System.

*Linda Disney, Executive Director, Support the Enlisted Project*, spoke in support of human services funding for veterans programs through Support the Enlisted Project (STEP).

*Paul Zeigler, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*, spoke in support of human services funding for the Loaves and Fishes food bank.

*Sue Potter, Nourish Pierce County*, spoke in support of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for a new location for the food pantry.

*Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident*, spoke about impacts to the community from the closure of the Lakewood Library.

*James Dunlop, Lakewood resident*, thanked the City Council for designating the Garry Oak as the official tree of the City and spoke in support of de-annexation from the Pierce County Library System.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 7, 2022.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of November 14, 2022.
- C. Motion No. 2022-92  
Authorizing the execution of an agreement with BERK Consulting related to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review.
- D. Motion No. 2022-93  
Accepting a donation, in the amount of \$15,000, from Amazon for the Lakewood Yoga/Welcome Walk Program and SummerFEST.
- E. Motion No. 2022-94  
Accepting a donation, in the amount of \$18,500, from Virginia Mason for the Lakewood Farmers Market, SummerFEST and Lakewood Yoga/Welcome Walk Program.
- F. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
  - 1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 19, 2022.

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER. 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 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendment Docket.**

The City Council received written testimony in advance of the meeting from Matthew Sweeney on behalf of Claude Remy.

Speaking before Council were:

*Matthew Sweeney*, spoke in support of amending CPA 2023-02 to include additional parcels in the area north of Wildaire Road to be re-designated from Multifamily to Central Business District to enhance the redevelopment potential of the property.

There being no further public testimony, the public hearing was declared closed at 8:02 p.m.

### **ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance No. 777 Relating to ad valorem property taxes; establishing the amount to be raised in 2023 by taxation on the assessed valuation of the property of the City; and setting the property tax levy rate.**

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO.777. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 777 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 778 Amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget.**

COUNCILMEMBER FARMER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO.778. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 778 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ordinance No. 779 Adopting the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO.779. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ORDINANCE NO. 779 AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Resolution No. 2022-14 Setting the City of Lakewood 2023 Fee Schedule.**

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS****Motion No. 2022-95 Approving the 2023 Lodging Tax funding recommendations.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2022-95. SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS.

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COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED TO AMEND MOTION NO. 2022-95 TO DELETE THE \$400,000 CAPITAL AUTHORIZATION FOR LAKEWOLD GARDENS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON MOTION NO. 2022-95 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield shared that last week City representatives met with KITE Realty representatives to discuss their vision to bring a housing project to the Lakewood Towne Center.

He shared that the City being invited to participate on a regional Opioid Abatement Council, will be submitting for a RAISE Grant in support of the downtown green loop project and the city met with representatives from the Department of Social and Health Services to discuss how to best preserve historic Fort Steilacoom.

He shared that the Lakewood Police Department Property Team ran a Retail Theft Emphasis at the Safeway grocery store last week.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- November 29, 6:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fallen Officer Food Drive, Lakewood Police Station
- November 29 and November 30, 8:30 A.M., 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Blood Drive, Lakewood Police Station
- November 29, 6:00 P.M., Joint Meeting City Council and State Legislative Delegation Meeting to review 2023/2024 State Legislative Agenda, City Council Chambers

- December 1, 6:00 P.M., Joint Meeting City Council and Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen to review 2023/2024 Pierce County Legislative Agenda, City Council Chambers
- December 4, 6:30 P.M., Gimhae City Delegation Welcome Dinner hosted by the Lakewood Sister Cities Association
- December 5, 2022, 3:00 P.M., Gimhae City Delegation meeting with City Officials, City Council Chambers
- December 10, 4:30 P.M., Holiday Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting, Lakewood City Hall

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Belle shared that she attended the Economic Development Board Annual meeting and she thanked the Nisqually Tribal Council for attending this evenings meeting.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he attended the Economic Development Board Annual meeting. He shared that the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship has increased to \$2500, the Lakewood Lions has a scholarship match.

Councilmember Farmer thanked Councilmember Brandstetter for covering the Community Services Advisory Board meeting. She thanked the Library Advisory Committee for their work and shared that she looks forward to next steps by the Pierce County Library System. She spoke about the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA<sup>3</sup>P) work plan.

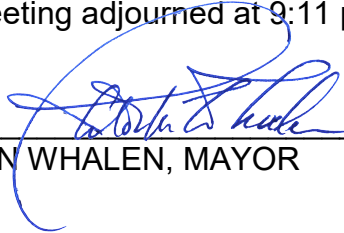
Councilmember Anderson spoke about the cost of de-annexation from the Pierce County Library System, in support for human services funding for the Support the Enlisted Project and about the Opioid litigation funding.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the Economic Development Board Annual meeting.


Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Economic Development Board Annual meeting, the joint meeting with the Pierce County Library System, he rode along with Officers from the Lakewood Police Department and attended the Lakewood Gardens Solstice Lights event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

  
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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK