



## **LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, February 13, 2023

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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.

Lakewood’s Promise Advisory Board Members Present: 6 - Chari Kerri Pedrick, Co-Chair Megan Dempsey, Ellie Wilson, Youth Councilmembers Hank Jones, Ally Laska and Fatima Hernandez.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) Update.**

Deputy Mayor Mary Moss introduced Grant Twyman, LMCC Board Member representing Clover Park School District. Twyman highlighted activities that LMCC partnered on this year such as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event, Hidden Heroes campaign and student listening sessions throughout the community to solicit feedback. He shared that the Dr. Claudia Thomas Service Award Gala will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and this year LMCC will continue multicultural civic engagement support for events and community partnerships.

#### **Joint Lakewood’s Promise Advisory Board meeting.**

Chair Kerri Pedrick and Lakewood’s Promise Advisory Board (LPAB) members introduced themselves. Wilson shared the mission and purpose of the LPAB. Hernandez spoke about a youth mental health program called Wellness Conversations, Laska spoke about the 2022 Youth Summit and Jones shared that the 2023 Youth Summit will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Clover Park Technical College. Dempsey reviewed the five promises and Pedrick highlighted the 2023 work plan initiatives. Discussion ensued.

#### **Review of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (2022) Police Report.**

Interim Police Chief John Unfred shared that crime in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 totaled 1688 of which 6% of arrests in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter were juveniles. He highlighted a comparison of crimes noting that person crimes totaled 417, property crimes totaled 1229, society crimes totaled 42, vehicle accidents totaled 460 and motor vehicle thefts totaled

309. He reviewed arrests for eluding and pursuit data from 2020-2022. Discussion ensued.

### **Park Signs, Reader Board and Wayfinding Signs Update.**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth shared that in 2022 the city hired Tangram Design to work on the park sign monument project and stakeholder meetings were held to develop a scope of work. She shared that an expanded scope of services has been recommended to address a citywide wayfinding master plan, way finding signs within the parks system, communications electronic reader boards and wayfinding signs for the downtown corridor. She shared that funds are allocated for the reader board and the parks monument signs. After discussion, the City Council is in support of proceeding with the updated scope of work for the wayfinding signage program and the electronic reader board. The City Council would like further review and discussion regarding the wayfinding signage for parks and the downtown corridor.

### **Street Ends Report Update.**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth was joined by Stacey Reding, Parks Capital Projects Coordinator. Reding shared that a Street Ends report was completed in 2009, which assessed 14 street ends around four lakes within the city. She shared a map and summary recommendations from 2009 noting that two sites that were included in the 2009 report were excluded from the current scope. She then highlighted the 2022 study scope for 12 sites, the program goals, design approach and site amenities. She then reviewed photos, schematic designs and a site analysis for each of the street ends. She shared that during the assessments additional considerations given to each of the proposed designs were specific to site security, enforcement, operations and maintenance as well as encroachment considerations. She shared that a matrix was developed to prioritize and phase development of the sites. She shared that next steps to the study and future actions can include City Council approval of the study prioritization of the sites and if approved, the inclusion of development into the Parks Capital Improvement Program budget. Discussion ensued.

### **ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

1. Presentation on the use of Pierce County Behavioral Health Tax Funds.
2. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement related to Wards Lake Park. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Tangram Design, LLC, for parks way finding signs. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lakewood Water District for construction of a water main along Hipkins Road near Dresden Lane and 87<sup>th</sup> Street. (Motion – Consent Agenda)

5. This is the date set for public hearing on the proposed disposal through surplus of vehicle 42221, a boom truck formally used to main the City of Lakewood's traffic signal system. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
6. Review and authorize the request for Approval of Transfer of Control of the Rainier Connect franchise. – ( Motion – New Business)
7. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Status Update. – (Reports by the City Manager)

**REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Caulfield shared that the City received a letter from Mayor Hong, Gimhae, South Korea sharing that the Festival will be held from Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) City Action Days will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Olympia.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bocchi shared that the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) General Assembly will be February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Councilmember Anderson shared that he attended the retirement reception for Police Chief Mike Zaro last week.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing Civic Leaders Tour.


Mayor Whalen will not be available to attend the PCRC meeting and he attended the Caring for Kids Happy Hearts Dinner and Auction.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

  
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BRIANA SCHUMACHER  
CITY CLERK