



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 5, 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: 4 – Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 3 – Deputy Mayor Mary Moss; Councilmembers Don Anderson and Patti Belle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth National Freedom Day.

COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY TO DUKE WHITE, VICTORIA VASILEFF, AND JENNIE TUBIG-GACEK, ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Proclamation recognizing the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER PRIDE MONTH TO MATTHEW WILSON AND SIGGY FRANK, OASIS YOUTH CENTER.

Youth Council Report and Recognition

Youth Councilmember Hank Jones reflected on his experiences over the year. Youth Councilmember Brandon Elliott spoke about the Youth Summit event coming up on June 10 and thanked the City Council for their ongoing support. Youth Councilmember Caitlin Miller provided an update on the Youth Council's Police Roundtable. Youth Council then shared a video of their end-of-year interviews. Mayor Whalen presented certificates of recognition to youth council members in attendance.

Clover Park School District Report

Clover Park School District (CPSD) Boardmember Carole Jacobs presented a report covering upcoming events including closing and graduation ceremonies for the local schools. She shared recent awards given to CPSD staff and students, an update on the budget process, and detailed upcoming summer programs for both education and lunch services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before the Council were:

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, spoke in opposition to the recent destruction of trees, the Waughop Lake alum treatment plan, and the Clover Creek floodplain solutions.

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about needing increased public participation in local democracy, the need for Councilmembers to question city bureaucrat solutions, and issues with education and library services.

Darren Lowry, Lakewood residen, spoke about a positive experience with the Parks Department and the MyLakewood 311 application.

Dennis Haugen, Sioux Falls, spoke about the educational performance of Lakewood schools and immigration issues.

Kim Underwood spoke in opposition to the Clover Creek flood mitigation plans and advised a delay for the upcoming United States Geological Survey (USGS) study release would be beneficial. She also spoke in opposition to the continuing Waughop Lake alum treatment and thanked Councilmember Lauricella for his dedication to local water resources.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 15, 2023.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the City Council study session of May 22, 2023.
- C. Approval of claims vouchers, in the amount of \$3,663,084.82, for the period of April 20, 2023, through May 15, 2023.
- D. Approval of payroll checks, in the amount of \$2,709,827.25, for the period of April 16, 2023, through May 15, 2023.

E. Motion No. 2023-56

Accepting a \$5,000 sponsorship from Amazon Summer for Nights at the Pavilion program.

F. Motion No. 2023-57

Authorizing the award of a contract to Solitude Lake Management, in the amount of \$128,180, for the 2023 Waughop Lake Alum Treatment Project.

G. Motion No. 2023-58

Authorizing the execution of an agreement for the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) formation for Pierce County.

H. Motion No. 2023-59

Authorizing the execution of interlocal agreements with the Department of Social and Health Services for Western State Hospital for Community Partnerships and Police Protection.

I. Motion No. 2023-60

Accepting the Clover Creek Flooding Engineering Alternatives Evaluation and setting direction for next steps.

J. Motion No. 2023-61

Appointing Dean Burke to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

K. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Community Services Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 15, 2023.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 3, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER LAURICELLA MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. A 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

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield discussed the delay of building code change acceptance to October 29, 2023 by the State Building Code Council due to pending litigation.

He shared that Judge Lisa Mansfield is submitting a grant to start a community court program, which should be decided within the next month.

He reported that the Fort Steilacoom Park turf improvements are to begin soon, shortly after SummerFEST. The plan includes the construction of a baseball field and the groundbreaking will be July 24 or July 27, depending on the City Council's schedule.

He congratulated the Deputy City Manager and the finance team who were again awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Accounting for 2021.

He then shared that he and Bill Adamson, South Sound Military & Communities Partnership Program Director, met with the JBLM Garrison Commander, his Chief of Staff, and a number of his staff about identifying solutions for the North Clear Zone.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- June 10, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Lakewood Youth Summit, Clover Park Technical College
- June 6, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Farmer's Market, Fort Steilacoom Park
- June 15, 6:00 p.m. Mayor's Coffeehouse with Police Chief Patrick Smith Meet and Greet, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he enjoyed the Dancing in the Streets event on Saturday.

Councilmember Lauricella encouraged public participation. He spoke in support of the Waughop Lake and Clover Creek Floodplain solutions, shared that he was able to take a police ride along around Memorial Day and attended the Memorial Day service at JBLM. Councilmember Lauricella also extended his congratulations to all local graduates.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared his support of the Lake Waughop alum treatments. He shared that he attended the Memorial Day service at JBLM and the Dancing in the Streets event.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended the Community in Schools breakfast event, a roundtable discussion on civility with community leaders and the Dancing in the Streets event. He spoke about the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) formation, in support of the Lake Waughop alum plan, and looks forward to the Youth Council Summit and Fort Steilacoom Park Baseball Fields groundbreaking ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Amelia Hernandez

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ACTING CITY CLERK