



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, January 23, 2023

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, Don Anderson, Patti Belle and Paul Bocchi.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Western State Hospital Master Plan Update.

Dave Bugher, Assistant City Manager for Community and Economic Development introduced Jessica Olson, Development Services Manager and Paul Bucich, Public Works Engineering Director.

Bugher provided a high-level overview of the process to update the Western State Hospital Master Plan. Olson highlighted components of the plan and shared that the new facility will include a 350 bed forensics hospital, an 18 bed residential cottage at the Child Study and Treatment Center and a 48 bed for a Residential Treatment Facility. She then reviewed the process for permit review, the proposed project phasing and circulation of traffic during construction. Discussion ensued.

Review amendment to interlocal agreement with Pierce College to Build a Baseball Field at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth was joined by Stacey Reding, Capital Projects Coordinator. Dodsworth highlighted the history of the turf infield improvements at Fort Steilacoom Park and the partnership with to design and build a home baseball field for Pierce College. She shared that the updated interlocal agreement outlines shared use, maintenance, operations and funding commitments for the home field. Discussion ensued.

Review Ordinance related to the Protection and Preservation of Public Spaces.

City Attorney Heidi Wachter shared that following discussion at the October 24, 2022 study session, changes to the proposed Ordinance were made specifically related to environmental protections of the watershed and the use of public

property. After discussion, this item will come forward for further review at a future meeting.

Review process for filing vacancy on the City Council (Position 6).

City Clerk Briana Schumacher provided an overview of next steps for filing the City Council Position 6 vacancy. After discussion the City Council will hold Special Meetings on Tuesday, February 28th and Wednesday, March 1st beginning at 6 p.m. for candidate interviews, which will be scheduled for 15 minutes per candidate.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation acknowledging Police Chief Mike Zaro for his contributions to the City of Lakewood.
2. Proclamation declaring the month of February 2023 as Black History Month.
3. Youth Council Report.
4. Clover Park School District Report.
5. Setting March 6, 2023 as the date for a public hearing on the request to vacate 113th Street SW, west of Kendrick Street SW. (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the conversion to, and sale of Lakewood Police Canine Rock as surplus property of the City of Lakewood. – (Resolution – Consent Agenda)
7. Review and approve interlocal agreement for West Pierce Fire & Recsue emergency management coalition. – (Motion – New Business)
8. Review of 3rd Quarter (2022) Financial Report. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield shared that a community volunteer leader representing the American Red Cross has requested that the City Council issue a proclamation designating the month of March 2023 as American Red Cross month at the March 6, 2023 regular.

He shared that the 3rd Quarter 2022 Financial Report will be presented to City Council during the February 6, 2023 regular meeting and WSDOT has invited the City to participate in a Corridor Study that is being conducted related to how State Route 512 intersects with Interstate 5.

He shared that the City continues to move forward with the DEI Strategic Plan and it is anticipated that a contract for services will come forward for City Council review and consideration next month.

He shared that the City continues to monitor state legislative initiatives specifically the proposed Middle Housing House Bill 1110 and is tentatively scheduled to visit Olympia to meet with the 28th and 29th District State Legislators on February 2nd and February 9th.

He then announced the following upcoming events and activities:

- January 27, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Affordable Housing Forum, Star Center, Tacoma
- January 27, 10:30 A.M., Chief Leschi Memorial Walk, Oakbrook Plaza to Fort Steilacoom Park
- January 26 and 27, Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Belle thanked those whose presented this evening.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that he plans to attend the Tillicum Elementary School Student Mural Dedication.

Councilmember Anderson spoke about judicial overreach where a Pierce County Judge ordered the City not to make statements related to the Darcus Allen case when the City is not a party to an action.

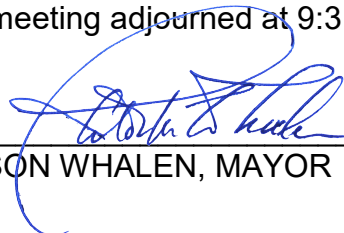
Deputy Mayor Moss spoke about the Western State Hospital Master Plan Update. She shared that she will attend the Chief Leschi Memorial Walk and shared that the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) is hosting a Gala on March 3rd at the McGavick Conference Center. She shared that she attended the Opera last weekend where J’Nai Bridges performed.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Opera where J’Nai Bridges performed, met with representatives from United Way of Pierce County to learn about 211 and the CEO of Pierce Transit to discuss Bus Rapid Transit. He shared that he will participate in the Chief Leschi Memorial Walk and Kiwanis Winter Fest on Friday. He shared that Lakewood Rotary will host their annual fundraising event on March 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK