



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 27, 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: 5 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 2 – Councilmember Don Anderson and Patti Belle.

Planning Commission Members Present: 4 – Phillip Combs, Robert Estrada, Linn Larsen and Paul Wagemann.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Commission members introduced themselves. Robert Estrada reviewed the role of the Planning Commission and highlighted the 2023 workplan items. Discussion ensued.

Review of Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update.

Public Works Engineering Services Manager Weston Ott shared that since 2009 the city has increased sidewalks from 54 to 72 miles through new capital projects. He shared that the updated plan matches current standards, incorporates new and future planned projects and aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan. He reviewed the community engagement process and survey responses noting that 205 responses were received during a three-week period. He shared maps of the Pedestrian System Plan that highlights existing and proposed improvements, the unfunded pedestrian projects and the Bicycle System Plan. Discussion ensued.

Review of FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

Housing Program Manager Jeff Gumm shared that a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan is developed annually. He reviewed the 5-year planning process for developing and carrying out goals and the citizen participation process. He shared that the FY 2023 allocation for CDBG funding to the city is

\$542,464 and the HOME funding allocation is \$341,312. He then reviewed the 5-Year goals which are to address housing instability among residents, increase the supply of diverse rental and homeowner opportunities, accessible culturally competent services, and safe accessible homes and facilities. He shared that two public hearings were held for residents to provide feedback on the plan. He then reviewed each of the funding recommendations for major home repair, emergency assistance for displaced residents, emergency payment programs, home housing services and the affordable housing fund. Discussion ensued.

Rental Housing Safety Program Update.

Housing Program Manager Jeff Gumm shared that Rental Housing Safety Program has been active for five years, in 2022 -- 1854 rental properties and 11,637 rental units were registered. He shared that of the initial property inspections 96 were conducted by city inspectors and 1 was conducted by an approved private inspector. Of those inspected, 89 properties and 181 units initially failed, after re-inspection 125 of 162 properties passed and 252 of the 432 units were completed. He reviewed a list of common inspection failure items and shared that 73 inspections were mandated based on requests generated by a tenant, owner or the city building or code enforcement. He also reviewed common property issues such as structural components, electrical and plumbing issues. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 3, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation congratulating Janne Hutchins on her retirement and expressing appreciation for the impacts she has made on the Lakewood community.
2. Proclamation recognizing April 22, 2023 as Parks Appreciation Day.
3. Youth Council Report.
4. Clover Park School District Report.
5. Authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County for fingerprint and firearm examination services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the 2023 Chip Seal Program.
– (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. This is the date set for a public hearing on the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
8. Review of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Tho Kraus announced the following upcoming events:

- March 29, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Community Health Care, 2023 Annual Lunch & Laughter Luncheon, Hotel Murano-Bicentennial Pavilion
- April 1, 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., Motor Avenue Plaza Public Art Ribbon Cutting Event
- April 15 and 16, Spring 2023 Community Cleanup, 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Waste Connections Transfer Station
- April 26, 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Fundraising Breakfast Event, McGavick Conference Center
- April 27, 6:30 P.M., 101st Annual Meeting of the Lakeview Light & Power Corporation, Lakewood City Hall, City Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brandstetter thanked Lakewood Rotary for their financial donation in support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the Lakewood Rotary event.

Councilmember Lauricella thanked the Planning Commission members who presented this evening.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that last week she went to Washington, D.C for meetings with the Federal Legislative Delegation and she attended the 62nd Airlift Wing Awards Ceremony.

Mayor Whalen shared that last week he traveled to Washington, D.C. for meetings with Federal Legislative Delegation, to Spokane where he received a Distinguished Alumni Award from North Central High School and he attended the Lakewood Rotary event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

B. Schumacher

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CITY CLERK

Jason Whalen

JASON WHALEN, MAYOR