



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 6, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of and Proclamation acknowledging Police Chief Mike Zaro for his contribution to the City of Lakewood.

MAYOR WHALEN AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING POLICE CHIEF MIKE ZARO FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. CHAPLAIN BURGOS AND CHAPLAIN WOODS ALSO RECOGNIZED CHIEF ZARO WITH A PHOTOGRAPH PLAQUE.

Police Commissioning Ceremony.

Mayor Whalen conducted the Oath of Office for Lieutenant Jeremy Prater, Sergeant Kevin Clark, Sergeant Jessica Fitzgerald, Sergeant Ryan Moody, Sergeant Vince Sivankeo, Detective Michael Merrill and Officer Heather Wilkinson.

Proclamation recognizing February 2023 as Black History Month.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO JUSTICE MOORE, COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST, CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Youth Council Report.

Youth Councilmember Hank Jones was joined by Jhoselyn Valenzuela Mendez. Jones shared that students are coordinating a roundtable discussion on social justice, this evening students received a presentation from Lakewood's CHOICE and this month they will be volunteering at various events throughout the

community. Valenzuela Mendez shared that the Youth Summit will be held on June 10th at the Clover Park Technical College Building 24.

Clover Park School District Report.

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Board member Alyssa Anderson-Pearson thanked Chief Zaro for his contributions to the community. She shared that 32 diplomas were issued at the Open Doors graduation ceremony and the STEAM Fair will be held on March 11th at Harrison Preparatory and Four Heroes Elementary School. She then reported that Kiante Parker was named Rotary Educator of the Month and Omar Arroyo was named Rotary Student of the Month, schools will be closed on February 17th and 20th for Presidents Day and she spoke about learning recovery post pandemic and impacts to student test scores. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Casey Crook and Kim Underwood.

Speaking before Council were:

Janne Hutchins, Living Access Support Alliance (LASA), spoke in support of funding for the Gravelly Lake Commons affordable housing project.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the Proclamation for Mike Zaro insulting Leonard Thomas. Dunlop also spoke in opposition to the City Council allowing the addition of a late application submission for the City Council Position 6 vacancy.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed enhancements to baseball fields at Fort Steilacoom Park due to environmental impacts and asked the City to reconsider the plan.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls resident, spoke about the safe transportation of dangerous chemicals, equity and equal opportunity.

Amanda DeShazo, Tacoma Pierce County Affordability Housing Consortium, spoke in support of funding for the Gravelly Lake Commons affordable housing project.

Bunchy Carter, Black Panther Party of Washington, spoke about the crime rates in Lakewood, the state of cities across the country, not standing for police brutality and Justice for Said Joquin.

Docere Pharmakis, Spokane resident, spoke about the City Council being dishonest and corrupt and in support of police accountability.

Kim Underwood, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed enhancements to baseball fields at Fort Steilacoom Park due to health and environmental impacts from synthetic turf.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about the City not taking action when given facts, stepping up and using voices to admit to mistakes.

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 January 9, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting January 17, 2023.
- C. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$3,067,741.02, for the period of December 16, 2022 through January 20, 2023.
- D. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,776,914.27, for the period of December 16, 2022 through January 15, 2023.

E. Motion No. 2023-12

Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Pierce College to Build a Baseball Field at Fort Steilacoom Park.

F. Motion No. 2023-13

Setting Tuesday, February 21, 2023 approximately 7:00 p.m., as the date for a public hearing on the disposal of a surplus vehicle.

G. Resolution No. 2023-02

Setting March 6, 2023 as the date for a public hearing on the request to vacate 113th Street SW, west of Kendrick Street SW.

H. Resolution No. 2023-03

Authorizing the conversion to, and sale of Lakewood Police Canine Rock as surplus property of the City of Lakewood.

- I. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
 - 1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 22, 2022.
 - 2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of December 7, 2022.
 - 3. Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 4, 2023.

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

R E G U L A R A G E N D A**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion No. 2023-14 Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between the cities of Lakewood, University Place, the Town of Steilacoom and Pierce County Fire District 3 for emergency management services.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSETTER MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2023.14. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED.

Motion No. 2023-15 Authorizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, for the Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Gravelly Lake Commons affordable housing project.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT MOTION NO. 2023.15. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND MOTION NO. 2023-15 TO CONDITION THE APPROPRIATION ON LIVING ACCESS SUPPORT ALLIANCE (LASA) PROVIDING PROOF OF FULLING FUNDING OF THE PROJECTS BUDGET BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: EITHER BY FUNDS ON DEPOSIT, PUBLIC ENTITY GRANT COMMITMENTS OR WRITTEN BINDING LOAN COMMITMENTS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND THE FUNDING NOT BE USED FOR PRE CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND FAILED WITH COUNCILMEMBER BELLE, COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI, COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER, DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS AND MAYOR WHALEN VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER MOVED AMEND MOTION NO. 2023-15 TO INSERT THE WORD CONDITIONALLY INTO THE MOTION. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON ABSTAINING.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO STATE WITH DISPERSMENT TO BE CONDITIONED UPON FURTHER RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL. SECONDED BY MAYOR WHALEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED.

VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON MOTION NO. 2023-15 AS AMENDED AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON ABSTAINING.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**Review of 3rd Quarter (2022) Financial Report.**

Deputy City Manager Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through September 30, 2022. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Caulfield requested that the City Council check their calendar for the availability for a public ribbon cutting event for the Motor Avenue Public Art on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

He shared that a Lakewood Water District Board of Commissioners and City Council Joint Meeting will be scheduled in March or April.

He recommended that the City send a letter of opposition to the Commercial Airport Coordinating Commission related to the proposed siting recommendations and shared that the City will express support for House Bill 1363 related to vehicular pursuits.

He shared that the City sent a letter to Pierce County expressing interest in assuming ownership of the Old Settlers Cemetery and Nourish Pierce County acquired the former Mattress Ranch property located at 8916 Lakewood Drive SW, noting that the sale closed in January for \$3.7 million.

He reported that the Public Works Engineering Department learned last week that the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) grant application for sidewalks on both sides of 112th Street between Farwest Drive and Holden Road has ranked above the state funding cut off line.

He shared that city continues to work with the library to move the log from the Tensler Library.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- February 11, 5:00 P.M., Caring for Kids Happy Hearts Dinner Auction, McGavick Conference Center
- February 15 and 16, Association of Washington Cities (AWC) City Action Days, Olympia
- February 23, 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound 2023 Legacy of Hope Event, Hotel Murano Bicentennial Pavilion
- March 3, Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC), Dr. Claudia Thomas Community Service Gala, McGavick Conference Center

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership (SSHA³P) meeting.

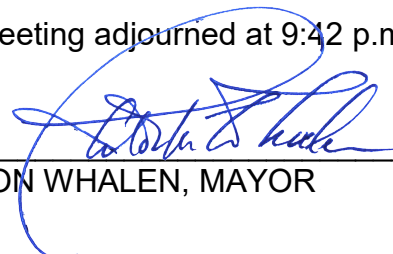
Councilmember Anderson shared that he participated in the Chief Leschi Memorial Walk.

Deputy Mayor Moss spoke about meetings she attended last week in Olympia with the State Legislative Delegation.

Mayor Whalen spoke about the art unveiling on Motor Ave, attending the Chief Leschi Memorial Walk and attending meetings last week with the State Legislative Delegation. He shared that the City Manager will be presenting the State of the City at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK