



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 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; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Deputy Mayor Mary Moss.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of 1st Quarter (2023) Police Report.

Police Chief Patrick Smith presented the first quarter Lakewood Police statistics for 2023. He highlighted data indicating higher calls for service, arrest totals, and crimes against persons as well as decreased crimes against property. He concluded with a summary of the data and his observations about recent crime trends. Discussion ensued.

Review of Six-Year (2024-2029) Transportation Improvement Program.

Capital Projects Division Manager Ted Hill presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), highlighting projects soon to be removed from TIP including Steilacoom Boulevard sidewalks, the South Tacoma Way overlay project, and Elwood/Angle Lane improvements. He shared a proposed project for a traffic signal near Western State Hospital to be funded entirely by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Discussion ensued.

Review of 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Long Range and Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir and Assistant City Manager for Community and Economic Development Dave Bugher presented the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, covering the Planning Commission's recommendations for the nine individual amendments, highlighting an amendment covering special needs housing, emergency housing, transitional housing, and foster care housing in direct response to state law changes and that Lakewood must plan for 574 emergency housing units by 2044. She shared the next steps will be a public hearing at the June 20 meeting and final action on July 3. Discussion ensued.

2024 Lakewood Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Periodic Review (24CPPR) Process: Climate Change, Shorelines of the State, and Critical Areas.

Long Range and Strategic Planning Manager Tiffany Speir and Associate Planner Andrea Bell presented this update on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review process. Bell detailed challenges facing the current plan regulations, such as reporting discrepancies and land use concerns, and advised there will be plan language prepared for 2024. Speir then spoke about the Pierce County Climate Conversation that took place on June 9, 2023. She also shared completed projects, outreach events, and potential new projects. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE 20, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Town of Steilacoom for court services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
2. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with City of DuPont for court services. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
3. Appointing a City representative serve on the Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council (OAC). – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
4. This is the date set for a Public Hearing on the Six-Year (2024-2029) Transportation Improvement Program. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
5. This is the date set for a Public Hearing on the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. – (Public Hearings and Appeals – Regular Agenda)
6. Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of real property under threat of condemnation or by condemnation for park and/or road purposes; authorizing payment thereof from the City's General Fund or from such other monies that the City may have available or attain for the acquisition; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
– (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
7. Ordinance amending Chapter 9.06 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relating to Controlled Substances. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda)
8. Review of 1st Quarter (2023) Financial Report. – (Reports by the City Manager)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Caulfield reviewed the draft agenda for the Joint City Council and Lakewood Water District Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for June 26th.

He shared that Deputy City Manager Kraus will present the 1st Quarter Financial Report at the June 20th meeting noting that the general fund operating revenue exceeded the estimate by 8.3% and that most revenues are above the estimate.

He reported that a letter has been drafted to Sister City Gimhae, South Korea thanking their Mayor for hosting and extending an invitation for their delegation to visit Lakewood next year.

He spoke about City Council Rules of Procedure specific to Proclamations and shared that the City website has a new look which is part of Communications new brand, with more information to come.

He also shared that a review of the public nuisance code, a review of the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan and a review of lease agreement for the Tactical Tailor property will come forward for City Council discussion on June 26th.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- June 13, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Farmer's Markets at Fort Steilacoom Park
- June 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Summer Nights at the Pavilion Concert
- June 15, 6:00 p.m., Mayor's Coffeehouse with Lakewood Police Chief Patrick D. Smith, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion
- June 20 through 23, Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference, Spokane Convention Center
- July 27, 5:00 p.m., Groundbreaking event for Fort Steilacoom Park Athletic Fields

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting is happening later this week and that the subcommittee will be meeting about recommendations to PCRC beforehand.

Councilmember Belle shared she attended the Youth Council Summit and met with students about youth empowerment. She shared that the Arts Commission is working with a muralist for the Fort Steilacoom bathroom. She shared that she attended the Farmer's Market. She recommended Councilmember Lauricella for the Opioid Abatement Council representative and advised she had no additions to the Lakewood Water District joint meeting agenda.

Councilmember Lauricella shared highlights from sessions with officers about the Candlewood Suites property implementation plan. He shared that he attended the Farmer's Market and the Lake City Neighborhood Association meeting. He then shared that the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting included discussion on Sound Transit 2040 and safety of Lakewood railroad crossings. He agreed to be the City representative on the Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council and advised he had no changes to the Lakewood Water District joint meeting agenda.

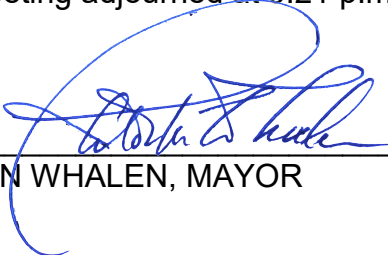
Councilmember Anderson recommended Councilmember Lauricella for the Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council and shared that he provided Council Remarks at the Clover Park School District board meeting earlier this evening.

Mayor Whalen shared he had no changes to the Lakewood Water District joint meeting agenda and recommended Councilmember Lauricella will serve as representative for the Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council with an alternate of Councilmember Brandstetter. He then shared that last week he attended the Pierce County Climate Cooperative meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR



AMELIA HERNANDEZ
ACTING CITY CLERK