



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2023

City of Lakewood

Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Whalen; Deputy Mayor Mary Moss; Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Don Anderson, Patti Belle, J. Trestin Lauricella and Paul Bocchi.

Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board Members Present: 4 – Glen Spieth, Joan Cooley, Beth Campbell and Christina Manetti (virtual).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Joint Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board (LHAB) meeting.

Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Boardmembers introduced themselves. Chair Spieth provided an overview of the role of the LHAB, shared 2022 accomplishments which includes updating the touring map and recruitment of one new member. Speith then highlighted the 2023 workplan items. Discussion ensued.

Economic Development Update.

Economic Development Director Becky Newton highlighted Economic Development key areas of focus such as business retention and expansion, recruitment and attraction. She shared that 200 business retention visits were conducted from 2022 through 2nd Quarter 2023, 51 Lakewood business owners participated in the BIPOC Accelerator Program and there are 4,658 businesses operating in Lakewood. She then highlighted target area developments in the Downtown, Lakewood Station District,

Woodbrook Business Park, Industrial District, Springbrook and Tillicum neighborhoods and at Western State Hospital. She then reviewed housing and community demographics and shared that work continues to increase regional partnerships. Discussion ensued.

Review of 2nd Quarter (2023) Financial Report.

Acting City Manager Tho Kraus provided an overview of activity in all funds through June 30, 2023. Discussion ensued.

ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Proclamation designating September 23, 2023 through October 1, 2023 as Blue Star Welcome Week - *Rachel Carpenter, Puget Sound Program Manager, Blue Star Families Staff*
2. Recognition of Eagle Scouts.
3. Recognition of Gomer Roseman, Habitat for Humanity.
4. West Pierce Fire & Rescue Recognition of Lakewood Police Department. – *Chief Jim Sharp, West Pierce Fire and Rescue*
5. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for the Lakewood City Hall Phase I Energy Updates. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
6. Accepting the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Agreement. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
7. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Doolittle Construction for the 2023 Chip Seal Program. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)
8. Appointing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members. – (Motion – Consent Agenda)

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Kraus shared that Lakewood Sister Cities received communication from the city's Friendship City, Danzhou, China last week

inviting the Mayor and Council members to attend the 5th China-U.S. Sister Cities Conference on November 2-4, 2023. The Mayor will check on the status of his Visa and will respond as to availability to travel.

She then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- September 27, 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M., Volunteer Recognition Event, Clover Park Technical College Rotunda
- September 27, 6:30 P.M., Pierce County Council District 6 meeting, DuPont City Council Chambers, 1700 Civic Drive
- September 28, 6:00 P.M., Mayor's Coffeehouse, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion
- October 14, Truck and Tractor Day, Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion
- November 11 and November 12, Fall Community Clean Up Event, Lemay Transfer Station

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that last week he attended the Planning Commission meeting and Fiesta de la Familia.

Councilmember Belle shared that she enjoyed attending the Fiesta de la Familia and thanked those who coordinated the event.

Councilmember Lauricella shared that he enjoyed attending Fiesta de la Familia and complimented those who coordinated the event. He encouraged attendance at the Lakewood Farmers Market and spoke about the need for traffic speed control needed in various locations throughout the city.

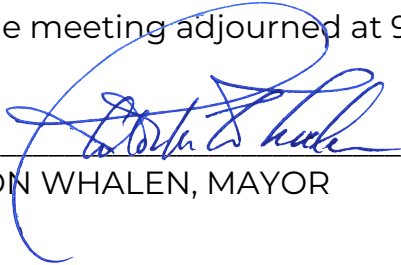
Councilmember Anderson shared that he attended the American Lake Veterans Golf Course Memorial Golf Tournament.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony at City Hall and thanked the Youth Councilmembers who supported the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition booth at Fiesta de la Familia.

Mayor Whalen shared that he attended Fiesta de la Familia, the Asia Pacific Cultural Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony and the Pierce Transit Board Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK